

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
APRIL 14, 2020

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee, met for the regular monthly Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting at 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2020. Mayor Michael Whisenant was present and presiding at the regular meeting place of said Board in the Municipal Building of said City. Others present at the Municipal Building were City Administrator Scott Collins, Executive Assistant Pam Gentry, and Information Technologies Director Jerry Taylor. Those present via ZOOM electronic application as permitted by the State of Tennessee Executive Order No. 16 issued by Governor Bill Lee on March 20, 2020 were Alderman Jeff Alder, Alderman Tonya Allen, Alderman Danny Bryant, Alderman Donna Hartman, Alderman Rachael Martinez, Vice Mayor Dorothy Small and City Attorney Johnny D. Hill, Jr.

Mayor Whisenant opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Prayer was written and provided by Rev. Tommy Vann of the First United Methodist Church of Fayetteville and read by Mayor Whisenant. The pledge was led by Mayor Whisenant.

Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda for April 14, 2020 will stand.

Approval of Minutes:

The Regular Meeting minutes of March 10, 2020 were approved as presented.

Reports:

Fayetteville Public Utilities:

Britt Dye, CEO/General Manager of Fayetteville Public Utilities (FPU) provided a written report that was read by Mayor Whisenant. Said report stated that during this global pandemic, FPU has modified operations to ensure the health and wellbeing of customers and employees while continuing to provide its customers with vital services. All supervisors continue to work their normal hours while the outside crews are working staggered weeks. The inside employees with the exception of customer service are working normal hours while maintaining social distancing. The lobbies are closed to the public, but service continues to be provided via phone, electronically or through the drive-thru. Work continues on the Country Club lift station and on other sewer rehabilitation and improvements. The gas leak survey is close to completion but has been temporarily suspended due to the Coronavirus pandemic. There were five (5) gas meters changed in March and response to 159 miscellaneous trouble calls. In the electric department, FPU completed 27 new services, retired 55 services, completed 32 pole changes and processed 322 locates in the month of March. The new equipment has been energized and has been carrying load at the new Blanche substation since March 17, 2020. The tree trimming department took down 75 trees during the month, mostly in the South Lincoln and Shelbyville Highway areas. Governor Lee announced an award in the amount of one million, seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,750,000.00) to FPU for the expansion of Broadband in the underserved areas in the southwest portion of the county.

Fire Department:

City Administrator Scott Collins presented the fire report. First Responder calls are being addressed in the support vehicle with two (2) personnel. Unless it is a life-threatening situation, First Responders are allowing EMS to make first contact. Access to the stations is restricted. Shifts are making efforts to maintain guidelines as directed by CDC in social distancing, hygiene, etc.

Police Report:

City Administrator Scott Collins stated that the Police Department front office staff is working from home on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They are in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays to respond to messages. The student resource officers are patrolling to better observe the parks and local gathering of our youth. He also reported that the Police Department had 33 arrests and issued 44 citations during the month of March, 2020.

Finance:

City Administrator Scott Collins commented that the 2019 property taxes are now past due. The 2018 property taxes have been turned over to the Clerk and Masters office for collection. The Finance team is working diligently on the FY21 budget in preparation of the budget work session on April 20, 2020.

Recreation Report:

City Administrator Scott Collins reported that the Recreation Center is currently closed to the public with the administrative staff working staggered schedules. The annual Easter egg hunt has been cancelled, as well as the spring season youth sports leagues. All city pavilions, restrooms, shelters, playgrounds (including Kiwanis Park playground), ball fields (for team play), gun range and Farmers Market are closed until further notice.

Public Works:

City Administrator Scott Collins advised that the Public Works Department will be collecting curbside household items for the week of April 13-16. The following week of April 20-23 they will be collecting brush. This schedule will alternate weekly through the month of April. During the month of March 150 tons of brush and 291 tons of household items were collected.

Planning and Codes Report:

City Administrator Scott Collins reported that 13 permits were issued and \$1,357.00 in permit fees was collected for the month of March. The total project valuation was \$1,084,873.00. McDonald's remodel is still progressing as planned. During April, all inspections will occur on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. All permit business will be conducted via phone and e-mail during this time if possible.

Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Scott Collins reported that the TAP I Greenway project is approximately ninety-five percent (95%) complete. The paving of the trail segment was completed last Friday, April 10th. Today an ADA concrete pour was done. The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) approved an ADA section of drainage improvements on the southeast corner of the South Elk Avenue and East Maple Street intersection. TDOT added this improvement into the grant which is a big cost savings to the City. Camp Blount Phase I work is progressing. The bids were opened last week for Camp Blount Phase 2, which came in under projections. All work for Camp Blount, to include Phases 1 and 2, is scheduled to be completed prior to June 20, 2020, when we plan to unveil the statue of the First Tennessee Volunteer. The ribbon cutting for Phase 1 of the Greenway is tentatively planned for May 8th. This will be dependent upon the executive orders from the Governor. We have hopes that we are able to be back to business as usual by May 4, 2020.

Hands of Mercy Budget Allocation:

Motion was made by Tonya Allen, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve a donation of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to Hands of Mercy.

The floor was opened for discussion. Tonya Allen commented that she talked with a representative from Hands of Mercy earlier today. They said they had provided help to 308 families in the last two weeks compared to a previous average of 425 families per quarter. Some of these assisted families have never had to ask for help before. In order to better serve the families in need, Hands of Mercy has increased their distribution from quarterly to monthly.

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Dorothy Small, to amend the main motion to approve a donation of three thousand, five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00), as other contributions can be presented for approval in the future if needed. Upon roll call on the proposed amendment, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion to amend the main motion approved.

Thereafter, upon roll call, the following voted on the main motion as amended:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

Appointment for Board of Zoning Appeals:

Motion was made by Dorothy Small, seconded by Rachael Martinez, to appoint Jim Neale to the Board of Zoning Appeals as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

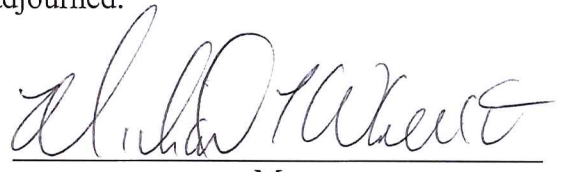
Aye:

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

Nay:

None

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



Mayor



City Clerk