

REGULAR SESSION

November 10, 2015

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of McMinnville, Tennessee, met in regular session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 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.

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 October 27, 2015 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

Mayor Haley welcomed members of the Warren County High School Youth Leadership Class to the meeting.

Mayor Haley recognized Kristy Stubblefield, Executive Director Families In Crisis, who thanked the Mayor and Aldermen for recognizing November as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month.

Mayor Haley read a Proclamation proclaiming November 14-22, 2015 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week across the City and County as we educate our citizens and inform the public about this national problem we face here at home.

Mayor Haley recognized Sebastian Dodge, a life scout with troop 347 in Smithville, who stated he was working on his Eagle Scout badge. As his Eagle project he would like to build a bridge capable of handling a small utility vehicle over the greenway behind Sally's Alley. This would connect two nature paths which would enable people to enjoy more of the natural beauty

in McMinnville. Scott St. John, an engineer in the McMinnville area, has offered to work with him to design and organize the project. He asked the Board for written permission to allow him to complete this bridge on city property.

Motion was made by Mr. Neal to approve the project and provide Sebastian with written permission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chastain and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications addressed to the Board.

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mr. Chastain to confirm Mayor Haley's appointment of Vice Mayor Ben Newman as the Aldermanic member to another term on the Board of Public Utilities. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bonner and carried.

Mayor Haley announced that he had appointed Gwendolyn Stoner as the Resident Member to another term on the McMinnville Housing Authority Board

Mayor Haley stated the State of Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security has announced the closure of our local Driver License Center as a cost-cutting measure without recognizing the unnecessary burden placed upon our rural citizenry who will be an hour's drive from the nearest other Driver License Center.

He has been in contact with the Governor's office and other elected officials trying to keep the center open. He and County Executive Herschel Wells will be meeting to look at all of their options. He asked the Board if they wanted him to continue to meet with elected officials to see what can be done to save the center. All Board members indicated he should continue to try to find a way to keep the center open.

Mayor Haley read a Proclamation stating the Mayor and Board of Aldermen representing almost 15,000 residents, respectfully request that the Governor and the State of Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security recognize the importance of the Driver License Center here and take measures with input and cooperation from local government, to keep this office open so it can continue to provide the many state-mandated licenses required of our citizenry.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1969, a resolution to annex the property of Cornerstone Baptist Church into the City of McMinnville, Tennessee by written consent of the property owners was introduced for adoption.

Motion was made by Mr. Newman to adopt Resolution No. 1969. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bonner.

In discussion it was pointed out this property was originally annexed into the City in July, 2015 by ordinance. Due to a change in the law all annexations after July 1, 2015 had to be done by resolution, therefore this is just to clear up that issue.

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

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

There were no departmental reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Haley reminded everyone of the Veterans Day Program at the Park Theater on November 11th at 5:30 p.m.

The Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 5th, and the Employee Christmas Party is scheduled for December 10th at the civic center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

City Recorder

Mayor