

REGULAR SESSION

December 8, 2015

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of McMinnville, Tennessee, met in regular session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at approximately 7:00 p.m. Adequate public notice of the agenda was given by notices posted at City Hall, articles in the Southern Standard newspaper and news reports on the local radio stations. Present were: Mayor Jimmy Haley; Vice Mayor Ben Newman; Aldermen Jimmy Bonner, Everett Brock, Ryle Chastain, Steve Harvey and Mike Neal. Absent: None. Others present: Bill Brock, Acting City Administrator; Shirley Durham, City Recorder; Tim Pirtle, City Attorney and members of the news media.

The meeting was presided over by the Honorable Mayor Jimmy Haley, with Shirley Durham, City Recorder, recording the action taken at the meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mayor Haley stated that written copies of the minutes of the regular session of November 10, 2015 had been sent to each member of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen previously. He asked if any member of the Board wished to make any corrections, additions or modifications to the minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Bonner to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chastain and carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Haley recognized the following individuals that requested the Board consider adding an indoor pool to the plans for the renovations to the civic center and gave reasons how an indoor pool would benefit them and the citizens of McMinnville: Phyllis Hillis, Hansel Moore, Paige Northcutt, Emily Stefanick, Sara Medley, Dennis Keener, Adam Franson, Jileen McGregor, Matt Feno, and members of the swim team.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Bonner to approve a request from Don Alexander, Industrial Development Board Director, for the City to close off Depot Street and Bridge Street from S. Chancery to Cemetery Street from 7:30 p.m. until midnight on December 31st for their first annual "Non-Alcoholic New Year's Eve Party." He also requested the City to provide garbage receptacles for the event. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neal and carried.

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Haley reported he was still in meetings regarding the proposed closing of the Drivers License Center. Hopefully he will know something soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Under new business there were four items (a) (b) (c) and (d) regarding refunding real property taxes and personal property taxes to Middle Tennessee Surgical Center and River Park Hospital which were lowered by the State Board of Equalization.

Tim Pirtle, City Attorney, recommended the Board postpone action on these items to allow time for a closer look at St. Thomas's tax exempt status.

The County Tax Assessor has 90 days to appeal the State Board of Equalization's determination. Mr. Pirtle recommended action on these items be delayed to see if the determination is approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Neal to delay action on these items 7 (a) (b) (c) and (d) until the appeal process has been finalized. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chastain and carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Newman to table item 7 (e) consider hiring Bill Brock as City Administrator until after the Board has an opportunity to do a Performance Evaluation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neal and carried.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1720, an ordinance to change the zoning classification of 0.33 acre of property located at 407 West Main Street, as shown on the map attached to the ordinance as Exhibit 1, from R-1 Low Residential District to C-1 Central Commercial District; and to set the time for the ordinance to become effective was introduced for first reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Harvey to pass Ordinance No. 1720 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock and upon call of the roll voting Aye: None. Voting Nay: Aldermen Bonner, Brock, Chastain, Harvey, Neal, Newman and Mayor Haley. Motion failed.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief Bryan Denton informed the Board that the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers at their annual conference and awards ceremony in Nashville last week recognized the McMinnville Police Department as the outstanding department in Middle Tennessee.

Chief Denton invited members of the Board to their Christmas meal on December 18th at 12:00 Noon. Barry Powers will be recognized upon his retirement.

Parks and Recreation Director Scott McCord reported the Christmas Parade went well and he expressed his thanks to the Police Department and the Public Works Department for their help.

Brad Hennessee, Assistant Public Works Director, expressed thanks for the donation of the Christmas Tree to the City and Hillis Trucking, McMinnville Electric System and Superior Walls for their help in transporting and setting the tree.

He also announced that two Public Works employees are retiring. Allen Barnes has 36 years with the City and David Reed has 31 years.

Nolan Ming, Planning and Zoning Director, reported that Zaxby's broke ground today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Haley announced that Anthony Pelham, the new Water and Wastewater Director, would be resigning his position on the Planning Commission. Mayor Haley asked members of the Board to send him names of individuals that would be willing to serve on this Board.

Due to the Christmas holiday motion was made by Mr. Chastain to cancel the December 22nd regular session of the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

City Recorder

Mayor