

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)  
MINUTES FOR  
April 24, 2023**

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, April 24, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Ray Knowis presiding and the following named members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen: Daniel Berry, Kurt Glick, Jerry Mathis, Derick Mann and Bobbie Wilson. Jenna Amacher was absent.

Mr. Kenney Pearson, Interim City Administrator; Mr. Stephen M. Worsham, City Attorney, Mrs. Sue Wilson, Finance Director, and Mrs. Lori Ashley, City Recorder were present at the meeting.

Mayor Ray Knowis called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was said by Will Young, and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES: N/A**

**PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Knowis proclaimed May 7 – 13, 2023 as Drinking Water Week.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Fran Gray, Reginal Coordinator for South Central Region of Alzheimer's Tennessee. May 6, 2023, will be the Annual Purple Olympics, at the Tullahoma High School Gym, registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Jim Woodard, 2011 North Jackson Street, encouraged the Board of Mayor and Alderman to reinstate Ms. Casta Brice.

**THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Alderman Mathis and seconded by Alderman Berry to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Glick and seconded by Alderman Wilson to remove Item No. 23-73 from tonight's agenda and place it on the May 8, 2023, agenda.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered to postpone Item No. 23-73.

On roll call all members present voted aye to approve the amended agenda and it was so ordered.

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

**ALDERMAN WILSON** – Ms. Bobbie Wilson stated that Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> is National Arbor Day, there will be a celebration at the East Park, which is adjacent to East Middle School at 11:30 a.m. South Jackson Performing Arts Center will hold auditions for Mid-Summer Nights Dream on April 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. South Jackson is also beginning their Spring Friday night concert series on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The Tullahoma Fine Arts Center will host a jewelry making class on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**ALDERMAN MANN** - Mr. Mann attended a Special Called Planning Commission meeting, he has also been speaking with the non-profit organizations about their budget requests. He did a walk-around downtown to see where improvements could be made with Mr. Worsham and Mr. Graham.

**ALDERMAN BERRY** - Mr. Berry attended a Planning Commission Meeting, a Board of Education meeting, and attended several Little League games. He attended a session in Nashville regarding the SRO monies that the state is putting in place and should be available by the beginning of next school year.

**ALDERMAN GLICK** - Mr. Glick did a walk around downtown with Mr. Worsham and Mr. Graham, they discussed some good possibilities that should be easily maintained. He attended the CPDC meeting as well as the Special Called Planning Commission meeting.

**MAYOR PRO TEM MATHIS** – No report.

**MAYOR RAY KNOWIS** - Mr. Knowis stated he attended a TUA Board meeting, two different Planning Commission meetings and the Mayors Planning Coordinating meeting.

**CITY ATTORNEY** – Thanked Alderman Mann and Alderman Glick for resurrecting the Downtown Plan. He has been serving the summons on delinquent taxes. He is doing research on William Northern Blvd at the Cedar Lane intersection as well as research on Open Meetings Law.

**INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR** – Mr. Kenny Pearson stated he has been working on budgets. He has scheduled three budget study session meetings May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4:00 p.m. He attended the TCMA Conference. IT has put together an email for citizens, he is meeting with Civic HR on Friday to discuss triggers that will get the email to the correct department. He issued an emergency purchase order for a garbage truck; this truck could be delivered in three months. He has received the quotes from St. John on the bathroom project at the soccer fields.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **ITEM NO. 23-73 – MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10, 2023, REGULAR MEETING.**

Mayor Knowis read the caption(s) for the Consent Agenda item(s).

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve the item(s) on the Consent Agenda.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: N/A**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1593 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE REVISED 2011 TULLAHOMA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**, for passage on the first of two readings.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1593 and stated the details could be found beginning on page 32 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Glick to adopt Ordinance No. 1593.

A motion was made by Alderman Glick and seconded by Wilson to amend the motion to approve by accepting the Final Revised 2011 Tullahoma Comprehensive Plan as presented by the Community Plan Development Committee, without the changes made by the Planning Committee.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted to the amended motion as follows:

Aye(s): Glick, Mann, Wilson  
Nay(s): Berry, Knowis, Mathis

The vote being three (3) aye(s) and three (3) nay(s); the motion failed.

On roll call all members present voted on the original motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1593 as follows.

Aye(s): Berry, Knowis  
Nay(s): Glick, Mann, Mathis, Wilson

The vote being two (2) aye(s) and four (4) nay(s); the motion failed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1937 – A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE STUDY SESSION SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN.**

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1937 and stated that details could be found on page 216 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Glick and seconded by Alderman Berry to make an amendment that if the study session deals with any matter that has fiscal impact or budgetary items, it will automatically be televised.

On roll call all members present voted on the amendment to televise fiscal and budgetary study sessions as follows:

Aye(s): Berry, Glick, Mathis, Wilson  
Nay(s): Knowis, Mann

The vote being four (4) aye(s) and two (2) nay(s); the motion passed, and it was so ordered.

On roll call all members present voted aye on the original motion to amend the Study Session schedule and it was so ordered.

**ITEM NO. 23-74 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A DISCUSSION TO PROVIDE STAFF DIRECTION ABOUT HOW TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE DOWNTOWN PLANTING PROJECT.**

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 23-74 and stated that details could be found on page 254 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Mann and seconded by Alderman Berry to approve Item No. 23-74.

Alderman Mann stated that this project is in the early stages, it is to improve the planters downtown, coming up with a more uniform plan. There is money coming in from Rotary, Community Pride Foundation, other downtown residents, and hopefully more will join in to make this a true community effort. From the staff he is looking for concrete ideas as well as a long-term maintenance plan. Input from everyone is welcome.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor and Alderman at this time, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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CITY RECORDER

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MAYOR