

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
AUGUST 8, 2023

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 August 8, 2023. Mayor Donna Hartman was present and presiding. The following named Aldermen were present:

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

Kevin Owens, City Administrator, and Johnny D. Hill, Jr., City Attorney were also present.

The prayer was led by Minister Steve Miller of West End Church of Christ, and the pledge was led by Ralph Askins 5th grade students and Student Ambassadors Jillian Jones and Killiana Holden.

Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda for August 8, 2023 will stand.

Approval of Minutes:

The Regular Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2023 were approved as presented.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Reports:

Fayetteville/Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce:

Carolyn Denton, Fayetteville/Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce Director, reported that the following were nominated by the Chamber Committee and elected by the membership to serve on the Chamber Board beginning in October 2023: Jessica Buckley of Buckley Farms, Britt Dye of Fayetteville Public Utilities, Dreanne Newton of Holt Enterprises, Sunny Nix of First National Bank, and Chris Ross of Higgins Funeral Home. The last concert of the Music in the Park for 2023 is scheduled for Thursday, August 17th beginning at 6:30 p.m. with Midnight Jane performing. A mixer was recently held to celebrate Higgins Funeral Home's one hundred twenty (120) years in business. Recent ribbon cuttings include the one (1) year celebration of Huntsville Hospital Lincoln Health facilities, The Local Co., and Bogart's Cigar Lounge. The Chamber is looking forward to working with the next student advisory board which consists of students from Fayetteville City Schools, Lincoln County Schools, Riverside Christian Academy and those that are home schooled. The annual Host of Christmas Past event is scheduled for November 10-11, 2023. Ms. Denton expressed her appreciation to all the sponsors of the event. Vendor and event forms are available online at hostofchristmaspast.com.

Fayetteville Main Street:

Aimee Byrd, Fayetteville Main Street Director, stated that Main Street has raised an additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in membership fees. "Love Thy Neighbor" mixers began in May 2023 and are hosted by local businesses. There is one (1) each month. The next mixer is scheduled for August 24th at Java Road from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There are two (2) more "First Saturday's" events scheduled for 2023. They have been very successful this year with more than fifty (50) vendors participating in each event. Main Street has received the Tennessee Placemakers grant and will be receiving the Launch Tennessee grant as well. The Main Street office is currently being remodeled into a co-workspace with five (5) micro offices to rent out. A Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) grant in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) will help to pay for the needed furniture and technology for the space. The goal is to have this office open by October 2023. Main Street is working with the South Central Development District to apply for the Downtown Improvement grant, otherwise known as the façade grant. If awarded this three hundred thousand dollar (\$300,000) grant, a portion of the proceeds will go towards a public project with the remainder being applied to downtown business property owners' store fronts. The grant winner will be announced by the end of September. Stephanie Eady

Britt has been named the new Main Street President. Spirits with the Spirits event is scheduled for October 21st. This is in conjunction with the Rose Hill cemetery stroll.

Fire Report:

Chief Tony Kimbrough reported that the Fayetteville Fire Department responded to one hundred twenty (120) calls for service in the month of July 2023 to include three (3) fire calls, one hundred (100) EMS assists, and five (5) accidents with injuries.

Police Report:

Chief Barry Pendergraft reported that the Fayetteville Police Department responded to one thousand, one hundred nine (1,109) events in the month of July 2023 to include thirty-two (32) traffic accidents with six (6) injuries, made fifty-seven (57) arrests and issued fifty-five (55) citations. The School Resource Officer (SRO) grant has been submitted. The department is in the contract phase of acquiring body cameras and are beginning qualifications with the new pistols.

Finance Report:

Kevin Owens, City Administrator, reported that for Local Option Sales Tax, this month we received three hundred nineteen thousand, eight hundred fifty-two dollars and thirty cents (\$319,852.30). We have received three million, six hundred fifty-five thousand, seven hundred six dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$3,655,706.57) this fiscal year. For the Occupancy Tax, this month we received twenty one thousand, nine hundred forty-three dollars and ninety-three cents (\$21,943.93). We have received two hundred six thousand, eight hundred dollars and eighty-four cents (\$206,800.84) this fiscal year. We have had the initial visits from our auditors and are working to complete the year-end.

Recreation Report:

Brian Carter, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that the work at the parking lot adjacent to the soccer field has been completed. The drainage pipe is scheduled to be installed at Don Davidson Park after the softball season ends. Kids Park is open, and the Recreation Department staff continues to monitor the equipment daily. Pool admissions and concessions sales for the 2023 season totaled nineteen thousand, two hundred fifty-one dollars and fifty cents (\$19,251.50). The pool closed on July 29th but will remain open for scheduled parties on the weekends throughout the month of August. July was Parks and Recreation month, and all scheduled events went well. We are seeking to apply for the BlueCross BlueShield Healthy Places grant. This grant is one hundred percent (100%) funded by BlueCross BlueShield with the application deadline of August 31, 2023. The award date for the grant will be in the January-February, 2024 timeframe.

Public Works Report:

Eddie Plunkett, Public Works Director, reported that two hundred sixty (260) tons of trash and one hundred eighty-eight (188) tons of brush were collected for the month of July. The Public Works Department currently has three (3) open positions.

Planning and Codes Report:

Kristi Gentry, Planning and Codes Director, reported that thirteen (13) permits were issued and one thousand, two hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$1,288.00) in permit fees were collected for the month of July 2023. The total project valuation was three hundred forty-two thousand, seven hundred forty-seven dollars (\$342,747.00). Four (4) new commercial businesses and one (1) residential property received their Certificates of Occupancy in July. Seventy-three (73) property maintenance violations were written in the month of July. The court hearing for property located at 210 Lynn Drive was continued until August 31, 2023. Planning and Codes Department employees meet with the property owner weekly to ensure that improvements are being made prior to the next court date. Condemnation hearings were held on July 26, 2023 for five properties at which time the owners expressed their intentions for each property. The owners have four (4) to six (6) weeks to show visible progress. At the July Planning Commission meeting, Mrs. Rovenia Wade attended her last meeting and was recognized as having served on the Commission for a period of twenty-one (21) years, many of those as Chairman. The CGI videos are complete and will be placed on the City's website soon for public viewing.

City Administrator's Report:

Kevin Owens, City Administrator, provided his monthly report to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Monica Sumners has moved into the Human Resources role, therefore helping to facilitate the posting, interviewing and hiring processes for vacant positions. Currently some of the open positions are Office Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Director, and Finance Director. We received formal notification last week

that the Humane Society of Lincoln County no longer desires to perform animal control services effective October 1, 2023. We are actively soliciting bids for these services. We are also looking at other options if needed. The downtown sidewalk project bid was received in the amount of two million, six hundred thirty-seven thousand, one hundred ten dollars (\$2,637,110). Croy Engineering is currently negotiating with the sole bidder for possible variances or options for an alternative scope of work. We have received notification that Camp Blount will be receiving an additional five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) which will flow through the City like the prior Governor's appropriation did.

Contribution to Main Street's Downtown Improvement grant (\$23,698):

Main Street's Downtown Improvement grant totals three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000). The grant portion is two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) or seventy-five percent (75%), and the match is seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) or twenty-five percent (25%). The City's portion of the grant match is twenty-three thousand, six hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$23,698). Motion was made by Jacob Painter, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve the City's portion of the grant funding in the amount of twenty-three thousand, six hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$23,698) to come from grant funds. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Annual agreement for concrete and minor bridge work for FY24:

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve the annual concrete and minor bridge work contract be awarded to Curbers, Inc. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Build box culvert on William D. Jones Blvd. (est. \$100,000 from bond funds):

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Dorothy Small, to approve the construction of a box culvert on William D. Jones Blvd. for an estimated cost of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

William D. Jones STBG project additional work (est. \$50,000 from bond funds):

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Jacob Painter, to approve additional work to include additional base reinforcement and painting the stripes on the William D. Jones STBG project in an amount estimated at fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Wells Hill Road donation:

Motion was made by Jacob Painter, seconded by Roger Martinez, to approve the donation of the north entrance of Wells Hill Road to the Catholic Church. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Jacob Painter, Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, Danny Bryant and Roger Martinez

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Resolution R-2023-15 Request to apply for BlueCross BlueShield grant:

Resolution R-2023-15, a resolution entitled “A Resolution Authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Fayetteville to Apply for Blue Cross Health Please Program Grant” was considered. Said resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Jacob Painter, seconded by Tonya Allen, to approve Resolution R-2023-15 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Dorothy Small, Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, Danny Bryant, Roger Martinez, and Jacob Painter

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Resolution R-2023-16 Add Assistant City Clerk to bank accounts:

Resolution R-2023-16, a resolution entitled “A Resolution Authorizing the Assistant City Clerk to Sign Checks, Drafts or Withdrawals Made From Official Depositories of City Funds” was considered. Said resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Tonya Allen, seconded by Roger Martinez, to approve Resolution R-2023-16 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:
Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, Danny Bryant, Roger Martinez, Jacob Painter, and Dorothy Small

Nay:
None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Ordinance 2023-11 COF FY24 Budget Amendment #1:

Ordinance 2023-11, an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance of the City of Fayetteville, Amending the Annual Budget and Capital Program for Fiscal Year 2024” was considered. Said ordinance is as follows:

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Roger Martinez, to approve Ordinance 2023-11 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

FPU electric charging station(s) – College Street West COF parking lot:

Fayetteville Public Utilities has received a one hundred percent (100%) grant for the installation of electric charging stations and has requested that the City of Fayetteville allow four (4) parking spaces in the City’s lot on College Street West be used for this purpose. There will be no cost to the City, and the electric charging stations will be ADA compliant. Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Roger Martinez, to allow the use of four (4) parking spaces as described above. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Hartman declared the motion approved.

Library Board appointment – Jensen Knott (Term to expire 6/30/26):

Motion was made by Jacob Painter to approve the appointment of Jensen Knott to the Library Board.

Mayor Hartman declared the motion failed due to the lack of a second.

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



City Clerk



Mayor Donna Hartman