

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)  
MINUTES FOR**

**JUNE 28, 2021**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Tullahoma, Coffee and Franklin Counties, Tennessee assembled at the Municipal Building, in Tullahoma, for a meeting on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Ray Knowis presiding and the following named members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen: Jenna Amacher, Daniel Berry, Rupa Blackwell, Jimmy Blanks, Robin Dunn and Sernobia McGee. All Board Members were present.

Susan B. Wilson, Interim City Administrator; Stephen M. Worsham, City Attorney and Rosemary Golden, City Recorder were present at the meeting.

Mayor Ray Knowis called the meeting to order.

City Recorder Rosemary Golden called the roll.

The Invocation was said by Rev. Shebbie Shields and she led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES:**

Mr. Brett Cunningham from the Public Works department was recognized as the employee of the month. Mr. Robert "Butch" Taylor said Brett was unable to attend tonight's meeting but he would present Mr. Cunningham with his certificate later.

**PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Ray Knowis read a proclamation regarding the retirement of Fire Chief Richard Shasteen. The Mayor thanked Richard for his 35+ years of dedicated service. There is a retirement celebration set for Friday, July 23, 2021, at Fire Hall #1 from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Ms. Hope Sartain, Executive Director of the Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber supports the City in a lot of ways. She does not feel that the appropriation to the Chamber needs to be cut.

Ms. Tisha Fritz, 705 Bragg Circle, read an email that Ms. Beverly Lee wrote in favor of supporting the Chamber of Commerce. She stated the appropriation to the Chamber of Commerce should not be cut.

## **REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

**ALDERMAN BLACKWELL** - Ms. Blackwell said she attended several meetings including: a Tullahoma Board of Education meeting; a Planning Commission meeting; a Domestic Violence Task Force meeting; a COVID-19 vaccine meeting at the CD Stamps Center and the Big Lots Retail Store's Grand re-opening. She is having a "Coffee and Conversation" on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, from 8:00am to 9:30am at the Celtic Cup. Ms. Blackwell congratulated Fire Chief Richard Shasteen on his upcoming retirement.

**ALDERMAN DUNN** - Ms. Dunn said she attended a "What is in my water/ a look at micro-organisms" event at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. There are two more of these events schedule around town. There will be rain barrels given away at the Jefferson Street Park on Saturday, July 17, 2021. Ms. Dunn attended the drive thru 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of AEDC. She commented on the work being done at the Riley Creek and Ovoca road intersection.

**ALDERMAN AMACHER** - Ms. Amacher said she attended the Big Lots Retail Store's Grand re-opening. She gave her "small business shout out" to the retail store named Scavenger's located at 330 West Lincoln Street. Ms. Amacher said she has received several calls on people asking why signs have regulations but apparently there are no regulations on murals.

**ALDERMAN BERRY** - Mr. Berry stated the Alderman do not have the capability to mute their own microphones. He stated he was encouraged by the number of people showing up tonight in support of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Berry said he attended the drive thru 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of AEDC.

**ALDERMAN MCGEE** - Ms. McGee said she attended several meetings and events including: the Tullahoma Fine Arts Center's Farmers exhibit; a COVID-19 vaccine meeting at the CD Stamps Center; a Tullahoma Housing Authority meeting and the Chamber of Commerce Coffee event at the new Parkview Retirement home center. She stated she was a keynote speaker at a Juneteenth event in Winchester.

**MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS** - Dr. Blanks stated Mr. Duane Thorpe has retired from the Duck River Utility Commission Board. Dr. Blanks said he supports the Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce. He said, "Shop Tullahoma".

**MAYOR RAY KNOWIS** - Mr. Knowis stated he had received at least six (6) more emails along the same lines as the email that Ms. Beverly Lee had sent in asking the City not to cut funding to the Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Knowis stated he attended the drive thru 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of AEDC. He also attended a Planning Commission meeting. He stated there is an open seat on the Tree Board and any interested party should fill out a citizen participation application.

**CITY ATTORNEY** - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City including but not limited to: the Ovoca Road and Riley Creek Road intersection; the sidewalk project at Kings Lane and Ovoca Road and a lot acquisition on Jefferson Street.

**INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR** - Ms. Susan B. Wilson thanked Fire Chief Richard Shasteen for being a part of her work family for the past 19+ years. She wished him well in his upcoming retirement. Ms. Wilson said the City's FY21-22 Budget is on the agenda tonight and an amendment needs to be made to include the Schools budget.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ITEM NO. 21-87- MINUTES OF THE JUNE 14, 2021, REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ITEM NO. 21-88- SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 26, 2021, ON A REQUEST TO REZONE 206 W. HOGAN STREET FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1) TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-3).**

**ITEM NO. 21-89- SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 26, 2021, ON A REQUEST TO REZONE 704 FOREST DRIVE FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1) TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-3).**

**ITEM NO. 21-90- SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 26, 2021, ON A REQUEST TO REZONE 3574 NEW MANCHESTER HIGHWAY FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C2) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1).**

**ITEM NO. 21-91- SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 26, 2021, ON A REQUEST FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT FOR SELF-STORAGE WAREHOUSE USE.**

**ITEM NO. 21-92– SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 26, 2021, ON A REQUEST FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT FOR ASSIGNMENT OF STAFF DUTIES.**

**ITEM NO. 21-93– REQUEST TO APPROVE THE WANNABEATLES PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT FOR A CONCERT TO BE HELD AT FRAZIER MCEWEN PARK ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2021. THE CONCERT IS PART OF THE POPULAR ROCK CREEK CONCERT SERIES.**

**ITEM NO. 21-94– REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MYERS CONCERT PRODUCTIONS AGREEMENT FOR THE TULLAHOMA INDEPENDENCE DAY REGIONAL CELEBRATION CONCERT TO BE HELD AT GRIDER STADIUM ON JULY 3, 2021.**

**ITEM NO. 21-95– REQUEST TO APPROVE THE CIVIC HR AGREEMENT FOR WEBSITE SERVICES IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.**

Mayor Knowis read the captions for the items on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and seconded by Alderman Berry to approve the items listed above on the consent agenda.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE No. 1556 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022,** for passage on the third and final reading.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1556 and he gave the background information stating there were several Public Hearings on this Ordinance. He stated that the Finance Director, Sue Wilson, said (see Page 73 of the agenda) that the budget will need to be amended on this reading to accept the budget as presented with the addition of the Tullahoma City Schools budgets.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to adopt Ordinance No. 1556 on the third and final reading.

An amendment was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Blackwell to amend the ordinance by accepting the budget and attachments as presented (starting on page 73 of this agenda) to include the addition of the Tullahoma City Schools budget.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

The original motion (for passage on the third and final reading) to approve Ordinance No. 1556 as amended to include the Tullahoma City Schools budget was called to vote.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**ORDINANCE No. 1557 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, AS SET FORTH IN THE TULLAHOMA MUNICIPAL CODE, WHICH IS ORDINANCE NO. 1392, TO RE-ZONE AN APPROXIMATELY 0.24 ACRES PARCELS LOCATED AT 109 AND 115 N. VINE STREET (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 127B, GROUP A, PARCELS 016.00 AND 002.00) FROM R-1, LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT,** for passage on the second and final reading.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1557.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman Berry to approve Ordinance No. 1557 for passage on the second and final reading.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**ORDINANCE No. 1558 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, AS SET FORTH IN THE TULLAHOMA MUNICIPAL CODE, WHICH IS ORDINANCE NO. 1392, TO RE-ZONE AN APPROXIMATELY 0.20 ACRES PARCEL LOCATED AT 609 CORNISH STREET (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 124M, GROUP B, PARCEL 020.00) FROM R-2, MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT,** for passage on the second and final reading.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1558.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and it was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve Ordinance No. 1558 for passage on the second and final reading.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**ORDINANCE No. 1559 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, AS SET FORTH IN THE TULLAHOMA MUNICIPAL CODE, WHICH IS ORDINANCE NO. 1392, TO RE-ZONE AN APPROXIMATELY 7.50 ACRES PARCEL LOCATED AT 407 N. COLLEGE STREET (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 124F, GROUP H, PARCEL 006.01) FROM R-2, MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO R-3, HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT,** for passage on the second and final reading.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1559.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and it was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve Ordinance No. 1559 for passage on the second and final reading.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**NEW BUSINESS: - NONE -**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at this time, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:18p.m.

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**CITY RECORDER**

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**MAYOR**