

## REGULAR SESSION

September 8, 2020

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of McMinnville, Tennessee, met in regular session September 8, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Park Theater, 115 W. Main Street. Adequate public notice of the agenda was given by notices posted at City Hall, articles in the Southern Standard newspaper, notices posted on the City's website and news reports on the local radio stations.

Present were: Vice Mayor Ryle Chastain; Aldermen Kate Alsbrook, Everett Brock, Steve Harvey, Rachel Kirby and Mike Neal. Absent: Mayor Ben Newman. Others present: Nolan Ming, City Administrator; Shirley Durham, City Recorder; Tim Pirtle, City Attorney, and members of the news media and press.

The meeting was presided over by the Honorable Vice Mayor Ryle Chastain, with Shirley Durham, City Recorder, recording the action taken at the meeting.

### CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Vice Mayor Chastain stated that written copies of the minutes of the regular session of August 25, 2020, 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. Brock and carried.

### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Vice Mayor Chastain recognized Jeff Chisam who stated last week the Parks and Recreation Department decided to cancel the fall soccer and basketball leagues. He stated sports were very beneficial to the kids in the community both physically and mentally. Other surrounding counties are proceeding with their soccer and basketball programs. The coaches are willing to do whatever they need to do to help make it possible for the kids to play soccer and basketball this fall.

Vice Mayor Chastain recognized Rodney Boyd, McMinnville Electric System, who gave a report on the progress they are making in removing power poles out of the sidewalks. In April, 2018 the City gave them a list of 32 poles that needed to be removed and they currently have 8 remaining poles to remove. They plan to have these removed by the end of the year. They are having to contact and work with other utility companies to remove their lines from MES poles.

Vice Mayor Chastain also recognized Pieter Van Vuuren, Casey Simpson, Casey Hertwig and Tonia Torres Quintana who asked the Board to reconsider the cancellation of the fall sports leagues. Ms. Quintana presented the Board a petition containing 400 signatures requesting to “Let The Kids Play.”

#### COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications addressed to the Board.

#### PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Chastain opened up the discussion regarding the feasibility and desire of reinstating fall sports.

Parks and Recreation Director, Scott McCord, stated the decision not to have fall sports was made due to how the COVID-19 cases were trending at the time and the school system was only allowing schools to use their facilities. Mr. McCord stated they were willing to try to have a four week soccer season in November/December and basketball if a facility can be found.

Following discussion, motion was made by Mr. Brock to move forward with soccer and continue to evaluate and develop a plan for the possibility to play basketball. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neal and carried.

#### RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

#### ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1806, an ordinance of the City of McMinnville, Tennessee, to appropriate funds to certain nonprofit charitable organizations and certain nonprofit civic organizations to promote civic betterment, social improvements and the health and general welfare of the residents of the City of McMinnville and to promote the economic welfare of the City of McMinnville and its residents, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 in the aggregate amount of \$350,934.00 and to provide the conditions under which the appropriations are made; and to express the time when the ordinance becomes effective was introduced for first reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Brock to pass Ordinance No. 1806 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harvey and upon call of the roll Aldermen Alsbrook, Brock, Chastain, Harvey, Kirby and Neal voted Aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

There were no departmental reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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City Recorder

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Mayor