

## REGULAR SESSION

July 22, 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, July 22, 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 Rick Barnes, Jimmy Bonner, Mike Neal, Ken Smith and Billy Wood. Absent: None. Others present: 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 July 8, 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. Newman to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bonner and carried with all Board members voting Aye.

### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Haley recognized Mr. Rick Murphy, 106 Ben Lomand Drive, who stated he and his wife retired here about a year ago. Previously he had worked 35 years in economic development and tourism development in a number of communities. They selected McMinnville because they think it is one of the prettiest places on earth. They love it here except for one thing.

Mr. Murphy stated one of his concerns with his background in economic development is the dissension among the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. In all of his 35 years he has never seen a Board as divided as what this Board appears in the paper. His greatest concern was plans to do away with the City Administrator position. He personally felt this would be a catastrophic mistake. A city of this size, the second largest employer in the area, needs a professional running

things who has experience and knows state and federal laws. He encouraged them not to do away with the position, put aside their differences and go ahead and hire a professional.

Mayor Haley recognized Mr. Michael Galligan, who stated he agreed with Mr. Murphy. There is something different about someone who wakes up every morning who is paid to do that job, who gives his 100% to that job. None of the Board members can do that because they have other jobs. They need someone to run our government.

Mayor Haley recognized Ms. Carlene Brown, 182 St. Andrews Court, who stated she moved to McMinnville in 1986 and had the great opportunity to serve as the Director of the McMinnville Parks and Recreation Department for 25 years. She said she had great compassion for the City of McMinnville and for what every City department has done. She said she too wanted to ask that they not do away with the City Administrator position. Our City needs a City Administrator. When she came here in 1986 the City was operating under the committee system. Yes it will work, but it will not work well. It does not have projects, it does not make you a progressive City and it does not produce growth. She gave examples of problems the committee system has.

When you have a City Administrator you have a leader that brings department heads together, they set goals to reach. They move the City forward.

If you put the right person in that job that right person is going to lead. That right person is going to move us forward.

She asked that they reconsider and not do away with this position. Find out what the real problems are and address those problems and hire the right person.

Mayor Haley recognized Ms. Meredith Galligan, 421 West Main Street, who stated she was President of the Junior Auxiliary, and asked the Board to pass Resolution No. 1932 to sanction the "Smokin' in McMinnville Barbeque Cook-off" as a special event in order to allow them to apply for a Special Event Beer Permit to sell beer for a fund raiser.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve a request from the Junior Auxiliary to host a "Sip and Saviour: Tasting and Art Showcase" on September 27, 2014 from 5 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and to close West Court Square, Depot Street, North Spring Street, and East Main Street beginning at the intersection beside Magness Library and ending where Main Street connects to

Spring Street. They also requested a stage, electricity and extra trash cans. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and carried with all Board members voting Aye.

#### PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mr. Bonner to authorize the City Recorder to refund \$1,239.00 to CoreLogic for property taxes they paid on the wrong property. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neal and carried with all Board members voting Aye.

Mayor Haley read a Proclamation to recognize McMinnville, Warren County, Tennessee as the Home of the Southern Musky. The County Commission passed a similar Proclamation at their meeting on Monday night.

Mayor Haley read a Proclamation to proclaim the week of July 27-August 2, Sister-Cities Week across our town and community in recognition of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sister-Cities Program with Mikawa, Japan.

#### RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1932, a resolution to authorize the City of McMinnville to (a) sanction a special event called "Smokin' in McMinnville Barbeque Cook-off" and (b) to allow a qualified charitable or nonprofit organization to apply to the Alcoholic Beverage Board for a Special Event Beer Permit to sell beer within a designated area of the Civic Center Complex grounds during this event; and to set the effective date of this resolution was introduced for adoption.

Motion was made by Mr. Wood to adopt Resolution No. 1932. The motion was seconded by Mr. Newman and upon call of the roll Aldermen Barnes, Newman, Wood and Mayor Haley voted Aye. Voting Nay: Aldermen Neal and Smith. Alderman Bonner abstained. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1933, a resolution authorizing the City of McMinnville to participate in The Pool's "Driver Safety" Matching Grant Program was introduced for adoption.

Motion was made by Mr. Newman to adopt Resolution No. 1933. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and upon call of the roll Aldermen Barnes, Bonner, Neal, Newman, Smith, Wood and Mayor Haley voted Aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

## ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1696, an ordinance of the City of McMinnville, Tennessee, requiring voters registered to vote in the City of McMinnville elections, as nonresident property owners, to vote only by absentee ballot, as set out in T.C.A. 2-6-205; and to express the time when the ordinance becomes effective was introduced for first reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Bonner to pass Ordinance No. 1696 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neal. In discussion there was some concern that this might make it harder for these voters to vote. Upon call of the roll Aldermen Bonner and Neal voted Aye. Voting Nay: Aldermen Barnes, Newman, Smith and Mayor Haley. Mr. Wood abstained because he did not have enough information. Motion failed.

Ordinance No. 1697, an ordinance of the City of McMinnville, Tennessee, to repeal Ordinance No. 1518 and delete Title 1 Chapter 7. City Administrator from the Municipal Code; and to set a time when the ordinance becomes effective was introduced for first reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Neal to pass Ordinance No. 1697 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bonner. Following discussion and upon call of the roll Aldermen Bonner, Neal and Smith voted Aye. Voting Nay: Aldermen Barnes, Newman, Wood and Mayor Haley. Motion failed.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Scott McCord, Parks and Recreation Director, reported this was the last week of youth baseball. It was also the last week for registration for fall ball. They now have 140 signed up for fall ball as compared to 70 last year.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Haley reported that the River Cleanup was held last weekend. They got 1-1/2 tons of garbage.

There will be an Economic Development meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber.

Sister Cities will be next week.

There will be a Finance Committee meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 to consider requests from non-profits.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.