

## REGULAR SESSION

September 22, 2020

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of McMinnville, Tennessee, met in regular session September 22, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 101 E. 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: Mayor Ben Newman; Vice Mayor Ryle Chastain; Aldermen Kate Alsbrook, Everett Brock, Steve Harvey, Rachel Kirby and Mike Neal. Absent: None. 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 Mayor Ben Newman, with Shirley Durham, City Recorder, recording the action taken at the meeting.

### CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mayor Newman stated that written copies of the minutes of the regular session of September 8, 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. Chastain and carried.

### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Newman recognized Brad and Janet Nunley who requested permission to place temporary signs at the following locations during the McMinnville Prayer Walk on Saturday, September 26 (1:00 – 3:00 PM): McMinnville Fountain, Farmer's Market, Riverfront Park (2 locations), Blue Building, County Court House. These signs will only be up a couple of hours the day of the walk and will be removed promptly afterwards.

Motion was made by Mr. Neal to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chastain and carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Newman read a letter from Jimmy Haley, Warren County Executive, thanking the McMinnville Public Works Department for the excellent job of improving the sidewalks at the

County Administration Building. He also complimented Hank Patton and his crew on the landscaping upgrades around the Court House.

#### PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Ming recommended the Board consider reopening the City's lobbies, wellness center and the Park Theater since the COVID-19 cases have been down below the CDC guideline levels for over 14 days in Warren County.

Motion was made by Mr. Neal to reopen the lobbies and the wellness center with the stipulation that if the threshold levels go back over the CDC guidelines we immediately shut them back down. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chastain and carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Harvey to reopen the Park Theater and follow the Tennessee Pledge state guidelines. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chastain and carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mr. Chastain to confirm Mayor Newman's appointment of Yessica Carreon and the reappointment of Shannon Haston to two-year terms on the Alcoholic Beverage Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harvey and carried.

The next item was to decide on Court Line colors for the Milner Recreation Center.

Motion was made by Mr. Harvey to approve doing the main court in blue, the side court in red and the volleyball court in white. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock and carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Chastain to approve doing the track court in brick red. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alsbrook and carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Chastain to approve the beige color on the second floor basketball court and the same blue color for the basketball court lines and the white for the volleyball court lines. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alsbrook 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 second and final reading.

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

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Chief Kendall Mayfield announced the Fire Department personnel would be wearing their pink shirts during the month of October for Breast Cancer Awareness month but they would not be setting up on Saturdays and accepting donations due to COVID-19.

Ricky Morton, Water and Wastewater Director, announced the City had been approved for a \$710,000 CDBG grant which includes the City's \$80,000 match.

Parks and Recreation Director Scott McCord reported they are accepting soccer sign-ups. Games are scheduled to start November 7<sup>th</sup> for four weeks. They are still trying to find facilities for basketball.

Police Chief Bryan Denton announced the department has two officers that will graduate Thursday from the Police Academy. Due to COVID-19 it will be a virtual program.

Chief Denton informed the Board that he would be resigning his position and retiring after 39 years in law enforcement, 9 years as chief, as of December 31, 2020. This should give them time to find a replacement. He stated he would be happy to assist in picking the next police chief, if asked. He expressed his appreciation to the Board and Mr. Ming for their support. His goal for the future is spending more time with family.

Mayor Newman thanked Bryan for his many years of service with the City.

#### 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