

REGULAR SESSION

February 26, 2019

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of McMinnville, Tennessee, met in regular session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 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 Ben Newman; Vice Mayor Ryle Chastain; Aldermen Kate Alsbrook, Everett Brock, Steve Harvey, Rachel Kirby and Mike Neal. Absent: None. Others present: Acting City Administrator Bill Brock; Tim Pirtle, City Attorney, Shirley Durham, City Recorder; and members of the news media and press.

The meeting was presided over by the Honorable Mayor Ben Newman, with Shirley Durham recording the action taken at the meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mayor Newman stated that written copies of the minutes of the regular session of February 12, 2019 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. Chastain 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

Mayor Newman recognized Donald Crip 362 Bogard Road, Morrison, TN, President Young Men United, who stated he wanted to discuss the Bernard School Property.

He stated a group of the African American Community have come to the meeting tonight to discuss the importance of the property to the African American Community. They did not want it destroyed or torn down for any reasons. It is one of the last things that remain that relates to their history. They would like to have the property and renovate the gym.

Mayor Newman recognized Rita Ramsey, 612 N. Spring Street, a niece of Leroy Ramsey, who Ramsey Park is named after. She is also a member of Young Men United and would like to bring the property back to their community and renovate the gym. She did not want to see it torn down.

Mayor Newman recognized Wayne Wolford 277 Boldin Green Rd., who also wanted to see the building renovated.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Chastain to approve a letter of request from Matthew Hibdon, on behalf of the Leadership McMinnville Class of 2019, for permission to hold the 25th Annual Autumn Street Fair in Downtown McMinnville and solicit the City as a co-sponsor of the event. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th with preparation beginning on the evening of October 4th. The request included street closures starting at 8:00 pm on October 4th until October 5th at 9:00 pm. They requested the use of the grassy lot across from City Hall and 12 trash cans. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neal and carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Chastain to approve a letter of request from Blaine Wilcher for the use of the parking lot, the closure of City Mall Court and the use of the restrooms in the Farmers Market Pavilion for the first Saturday of each month from 5 pm to 8 pm for April 6th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd and September 7th. This is for a Cruise In for Kids of the Community. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock and carried.

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2071, a resolution to authorize the City of McMinnville, Tennessee to accept the low bid from Competition Athletic Surfaces for Tennis Court Surfacing in the amount of \$11,900.00 for the McMinnville Parks and Recreation Department; to authorize the City Administrator to issue the necessary purchase order on behalf of the City of McMinnville; and to express the time when the resolution becomes effective was introduced for adoption.

Motion was made by Mr. Chastain to adopt Resolution No. 2071. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neal and upon call of the roll Aldermen Alsbrook, Brock, Chastain, Harvey, Kirby, Neal and Mayor Newman voted aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Scott McCord, Parks and Recreation Director, informed the Board they have completed their move to the Mall and Sain Construction has started the demo work on the Civic Center.

Brad Hennessee, Public Works Director, informed the Board that McMinnville Green will close their business at the Transfer Station on Thursday, February 28th.

Mr. Hennessee asked for a letter from the owner stating they were closing along with his plan of action to remove all of the material that is now on site.

Mr. Hennessee stated he received a call from Josh Roberts, Warren County Director of Sanitation, and he cannot, at this time, find a vendor to take the county's cardboard. Mr. Hennessee asked if he could work out an agreement for the City to temporarily take the county's cardboard until they can find a vendor. Motion was made by Mr. Harvey to authorize Mr. Hennessee to work out a temporary agreement to take the county's cardboard for the next 30 days. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neal and carried. The Streets and Sanitation Committee will meet on March 12, 2019 to discuss the McMinnville Green lease and other issues regarding this matter.

Fire Chief Kendall Mayfield reported Fire Department employees have been doing commercial fire inspections and several issues have been found and are in the process of being fixed. Everyone has been very nice and cooperative.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Newman reminded everyone phone interviews will be tomorrow from 10 until 4 for eight applicants for the City Administrator position.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

City Recorder

Mayor