

REGULAR SESSION

November 24, 2020

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of McMinnville, Tennessee, met in regular session November 24, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m. at 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 November 10, 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

No visitors expressed a desire to address the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications addressed to the Board.

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Nolan Ming, City Administrator, introduced Police Captain Nichole Mosley as the new Police Chief for the City of McMinnville. She will take over the Police Chief duties when Police Chief Bryan Denton retires on December 31, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Ricky Morton, Water and Sewer Director, reported work on the Center Street sewer project has begun. It is scheduled to be completed within 180 days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Mike Neal, who did not seek re-election, thanked the citizens for allowing him to serve the last 8 years. It had been an honor, and he appreciated it.

Alderman Kate Alsbrook, who did not seek re-election, also stated it had been an honor to serve and thanked the department heads for the top job they do and, hopefully, she will be in her chair again.

Mayor Newman, also did not seek re-election, stated McMinnville has grown a lot over the years and especially the past 8 years since he has been on the Board. The Board and staff have worked together as a team, and he encouraged the new board to work together and respect the staff. They are the ones that make everything happen. He asked that they try to leave this town a better place than they found it.

He expressed his thanks for the opportunity to serve as Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT-SINE DIE

With no further business the meeting adjourned sine die.

OATH OF OFFICE – MAYOR-ELECT

City Recorder Shirley Durham administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-elect Ryle Chastain.

OATH OF OFFICE – ALDERMEN-ELECT

Shirley Durham administered the Oath of Office to Aldermen-elect Sally Brock, Stacey Harvey and Rachel Kirby.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ryle Chastain called the new Board to order and stated the first item of business was to elect a vice-mayor. He recommended they elect Everett Brock since he was the longest serving member on the board, he has served a number of years as the Finance Committee chair

and has a schedule that can uniquely compliment his in helping him to discharge his duties as the Mayor.

Motion was made by Steve Harvey to elect Mr. Brock Vice-Mayor. The motion was seconded by Rachel Kirby and carried.

Motion was made by Everett Brock to approve Mayor Chastain's appointment of Rachel Kirby to the Board of Public Utilities. The motion was seconded by Sally Brock and carried.

Motion was made by Rachel Kirby to confirm Mayor Chastain's appointment of Sally Brock to the 911 Board. The motion was seconded by Steve Harvey and carried.

Mayor Chastain stated the Board needed to discuss the feasibility of having the Christmas Parade this year. COVID-19 is very real and much worse than earlier this year. Several communities have begun cancelling their Christmas parades and we need to discuss if we are going to move forward with ours or cancel it this year. Thousands of citizens will be downtown to watch the parade and city employees from all departments will be working the parade.

Mayor Chastain asked Police Chief Denton to discuss the matter. Chief Denton stated the Police Department has struggled for several months with personnel issues due to the coronavirus and other issues to deliver adequate police service. It has required massive amounts of overtime. At this point they are still stressed but seeing a little light in the distance.

To make the Christmas Parade happen, it will take over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the police department plus the Public Safety Unit volunteers which is a high-risk group. A couple of positive cases would greatly affect their ability to function. There was also concern for all the other city employees that would have to be involved. He asked the Board to seriously consider forgoing the Christmas Parade this year.

Following discussion and due to the concerns expressed by Chief Denton, motion was made by Sally Brock to forgo the Christmas Parade this year. The motion was seconded by Rachel Kirby and carried.

Mayor Chastain asked members of the Board to come up with candidates to fill out his unexpired 2 year Aldermanic term. They will consider this at the December 8th Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

City Recorder

Mayor