

REGULAR SESSION

May 12, 2020

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of McMinnville, Tennessee, met in regular session May 12, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Park Theater, 115 W. Main Street, and via Zoom teleconference in order to protect public health, safety, and welfare and to comply with social distancing guidelines. A live stream of the meeting was available via the City of McMinnville Facebook page and a recorded video was posted within 48 hours.

Present were: Mayor Ben Newman, Vice Mayor Ryle Chastain, Aldermen Kate Alsbrook, Everett Brock, Steve Harvey, Rachel Kirby, 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 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 April 28, 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 Brent Keaton, via Zoom, representing the Project Graduation Team. Mr. Keaton stated they would like to hold a parade to honor the 2020 senior graduating class of Warren County High School. They wanted to use the same route as the Christmas Parade with the graduates lining up at the Civic Center, go through downtown and ending the parade at the Farmers Market on June 13, 2020. This is the day after the graduation ceremony.

The Board discussed with Mr. Keaton their concerns regarding, if approved, how to maintain and make sure the Governor's COVID-19 Executive Orders are followed relative to large gatherings, social distancing, etc.

Following discussion motion was made by Mr. Brock to approve Mr. Keaton's request to have a parade of the 2020 graduating seniors, on June 13th, starting at 2:00 pm, but to change the route to start at Warren County High School, proceed to Morrison Street to Main Street and end it at Beersheba Towers, making sure nothing is in conflict with Governor Lee's Executive Orders that will be in place at that time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chastain and carried.

Mayor Newman stated they would review this at every regular meeting between now and June 13th to see if anything has changed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Neal to approve a request from Amanda Sain, Activity Director, NHC Healthcare, for permission from the City, and assistance from the McMinnville Police Department, to hold a mini-parade for the patients at NHC on Friday, May 15th.

Due to COVID-19 they are unable to hold their annual celebration of National Nursing Home Week for the patients and still are restricting visitors to the center.

The parade would start at the Lowe's parking lot, to Smithville Highway with a right turn on Highway 55. At the next red light, the route takes a right turn on to Old Smithville Road, then immediately right into Arms Apartments driveways.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Chastain and carried.

PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Brock, Finance Committee Chairman, stated he wanted to start the budget process. He would like to have the committee meetings at the Park Theater. Mr. Ming stated he could have a draft budget to the Board next week.

Parks and Recreation Director, Scott McCord, stated the next Board meeting is scheduled for May 26th three days after the pool was scheduled to open. Does the Board have any recommendations about opening the pool? The pool is clean and ready to open but they do not have enough lifeguards to be able to open, they will have to double their staff to meet the COVID-19 guidelines. All state parks have closed their pools for the season, Shelbyville is not opening

their pool, Manchester is only considering opening their indoor pool and not opening their outdoor pool.

Following discussion, in order to keep their options open to be able to open the pool at a later date, motion was made by Mr. Neal to review this at every meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chastain and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

RESOLUTIONS.

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Public Works Director, Frank Southard, announced the new garbage truck had been delivered. They are still behind on brush pickup due to recent storms but are running the brush truck with two dump trucks in order to try to speed up the process.

Scott McCord, Parks and Recreation Director, announced they have opened up the facilities at the Mall but are limiting the number of people coming in, limiting the number of participants in the classes, taking everyone's temperature, constantly cleaning, and taking appointments for people using the weight room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

City Recorder

Mayor