

REGULAR SESSION

September 10, 2019

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of McMinnville, Tennessee, met in regular session at the McMinnville-Warren County Chamber of Commerce Community Room, South Court Square, Tuesday, September 10, 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: City Administrator Nolan Ming; 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.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mayor Newman stated that written copies of the minutes of the regular session of August 27, 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

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

Mr. Brock reported the City has received the deed for the Clark Property located on Beersheba Street. The property is covered in Kudzu that needs to be eradicated. Dr. Wally Bigbee has stated he is willing to help financially if the City hires someone do this.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Newman stated TDOT is willing to design and install bike lanes on Morrison Street from the Westwood Bridge to the city limits by the high school if the City notifies them that the City wants a bike lane. TDOT just needs a sketch to show if we want a lane on one side of the roadway or both sides. There would be no cost to the City.

Following discussion motion was made by Mr. Chastain to ask TDOT to put in a bike lane when they do the restriping of Morrison Street from the start of Highway 286 in town to where the city limits ends near the high school with as much bike lane as possible on both sides of the highway without losing the center turn lane. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harvey and carried.

Community Development will provide the sketch and Katie Kemezis, Main Street Director, will coordinate everything with TDOT.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2084, a resolution to request members of the Legislative Delegation to the General Assembly to co-sponsor and support a joint resolution to restore the Emergency Communications Service Charge (“9-1-1 Fee”) to the monthly rate of \$1.50; and to express the time when the resolution becomes effective was introduced for adoption.

Motion was made by Mr. Chastain to adopt Resolution No. 2084. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock and upon call of the roll Aldermen Alsbrook, Brock, Chastain, Harvey, Kirby, Neal and Mayor Newman voted aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1789, an ordinance to establish a four-way stop at the intersection of Westwood 4th Avenue and Boyd Avenue as shown on the attachment marked Exhibit “A”, which is made a part of the ordinance by reference; to place the responsibility for the erection of stop signs on the McMinnville Public Works Department; to set the fine for violation; and to set the time for the ordinance to become effective was introduced for second and final reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Chastain to pass Ordinance No. 1789 on second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock 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

Scott McCord, Parks and Recreation Director, reported the Triathlon that was held this past weekend went very well. They had 87 participants this year.

The Public Works Department employees are finishing up the roofs on the three bathrooms at the parks and the Water Department employees are working on the water.

Mr. Ming reported work at the Civic Center is going well and he is still trying to get more information on the elevator.

Mr. Neal had a question for Mr. Ming. He stated that last week we had a termination of an employee. He said he had a text message from Mr. Ming in July that before he took that action, he would contact him. Did you do that? Mr. Ming said no. Mr. Neal asked why not. He said if he could not depend on him to do what he tells him he will do, how can he depend on him for thing else.

Mr. Neal stated this whole situation had really perturbed him and he had lost total confidence in his ability to do his job and build cohesiveness within our departments. He wanted Mr. Ming to know that.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Newman announced that UCHRA is now providing a bus route six days a week in the City of McMinnville. They have two buses that will stop at nine destinations every hour. Cost to ride is \$1.00 per ride or \$0.50 if you are disabled or over 60. The signs on the buses say "Go Upper Cumberland". There are maps showing the routes and time of their designated stops. This will be a great service for our citizens.

Mayor Newman reminded everyone that Wednesday would be the 18th anniversary of 911.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

City Recorder

Mayor