

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
June 26, 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, June 26, 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 Rev. Ernie Jones, and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Recorder Lori Ashley called the roll.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES: N/A

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A Special Presentation was given by Tullahoma City Schools Superintendent Dr. Catherine Stephens and former Tullahoma Mayor Lane Curlee to discuss recruiting volunteers to support k-3 reading proficiency in the elementary schools. They have started a program called "Reading Buddies", they are asking for volunteers to participate and give one hour per week.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

John Peres, 95 Blue Sky Court, spoke to the board about ethics.

Jim Woodard, 2011 North Jackson Street, encouraged the Mayor and Alderman to bring Casta Brice back to work.

THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

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

A motion was made by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Glick to add an item to tonight's agenda. Adding an Item to include the Tennessee Equine Rehabilitation Center to receive Hotel / Motel Tax from the City.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mann to discuss directing the Interim City Administrator to reinstate HR Director Casta Brice.

On roll call all members present voted as follows;

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

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

A motion was made by Alderman Mann and seconded by Mayor Knowis to reconsider Ordinance No. 1595 and explore more options during an upcoming study session.

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

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

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN WILSON – Gave updates on the upcoming events of the Tree Board and the South Jackson Performing Arts Center.

ALDERMAN MANN – Attended the TAEDC meeting and the street naming ceremony in honor of Eugene London Sr., thanked everyone that had a part in it. Special thanks to Jamie Moorehead for putting on the Juneteenth Celebration, it was a successful event. Reminder to everyone that the last day to bring school supplies is the July 10th meeting.

ALDERMAN BERRY – Attended the Juneteenth Celebration, and updated on the meetings he attended the past month. Congratulated the Tullahoma Little League teams for their wins over the weekend in the All-Star tournaments.

ALDERMAN GLICK – Attended the Eugene London Sr. street naming ceremony and honored to present the Street Sign to Mr. London. Asked the citizens to call 800-922-0204 or *611 from a Verizon device, to express your dissatisfaction with the cell service in Tullahoma.

MAYOR PRO TEM MATHIS – Attended the Eugene London Sr. ceremony, very well-deserved honor.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis attended the Eugene London Sr. street naming ceremony. Congratulated the Parks & Recreation Department for the wonderful job they did hosting a softball tournament. He gave his Mayor's State of the City and Budget Address 2024. (a copy is included in the minutes)

Announced the appointment of Misty Damron to serve on the Tullahoma Housing Authority.

CITY ATTORNEY – Mr. Worsham thanked Dr. Stephens and Mr. Curlee for providing the opportunity for volunteers to help at the elementary schools. He called Verizon and reported his dissatisfaction with Tullahoma’s cell service. He urged all board members to attend the TML Conference in July. July 10th prior to the board meeting there will be an Executive Session held with all the attorneys representing the City at the Police Department Conference room. Completed the transaction with Harton Family Partners in relation to the land exchange to straighten William Northern Blvd. Ongoing efforts to finalize the contract relative to the East Carroll Street property.

INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Recently had a Capital Projects meeting, acknowledged Sue Wilson and The Parks & Recreation Department for their outstanding job performance. Attended the Eugene London Sr. street naming. Reminder of July 3rd fireworks show. With the short week, agenda packets will go out on Thursday instead of Wednesday.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item No. 23-116 – Minutes of the June 12, 2023, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing.

Item No. 23-117 – Approve the annual renewal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to permit the Tennessee Correction Academy to use the City of Tullahoma’s Community Centers as a temporary emergency shelter.

Item No. 23-118 – Approve the Journal Entries for Property Tax Adjustments in FY23.

Item No. 23-119– Request to authorize the Tullahoma Police Department to apply for an SRO Grant with the State of Tennessee in the amount of \$75,000 per eligible school.

Item No. 23-120– Set a Public Hearing and First Reading for July 10, 2023 on a request to rezone the properties at 1802, 1804 Old Estill Springs Road; 412, 420, 502, 603 E. Monroe Street; 509, 511, 513, 515 E. General Street; 611, 609 Division Street; 612, 616, 618, 620, 700, 702, 706, 710, 712, 716, 802, 806, 808 E. Decherd Street, 360, 200, 136 Flowertown Road; 212, 210, 208, 204, 200, 115, 212 S. Washington Street; 211, 305, 412, 414, 424, 428, 430, 432 E. Lauderdale Street; 111 S. Polk Street; 513, 501 E. Warren Street; 208, 210 W. Warren Street from Restricted Manufacturing and Warehousing (I-1), General Commercial (C-2), and Central Commercial (C-1) zoning district to the Low Density Residential (R-1), Medium Density Residential (R-2), and Neighborhood Commercial (C-3) zoning district.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 1594 – An Ordinance of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, for passage on the third and final reading.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Ordinance No. 1594 as amended to include department detail as presented for all funds.

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

Ordinance No. 1596 – An Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee, which is Ordinance No. 1392, by amending Article IV Specific District Regulations – Section 405 Micro-Brewery Use in the restricted manufacturing and warehousing (I-1) zoning district, for passage on the second and final reading.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mann to approve Ordinance No. 1596.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 1597 – An Ordinance to amend the code of Ordinances of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee by amending Title 13 (Property Maintenance Regulations), Chapter 3 (Slum Clearance), Section 308 (Lien for Expenses; Sale of Salvaged Materials; other Powers not Limited) to remove the words “Upon the Lien” and substitute therefor the words “Become a Lien”, for passage on the first of two readings.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Ordinance No. 1597.

A discussion ensued.

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

Item No. 23-121 – Consider approval of directing staff to draft an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1595 establishing a Board of Appeals to add a section to define meetings of the board.

Item No. 23-121 was moved to the last item on the agenda.

Item No. 23-122 – Consider Nominations and Appoint an applicant to fill the vacancy on the Duck River Utility Commission for a full three-year term, ending on June 30, 2026.

A motion was made by Mayor Knowis and seconded by Alderman Berry to nominate Jim Waters to fill the vacancy on the Duck River Utility Commission.

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

Item No. 23-123 – Consider approval of adding Tennessee Equine Rehabilitation Center to the Hotel / Motel Tax Appropriations. To receive funding at the same level as many of our major tourism organizations.

A motion was made by Alderman Mann and seconded by Alderman Glick to approve Item No. 23-123.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to postpone Item No 23-123 until the next Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting.

On roll call all members present voted to postpone as follows;

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

The vote being five (5) aye(s), one (1) nay(s), the motion passed and it is so ordered.

Item No. 23-124 – Discuss reinstating HR Director Casta Brice.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mann to approve the Interim City Administrator to reinstate Casta Brice.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Mann and seconded by Alderman Glick to amend Item No. 23-124 bringing the Board of Mayor and Alderman back to being in line with the chain of command of our City Government and the City Personnel Regulations where the City Administrator handles all personnel matters. To keep consistence with this, motion that Interim City Administrator, Kenny Pearson, to take whatever actions he deems appropriate and necessary regarding the status of Human Resource Director Casta Brice.

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

On roll call all members present voted to approve Item No. 23-124 as amended and it was so ordered.

Item No. 23-125 – Discussion to reconsider Ordinance No. 1595.

A motion was made by Alderman Mann and seconded by Alderman Berry to reconsider the vote on Ordinance No. 1595.

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

Ordinance No. 1595 – An Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee by Amending Title 14 (Zoning and Land Use Control), Chapter 2 (Zoning Ordinance), Section 202, (Board of Zoning Appeals) by deleting it in its entirety and substituting a New Section 202, Board of Appeals, for passage on the second and final reading.

A motion was made by Alderman Mann and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Ordinance No. 1595.

On roll call all members present voted nay and Ordinance No. 1595 failed.

Item No. 23-121 - Consider approval of directing staff to draft an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1595 establishing a Board of Appeals to add a section to define meetings of the board.

Due to the vote on Item No. 23-125 and Ordinance No. 1595, Item No. 23-121 has been deleted from tonight's agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor and Alderman at this time, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR