

REGULAR SESSION

July 26, 2016

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 26, 2016, 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, Ryle Chastain, Steve Harvey and Mike Neal. Absent: Alderman Everett Brock. Others present: Shirley Durham, City Recorder; Tim Pirtle, City Attorney and members of the news media and press. Bill Brock, Acting City Administrator, was absent.

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 12, 2016 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. Neal 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

No visitors present expressed a desire to address the Board.

Mayor Haley stated that last week, on two separate days, at the Gilley Pool the quick action and heroic efforts of three lifeguards saved a young boy and an infant from drowning.

Mayor Haley recognized Scott McCord, Director of Parks and Recreation, Justin Scott, Assistant Director Parks and Recreation, Matt McColloch, Wellness and Aquatics Coordinator, for their quality leadership, their commitment to professionalism, the training of their employees, and upholding standards that promote safety at all of our recreational facilities. He presented them with letters, on behalf of the City of McMinnville, thanking them for their dedication to the safety and well-being of our citizenry.

Mayor Haley recognized and commended Isabel Kirby, a lifeguard at the Gilley Pool, for saving a young boy from drowning. He presented her with a letter thanking her, on behalf of the City of McMinnville, for her heroic efforts and her service to our community.

Mayor Haley recognized and commended Robert Eschenbacher and Ethan Bandy for their quick action and team work in saving the life of an 11 month old child. He thanked them for their dedication in making the Gilley Pool a safe place for our citizens.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Newman to approve requests from Leadership McMinnville Class of 2016 to hold the 22nd Annual Autumn Street Fair in downtown McMinnville on October 1st and the City to co-sponsor the event. They requested services of the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments to prepare and monitor the event. They requested the City begin closing the downtown streets and court square at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30th until 9:00 p.m. on October 1, 2016.

The owners of the two Main Street businesses that are open at night, Topz Frozen Yogurt & Metro Deli and Collins Rivers BBQ signed agreements with Leadership that Main Street would remain open until 7:00 p.m. At that time the left lane would be left open for their customers to have access to their businesses. Full closure of Main Street would be at 8:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bonner and carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Neal to approve a request from the Noon Exchange Club to partner with the City and the use of the Park Theater for a program celebrating and saluting our local veterans for Veterans Day 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chastain and carried.

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Neal asked the Parks and Recreation Committee and/or the Building and Grounds Committee to consider looking into the feasibility and cost of constructing some type of water feature on the downtown lot maybe similar to the one at the Bicentennial Mall. He felt a lot of the work could be done in house.

Mayor Haley referred this to the Building and Grounds Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1731, an ordinance of the City of McMinnville, Tennessee adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 was introduced for first reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Newman to pass Ordinance No. 1731 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bonner.

In discussion it was pointed out the tax rate remains the same as last year \$2.0804 per \$100 of assessed value on all real and personal property.

Upon call of the roll Aldermen Bonner, Chastain, Harvey, Neal, Newman and Mayor Haley voted Aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Scott McCord, Parks and Recreation Director, gave an update report on the Smokin' in McMinnville BBQ event. Currently they have nine charities and 32 pro teams that have registered. The event is scheduled for August 12th and 13th. He thanked the Water Department for the work they have done on the water lines and repairs to the parking lot.

Brad Hennessee, Assistant Public Works Director, gave a report on the progress his employees have made in cleaning up the brush from the recent storms. He thanked the Water Department for loaning them some equipment.

Mayor Haley thanked him and his employees for the great job they did picking up the trash and tires from the river cleanup.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Haley announced that the City was awarded a \$28,500 Tourism Enhancement Grant that can be used at Hobbs Park and along the walking trail at Sally's Alley.

The Mayor reminded everyone of some upcoming events. The McMinnville Mountain Crawl is scheduled for August 6, 2016. He said they still need volunteers to help.

The Chamber is now taking applications for the next Leadership class. If any member of the Board or City employee wants to go through the class they need to turn in an application.

Mayor Haley announced that on August 24th the City will be hosting an Economic Development Conference with the Upper Cumberland Development District. The focus is going to be on outdoor recreation and grants. It will be an afternoon session with lunch at the Park Theater.

The Sister Cities delegation will be here Thursday and Thursday night is the banquet at Bridgestone.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

City Recorder

Mayor