

REGULAR SESSION

December 9, 2014

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 9, 2014, 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 and press.

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 25, 2014 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. Newman and carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Haley introduced Mandy Eller, the new President of the McMinnville-Warren County Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Eller stated that as President of the Chamber she would like to have a presence at the Board meetings. She plans to give the Board monthly reports on the Chamber's activities.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications addressed to the Board.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Haley declared the meeting open for a Public Hearing to hear comments regarding the proposed rezoning of property located at 245 Durham Street from R-2 Medium Density Residential District to C-2 General Commercial District as advertised in the November 23, 2014 edition of the Southern Standard Newspaper. He invited anyone present to address the Board and speak either for or against the proposed rezoning.

Mayor Haley recognized Jason M. Heath who stated he was one of the owners of the property and the owners were requesting this rezoning. They own the adjoining property.

After a period of time when no one else expressed a desire to speak, Mayor Haley declared the Public Hearing closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mr. Newman to confirm Mayor Haley's appointment of Marvin Lusk, Jr. to another five year term on the McMinnville Housing Authority Board, Patricia Riffe and Noemi Crutchfield to two year terms on the Alcoholic Beverage Board and Lynne Cole as the City/County Joint Appointee on the McMinnville Downtown Revenue Finance Corporation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bonner and carried.

Mayor Haley announced that Mandy Eller has agreed to serve on the Greenway Council.

Mr. Newman stated it had been brought to his attention that the City has cut off the water to some apartments owned by Evelyn Cotton due to non-payment of the bills. Under the lease agreements the landlord pays the water bill for all of the tenants. Several families with children are living in these apartments and have been without water for several days.

Mr. Newman asked that the water be turned back on, continue to charge Ms. Cotten for the water until she can catch her bills up and ask City Attorney Tim Pirtle to look at enforcing her to pay the bills.

Following discussion motion was made by Mr. Neal to cut the water back on until December 31st to give the tenants time to relocate and if by December 31st the landlord has made no effort to pay or signed an agreement turn the water off. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock.

Due to the New Year holiday motion was made by Mr. Newman to amend Mr. Neal's motion to change the date from December 31st to January 2nd. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neal and upon call of the roll Aldermen Bonner, Brock, Chastain, Harvey, Neal, Newman and Mayor Haley voted Aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Upon call of the roll on Mr. Neal's motion, as amended, Aldermen Bonner, Brock, Chastain, Harvey, Neal, Newman and Mayor Haley voted Aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

City Attorney Tim Pirtle will try to meet with Ms. Cotten to find a resolution.

Alderman Brock pointed out there were a lot of campaign signs all over town and asked if the City could pick them up. The City Administrator stated most of these signs are on private property and they could not pick them up. They will pick up any that are on public property.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1707, an ordinance to change the zoning classification of approximately one acre of property located at 245 Durham Street from R-2 Medium Density Residential District to C-2 General Commercial District was introduced for first reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Harvey to pass Ordinance No. 1707 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bonner and upon call of the roll Aldermen Bonner, Brock, Chastain, Harvey, Neal, Newman and Mayor Haley voted Aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Director Scott McCord gave a report on activities at the civic center. He stated the Christmas Parade went well and thanked the employees in the other departments for all their assistance in helping to make it a success.

Fire Chief Kendall Mayfield invited the members of the Board to a breakfast on December 24th at 8:00 a.m. at the Fire Department.

He reported the First Responders were credited with saving three lives last month.

Police Chief Bryan Denton invited members of the Board to a lunch at the Police Department on December 19th at Noon. They will be honoring Chuck Taylor who is retiring. He has been with the department since 1978.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting City Administrator Bill Brock reported that McMinnville Electric System has completed replacing all of the street lights in the neighborhoods with LED lights. They have now started on state routes. The City will be looking to install additional lights in dark areas. The State will be installing new traffic signals and poles at the intersection of Mullican Street and the By-pass at a cost of \$210,000. The only cost to the city will be the maintenance costs after they are installed.

He gave an update on the Park Theatre project and said the proposed completion date is February 17, 2015.

Mayor Haley reminded everyone the Employee Christmas Party is scheduled for December 16th at 5:30 p.m. at the civic center.

A reception for Arminta Woods who is retiring, after 38 years of service to the city, is scheduled for December 18th from 2 to 4 at City Hall.

Due to the Christmas holiday the December 23rd regular session was cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

City Recorder

Mayor