

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
NOVEMBER 12, 2019

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 November 12, 2019. Mayor Michael Whisenant was present and presiding. The following named Aldermen were present:

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

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

Mayor Whisenant opened the meeting by welcoming all of the guests. The prayer was led by Danny Bryant, and the pledge was led by Mayor Whisenant.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

The agenda for November 12, 2019 will stand.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Regular Meeting minutes of October 8, 2019 were approved as presented.

**Reports:**

**Fayetteville/Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce:**

Carolyn Denton, Chamber Director, reported that the Host of Christmas Past event was a huge success noting the great weather for the occasion. Members of the oversight committee were Lauren Honea, Kristi Gentry, Donna Gill and Jennifer Swindall. Other committees were as follows: Oversight, Donna Gill; Sponsorships, Jennifer Swindall; Vendors, Donna Hartman; Music on the Bandstand, Sandra Arnold; Public Safety, Coby Templeton; Cemetery Stroll, Phyllis Hicklin and Kaitlyn Allen; Luminaries, Dan Owen; and the emcee for the weekend was Dean Bevels. Ms. Denton also thanked the Recreation Department, Fire Department and Police Department for their assistance. Also, this year's Chamber banquet honored Representative Pat Marsh as the individual member, the Fabulous 50's show as the non-profit organization, and Marvin's Family Restaurant as the for-profit organization. December 12, 2019 has been designated as Local Government Day. The Chamber's Student Advisory Board has toured the Lincoln County jail and C&S Plastics. Next week they will tour the water treatment plant. December 6, 2019 is the deadline to sign up to be a mentor for Tennessee Promise, as 8 mentors are still needed at this time.

**Fayetteville Main Street:**

Lauren Honea, Main Street Director, stated that the 2019-2020 teen board had been selected with 8 members. The First Friday events exceeded expectations this year. The Host of Christmas Past was great; from the tree lighting on Friday through the food truck event on Sunday. Main Street sponsored High Tea this year at Fayetteville's First Baptist Church. Mrs. Honea thanked board member Deborah Sowder and the church for their assistance with this event. Also during the Host were Photos with Santa at Studio 419. A Masquerade fundraiser is planned for January 18, 2020 at the Magnolia Mall with dueling pianos scheduled as the entertainment. The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Slawburger event will be on April 18, 2020.

**Fayetteville City Schools:**

Dr. Janine Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, brought representatives from each school, as well as the Fayetteville High School undefeated football team, to the meeting. Nora Kate Sumners from Ralph Askins School announced their Fall Blast to occur on November 14, 2019 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Their annual chili and hot dog supper will be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. that evening as well. Superintendent Days is also on November 14<sup>th</sup>. There is a Refined and Social Men's Group for 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys that emphasizes manners, etiquette, and life skills. There is a Grammar Girls Group for 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls that also focuses on manners and etiquette. Ralph Askins will be hosting family members next Tuesday and Wednesday for a Thanksgiving lunch with students. Vincent Ruhlander from Fayetteville Middle School reported that the Beta

Club went to Pigeon Forge in September to compete in Rapid Response. This team won that competition. They also won in the Lead Outside of the Box competition. The participants received a plaque for being a leadership school. Vincent was 1 of 3 selected as a leadership representative. This team has qualified to go to Texas for the national competition. Erin Bradford and Will Ellis, co-presidents of the Fayetteville High School Beta Club, said club members have done many things this school year to help their club and the community, such as participating in "The Son is Always Present" silent reflection walk, watching children at Ralph Askins School during PTO meetings, providing breakfast to honor the custodians and bus drivers, and donating candy to Juniors House. The Club plans to help with Ralph Askins' Fall Blast event and also to collect food items for the annual Thanksgiving bags to help families in need. The week prior to Thanksgiving several members will go to the Opryland Hotel for the BETA State Convention. Dr. Wilson stated that she is pleased that the youth can share her report. She expressed her appreciation to John Hill for all he has done for the school over the last weeks.

#### **Fire Department:**

Fire Captain Jeff Smartt presented the fire report. There were 109 calls for service in the month of October, 2019 with a 3.04 minute response time. Also during the month were 459 man hours of training logged, and two public education events involving approximately 35 persons. Captain Smartt stated that he and Captain Tony Kimbrough passed the Fire Investigator training and both completed the Company Officer Academy. Captain Kimbrough also passed Pumper Operator training. Engineer Brandon Gentry passed the Fire Instructor I class. Captain Smartt stated that in the year 2018, the Fire Department responded to 1,044 calls for service. From January 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019, the department has already responded to 1,095 calls.

#### **Police Report:**

Police Chief Richard Howell reported that the Police Department had 104 reportable incidents to TBI, 42 arrests, issued 31 citations, with total activity of 1,018 events.

#### **Finance:**

Finance Director Stacy Rozell stated that all City property owners should have received their 2019 tax bill. Also, the Tennessee Code Annotated requires that every city has either a Certified Municipal Finance Officer or Certified Public Accountant equivalent or designee. Mrs. Rozell announced that as of October 30, 2019, she has completed the CMFO training and certification process, therefore the City will remain in compliance with the TCA.

#### **Recreation Report:**

Chris Mitchell, Recreation Director, commented that the annual Halloween Happenings and Trunk or Treat event was a big success. The new Haunted Trails proved to be a great addition, but rain interrupted the scheduled week, therefore necessitating the event be postponed to the following weekend. Electrical work at Stone Bridge Park is completed adding power outlets around the stage area. We will start putting up the Christmas lights at the park next week. We will also begin to winterize park bathrooms that are not used a lot. There will be a CPR class offered at the Recreation Center on November 16, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Bright Lights and Festive Nights kick off ceremony will be on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Stone Bridge Park. And lastly, the annual Christmas Parade will be at 5:00 p.m. on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Public Works:**

Eddie Plunkett, Public Works Director, reported that 249 tons of trash and 223 tons of yard waste were collected for the month of October. The Public Works Department will be closed on November 28-29, 2019. The garbage normally collected on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> will be picked up on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Plunkett asked that residents put out their garbage carts the night before their scheduled pickup. In the event there is bad weather, the pickup may be delayed until later in the morning.

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

Kristi Gentry, Planning and Codes Coordinator, reported that 16 permits were issued and \$4,677.32 in permit fees were collected for the month of October. The total project evaluation was \$1,396,961.42. There are several new construction projects on Huntsville Highway; Ricks Barbeque and Speedway are moving along. Also McDonald's Restaurant will be doing a full remodel in the next couple of months. More than 850 violations have been logged to date with great cooperation in correcting those. The main areas of focus for the winter months will be blighted buildings and inoperative vehicles. Mrs. Gentry then commented on the status of the Downtown Master Plan. The Walker Collaborative is currently drafting the Master Plan document, then they will forward to us for our review and critique in January 2020, with hopes to complete the project by March 2020.

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

Scott Collins, City Administrator, congratulated Finance Director Stacy Rozell for her completion as a Certified Municipal Finance Officer, stating she excelled at it. The City has received news

from Goodman that the deed for the soccer fields is en route to us. We will be making plans for a deed presentation ceremony so we can properly convey our thanks to Goodman for this very generous gift. Phase I of the Greenway is continuing to move on despite the weather, as it was slowed a week due to water released from Tims Ford dam which delayed construction of the bridge foundation. They have since been able to construct the forms and place the rebar in hopes to pour the concrete by the end of the week. We received notice to proceed with Phase II of the Greenway, even though the deed on the State easement has not been recorded. Our hope is to be ready to go to bid within a week or two. The bids for Camp Blount Phase I development came in over budget, so we are working with our engineers and others in an effort to rebid this project. We have a very important meeting scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> with the Deputy Commissioner of TDOT and Chief Engineer Paul Degges for the William D. Jones project. This has been a thirteen year project. The bid received is in excess of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) above available funding on this project.

**Fayetteville City Schools Budget Amendment-FY 2020 (Food Service):**

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Dorothy Small, to approve the Fayetteville City School System Budget Amendment #1 School Food Service in the amount of ninety thousand, five hundred dollars (\$90,500.00). This budget amendment provides for freezer door replacement and tilt skillet braising pan at the Fayetteville High School cafeteria, as well as the installation of cafeteria equipment at Askins Elementary. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Resolution F-19-12:**

Resolution R-19-12, a resolution entitled, “A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$3,120,000 in Aggregate Principal Amount of Electric System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2019 of the City of Fayetteville, Tennessee; making Provision for the Issuance, Sale and Payment of Said Bonds; Establishing the Terms Thereof and the Disposition of Proceeds Therefrom: Providing for the Collection and Disposition of Revenues from the Electric System of the City of Fayetteville, Tennessee; and making Provision for the Operation of Said System”. Said resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Jeff Alder, seconded by Rachel Martinez, to approve Resolution R-19-12 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**ADA Transition Plan – Increase Funding up to \$16,000:**

Motion was made by Donna Hartman, seconded by Tonya Allen, to approve an additional amount up to sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00) for the evaluation of additional sidewalks not in the original estimate provided by CT Consultants. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Carriage House Host permit 11/09/19:**

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve ex post facto the permit for the Carriage House Host event. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**City of Fayetteville Christmas Parade permit 12/07/19:**

Motion was made by Dorothy Small, seconded by Danny Bryant, to approve the permit for the City of Fayetteville Christmas Parade on December 7, 2019. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Silent Reflection Walk permit 09/27/20 – 5:30 p.m.:**

Motion was made by Tonya Allen, seconded by Rachel Martinez, to approve the permit for the Silent Reflection Walk on September 27, 2020. Said Walk is to begin at 5:30 p.m. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Resolution R-19-13: Fayetteville High School Tigers Football Team:**

Resolution R-19-13, a resolution entitled “A Resolution Honoring the 2019 Fayetteville High School Tigers Football Team and Coaches” was considered. Said resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Rachel Martinez, to approve Resolution F-19-13 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

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



City Clerk



Mayor