

## REGULAR SESSION

April 14, 2020

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of McMinnville, Tennessee, met in regular session April 14, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held electronically under the guidelines as set out in Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order No. 16, signed March 20, 2020, which suspends the requirements of the Tennessee Open Meetings Act ("TOMA") to the extent necessary to allow any governing body subject to the requirements of TOMA to meet and conduct essential business by electronic means if the body determines meeting electronically is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans in light of COVID-19 pandemic. It allows members of the governing body to participate and vote in public meetings without being physically present to protect public health; safety, and welfare and prevent the spread of COVID-19. This is a temporary measure that expires on May 18, 2020, unless further action is taken by the Governor.

All public notices, as outlined in the order, were followed and the meeting was on Facebook LIVE.

Present were: Mayor Ben Newman, Vice Mayor Ryle Chastain, Aldermen Kate Alsbrook, Everett Brock, Steve Harvey, Rachel Kirby. Absent: Alderman Mike Neal. 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 recording the action taken at the meeting.

Mayor Newman called the meeting to order and stated this meeting was being held electronically under the guidelines of Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order No. 16 in order to protect public health, safety and welfare and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

### CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mayor Newman stated that written copies of the minutes of the regular session of March 10, 2020, and the called session of March 18, 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. Chastain to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular session and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock and upon call of the

roll Aldermen Alsbrook, Brock, Chastain, Harvey, Kirby and Mayor Newman voted aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Chastain to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the called session and approve them as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock and upon call of the roll Aldermen Alsbrook, Brock, Chastain, Harvey, Kirby and Mayor Newman voted aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

#### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors expressed a desire to address the Board.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Brock to approve a request from Cassell Galligan-Davis, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Center, for the use of the Court Square Grassy Lot to show their support for child abuse victims by painting the Grassy Lot blue with blue pinwheels. Each pinwheel represents a child abuse victim. The Evening Exchange Club will also create their Field of Flags display which is also representative of Child Abuse Prevention. The displays will be from April 18th to April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Chastain and upon call of the roll Aldermen Alsbrook, Brock, Chastain, Harvey, Kirby and Mayor Newman voted aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

#### PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mr. Chastain to approve Mayor Newman's reappointment of Sam Martin, Jr. to another 4 years term on the Board of Public Utilities. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harvey and upon call of the roll Aldermen Alsbrook, Brock, Chastain, Harvey, Kirby and Mayor Newman voted aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2105, a resolution to authorize the City of McMinnville, Tennessee to accept the State Wide Contract # 209-64470 bid from Ford of Murfreesboro for two (2) F-250 Super Cab 4x4 in the total amount of \$55,354.00 for the City of McMinnville Public Works

Department; to authorize the City Administrator of the City of McMinnville 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.

Due to the unknown amount of revenue that will be lost due to COVID-19 motion was made by Mr. Brock to table Resolution No. 2105 and consider the purchase at a later date. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chastain and upon call of the roll Aldermen Alsbrook, Brock, Chastain, Harvey, Kirby and Mayor Newman voted aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

#### ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1795, an ordinance of the City of McMinnville, Tennessee, to change the zoning classification of a property located on Yager Road, Map 050J, Group A, Parcel 005.01, from R-1 Low Density Residential District to R-2 Medium Density Residential; and to express the time for this ordinance to become effective was introduced for second and final.

Motion was made by Mr. Chastain to pass Ordinance No. 1795 on second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock and upon call of the roll Aldermen Alsbrook, Brock, Chastain, Harvey, Kirby and Mayor Newman voted aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 1796, an ordinance of the City of McMinnville, Tennessee, to change the zoning classification of a property located on Yager Road, Map 050J, Group A, Parcel 005.02, from R-1 Low Density Residential District to R-2 Medium Density Residential; and to express the time for this ordinance to become effective was introduced for second and final reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Brock to pass Ordinance No. 1796 on second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chastain and upon call of the roll Aldermen Alsbrook, Brock, Chastain, Harvey, Kirby and Mayor Newman voted aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Scott McCord, Parks and Recreation Director, reported his employees had been busy working on the pool, the ballfields, mowing and picking up trash at the parks.

Police Chief Bryan Denton reported they had changed their shifts around to better protect their officers from COVID-19.

Public Works Director Frank Southard reported they were continuing to pick up garbage and brush from the weekend storms.

Ricky Morton reported everything was going good at the Water and Sewer Department.

Mayor Newman stated they needed to let customers know that the city was not cutting off services for non-payment of water bills at this time, but the bills will have to be paid. They will not be reduced or forgiven. Arrangements can be made to make payments if needed, but bills will still have to be paid.

Administrator Ming showed the board a map of West Elementary School's layout of their new fence. In order to keep off their pavement, the base for the gate pole will extend a little onto the City's property. He stated he did not see a problem with this because it would not interfere with anything. Mayor Newman stated he saw no problem with it either.

Mr. Ming stated he would check to see if the city would still have access to the fenced-in area during ball season for parking.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Newman stated he was still waiting to replace the time capsule in the wall at City Hall. The contractor should be here this week or next week to replace the stone and finish the repairs.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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City Recorder

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Mayor