

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
JANUARY 12, 2021

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee, met in an open, public session at the regular meeting place of said Board in the Municipal Building of said City at 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2021. Mayor Michael Whisenant was present and presiding. The following named Aldermen were present:

Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, Danny Bryant, Donna Hartman via ZOOM electronic application, Roger Martinez and Dorothy Small

Also, present were Scott Collins, City Administrator and Johnny D. Hill, Jr., City Attorney.

The prayer was led by Dorothy Small, and the pledge was led by Mayor Whisenant.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

The agenda for January 12, 2021 will stand.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Regular Meeting minutes of December 8, 2020 were approved as presented.

**Reports:**

**Fayetteville Public Utilities:**

Britt Dye, CEO/General Manager of Fayetteville Public Utilities (FPU), reported that the water utility has repaired several leaks since the weather conditions have been changing back and forth from warm to extreme cold. Work continues in Giles Hollow where the line size was increased in order to accommodate new customers, and two (2) new services have been connected there. Lisco is in the process of completing the gas survey, and the meter change program continues. In the telecom division, one hundred eighteen (118) new services have been connected since the new fiber backbone installation in the county's rural areas began. There have also been sixty-seven (67) service upgrades. We continue to build fiber infrastructure in the southwest part of the county. In the Electric Department, twenty-two (22) new electric services were added in the month of December 2020, twenty-three (23) poles were changed out and we received two hundred sixty-five (265) Tennessee One Call notifications. In addition to this, primary and secondary jobs continue to come in at a high rate. The FPU lobbies are closed at this time due to COVID-19 and crews are working alternate schedules in order to keep a minimum number of employees in the office at the same time. Lastly, in the legislature, the Senate confirmed Beth Harwell and Brian Noland to the TVA Board of Directors and additional monies were approved to expand broadband to underserved rural areas.

**Fire Report:**

City Administrator Scott Collins presented the fire report. In the month of December 2020, we responded to one (1) structure fire, seven (7) medical Emergency Medical Services (EMS) assists, four (4) motor vehicle accidents with injury, twenty (20) EMS assists excluding vehicle accidents and seven (7) false alarms. In addition to this, the Fayetteville Fire Department had two (2) situations that happened simultaneously when there was a structure fire in one area of town where they were able to contain the fire to two (2) rooms. At the same time, they had a report of a serious gas leak in one of our multi-level hotels in the City. The Department responded to the two (2) calls at the same time, while maintaining their professionalism and high quality of service.

**Police Report:**

Chief Richard Howell reported that during the month of December 2020, there were eighty-two (82) reportable incidents to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), twenty-one (21) arrests, and seventeen (17) traffic citations were issued with a total police activity of one thousand, one hundred one (1,101). The Health Department will be administering vaccinations tomorrow. In order to receive the vaccine, you must have an appointment.

### **Finance Report:**

Stacy Rozell, Finance Director, reported the November 2020 Local Option Sales Tax received was two hundred thirty-four thousand, five hundred seventy-four dollars and fourteen cents (\$234,574.14). The total received this fiscal year is one million, one hundred eighty-one thousand, seven hundred forty-four dollars and seventy-three cents (\$1,181,744.73). This is 46.34% of our budgeted amount with only five (5) months of revenues recorded. We received the S&P rating report, stating the City retains its AA- rating. A large portion in the determination of this rating is based on the uncertainty of the economy due to COVID. One weak point that was noted is our per capita as it relates to national levels. Some of the positive factors noted were our good policies and practices, strong budget flexibility, strong liquidity, and low overall debt. The refunding portion of the bond debt is scheduled to go to market on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, with the new money portion following fifteen (15) days later; therefore, we are likely to have funds available by the end of January, 2021.

### **Recreation Report:**

Chris Mitchell, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that baseball, softball and soccer sign-ups will begin on January 19, 2021. The Early Bird sign-ups will go through February 5<sup>th</sup> for a cost of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per person. After that time, registrations will continue until February 22<sup>nd</sup> at a cost of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) per person. Beginning February 1, 2021, the Recreation Center will be closed on Sundays. Any Sunday events already scheduled will be honored. Any future Sunday reservations of the Center must be made at least two (2) weeks in advance. Anyone seeking to receive a weekend pass to the gun range can purchase the pass on Friday for a cost of five dollars (\$5.00). They must then return the key on the following Monday. We are currently obtaining prices for LED lighting at Kids Park and Stone Bridge Park to update current fixtures. Maintenance workers continue to remove lights at the Park from the Christmas events, then will begin working on assembling new equipment for the Dog Park. We will begin taking applications for our seasonal workers, such as lifeguards and concession stand workers. FPU was contacted for their assistance in working with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) on possibly getting new lights at the ball fields.

### **Public Works Report:**

Eddie Plunkett, Public Works Director, reported that eighty-six (86) tons of leaves, two hundred ninety-two (292) tons of trash and eighty-five (85) tons of brush were collected in the month of December 2020. The Public Works Department will be closed on January 18, 2021 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

### **Planning and Codes Report:**

Kristi Gentry, Planning and Codes Coordinator, reported that ten (10) permits were issued and eight hundred forty-five dollars (\$845.00) in permit fees were collected for the month of December 2020. The total project valuation was one hundred sixty thousand, five hundred thirty-three dollars (\$160,533.00). In the year 2020, one hundred sixty-four (164) permits were issued, which is slightly more than in the year 2019, and more than eight hundred fifty (850) property maintenance violations were logged in 2020. We have already sent out approximately twenty (20) violation notices in 2021, and are focusing our attention toward habitual offenders and scheduling court cases during the off season. Five (5) hearings were set in December regarding burned-out houses. One of these homes has subsequently been demolished on Oak Street, and timelines were placed on the remaining four (4). We have contacted South Central regarding the Home Grant for 2021 and will submit our application as soon as Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocates funding for these grants. The Planning Commission continues to work on the Subdivision Regulations update and hopes to call for a public hearing at their January 2021 meeting, in which the hearing would be held in February. We received our new downtown maps and visitors guide as a part of the Branding Initiative project. We will begin delivering them to local merchants, hotels, local distilleries, and restaurants for their distribution later this week. Steve Chandler of Chandler Thinks plans to attend the February 2021 Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting to give an update and provide items for consideration at the upcoming Strategic Planning session. We did renew our original billboard on Interstate 65 for another year.

### **Administrator's Report:**

Scott Collins, City Administrator, stated bids are being advertised on the City of Fayetteville website and other venues for the LPRF soccer complex and are scheduled to be opened on January 28, 2021. The results will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee on February 4, 2021. On the William D. Jones project, we received notification from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) that we should be ready to go on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, as all of the comments between TDOT and the engineers have been completed. Today we issued a request for Statement of Qualifications for the Downtown Square Sidewalks Project 2021 which is to be funded from money received from the bond issue. Some of the criteria listed is to have the ability to work well with our local utilities (Fayetteville Public Utilities) and be able to educate the public on the process and procedures necessary to complete the project. On Phase 2 of the Greenway, TDOT received the required information prior to Christmas. This is a priority at TDOT but is moving a little slower than expected. Plans are to bid this project in the Spring of 2021.

**Consideration of Knuckle Boom truck replacement:**

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Dorothy Small, to purchase a knuckleboom truck with a one-time payment in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty-two thousand, eight hundred thirty-one dollars and thirty-one cents (\$152,831.31). Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

Danny Bryant, Tonya Allen, Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, Donna Hartman and Roger Martinez

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**FPU Resolution DWF 2021-230 / COF Resolution 2021-02:**

Resolution DWF 2021-230 authorizing the City of Fayetteville Resolution 2021-02 entitled “A Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Financing of the Construction of a Water Facilities Project, Including Authorizing, the Execution of Applications, Contractual Agreements, and Other Necessary Documents, and Making Certain Representations, Certifications, and Pledges of Certain Revenue in Connection with Such Financing” was considered. Said Resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Jeff Alder, seconded by Roger Martinez, to approve FPU Resolution DWF 2021-230 / COF Resolution 2021-02 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

Tonya Allen, Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, Donna Hartman, Roger Martinez and Danny Bryant

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Comp Time Recommendation:**

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Tonya Allen, to pay out comp time that exceeds the allowed forty-eight (48) hours in the amount of nineteen thousand, three hundred sixty-seven dollars and ninety-four cents (\$19,367.94). Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, Roger Martinez, Danny Bryant and Tonya Allen

Nay:

Donna Hartman

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Emergency Expenditure – plumbing repair \$1,040.00:**

Motion was made by Tonya Allen, seconded by Roger Martinez, to approve the emergency expenditure for plumbing repairs in the amount of one thousand, forty dollars (\$1,040.00). Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

Jeff Alder, Donna Hartman, Roger Martinez, Danny Bryant, Tonya Allen and Dorothy Small

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Consideration of increasing Municipal Judge salary:**

Motion was made by Roger Martinez, seconded by Jeff Alder to increase the salary for Municipal Judge Rhea Thompson from six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per month to seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) per month. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

Donna Hartman, Roger Martinez, Danny Bryant, Tonya Allen, Dorothy Small and Jeff Alder

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**ADA Transition Plan Resolution 2021-01:**

Resolution 2021-01 entitled "A Resolution to Adopt the Fayetteville ADA Transition Plan" was considered. Said Resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Dorothy Small to approve Resolution 2021-01 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

Roger Martinez, Danny Bryant, Tonya Allen, Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, and Donna Hartman

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Resolution 2021-03 naming HR Coordinator ADA Coordinator:**

Resolution 2021-03 entitled "A Resolution Adopting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ADA Coordinator and Procedures" was considered. Said Resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Jeff Alder, seconded by Tonya Allen to approve Resolution 2021-03 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

Danny Bryant, Tonya Allen, Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, Donna Hartman, and Roger Martinez

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Airport Authority Board appointment:**

Motion was made by Dorothy Small, seconded by Roger Martinez to appoint Reece Howell to the Airport Authority Board to serve the remainder of Ron Mahal's term. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

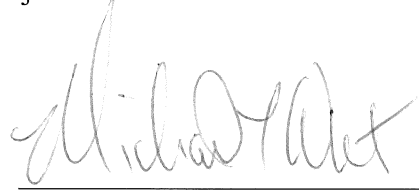
Tonya Allen, Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, Donna Hartman, Roger Martinez, and Danny Bryant

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

There being no more business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.



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Mayor



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City Clerk