

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
MAY 12, 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 May 12, 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, Information Technologies Director Jerry Taylor and guests Lucy Carter Williams, Ricky Williams and Paul Henry. 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 led by Alderman Bryant and the pledge was led by Mayor Whisenant.

Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda for May 12, 2020 will stand.

Approval of Minutes:

The Regular Meeting minutes of April 14, 2020 were approved as presented.

Reports:

Fayetteville – Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce:

Carolyn Denton, Fayetteville – Lincoln County Chamber Director, provided a written report that was read by Mayor Whisenant. During the COVID-19 the Chamber has worked to stay connected with its members and kept members connected to each other. In the last eight weeks, they participated in 30 webinars or conference calls with various entities, as well as Mayor Newman's press conferences. As new and changing information came available, the Chamber notified members more than 30 times via email with hyperlinks and social media of COVID-19 related information and financial aid opportunities for small businesses and warned residents of pandemic related scams. They are providing resources for nonprofits with a new community website www.connectinglincoln.com. The Chamber created a list of restaurants and their hours of take out, curbside pickup or delivery services during these restricted times. FLC Chamber Chat was developed to hold Zoom meetings hosted by the Chamber. These meetings currently being held every two weeks have had over 12 businesses at each of the meetings held to date. During the first Chat, Gay Dempsey provided information on the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) and how our local banks can help with the application process. Representatives from the Small Business Development Center at MTSU joined in on the second Chat. Sadly the Chamber was unable to have a graduation or ending to this year's Student Advisory Board (SAB), but their points are being calculated to determine the recipient of this year's Chamber SAB Scholarship. They were, however, able to complete their Penny Drive to benefit Juniors House Blue Ribbon Walk raising three hundred dollars (\$300.00). The deadline to apply for next year's board has been extended to June 15th. Applications can be obtained at each of the school's Guidance Departments. Prior to the issuance of Governor Lee's Stay at Home Order, the Chamber participated in a great Hamburger Day on the Hill on March 11th in Nashville. The Governor was able to visit on site with the Lincoln County Livestock Association while they were grilling. We would like to express our appreciation to the City of Fayetteville, Lincoln County, and the Livestock Association for their partnership for this event, as well as Pilaroc Farms for the Lincoln County burgers, Frito-Lay, Shoney's Catering and Sun Drop Bottling. The 11th Annual Don't Be Fooled scam seminar for senior adults was postponed from April 1st, and this year's Slawburger Festival has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It is our hope that the 28th Annual Host of Christmas Past will continue as planned for November 13th–15th. Also, we are planning to move the June 19th Tee Off for Progress golf tournament to the fall. In closing, the Chamber expressed appreciation to the residents and local business community that have been hit hard by the pandemic.

Fayetteville Main Street:

Dreanne Newton, Fayetteville Main Street President, provided a written report that was read by Mayor Whisenant. In the wake of COVID-19, Fayetteville Main Street is still without a Director. The Executive Board voted to resume the application process in the month of July, however this date is tentative due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 timeline. The May "First Friday" event was cancelled, but it is Main Street's intent to resume these events once Governor Lee allows for public gatherings. In a show of support to the downtown businesses during the shutdown, Fayetteville Main Street donated one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). A giveaway was then held on Facebook, where three winners were selected to receive a fifty dollar (\$50.00) to the business of their choice. Fayetteville Main Street also used social media to promote downtown retail and restaurant reopening dates and times. Teen Board member Brooke Osborne is the recipient of the 2019-2020 Fayetteville Main Street scholarship in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00). Main Street Treasurer, Erica Smith, has prepared a financial report.

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. During the month of April, 2020, the Fire Department responded to 50 calls for service and logged 437.5 hours of training. There were no public education events due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Police Report:

City Administrator Scott Collins stated that the Police Department is seeking the approval of the Independence Day Freedom Festival on June 27th. The kids fishing rodeo has been postponed, and several events have been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. City court is expected to be back in session beginning June 4th pending additional Executive Orders. We hope to reopen the front lobby on May 18th, also pending additional Executive Orders.

Finance:

City Administrator Scott Collins commented that the FY2021 budget has been prepared and will be presented for passage by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in June. Once approved, bound printed copies will be prepared and distributed to the Board and to the individual departments. It will also be posted on the City's website. The Finance Director continues to work with the part-time employee on processing payroll, bank reconciliations, and other financial processes. The Municipal Building continues to be closed to the public. Currently we are limiting the number of staff members in the office each day but plan to come back full staff later this week.

Recreation Report:

City Administrator Scott Collins reported that the walking tracks, gun range, dog park and bike trails are all open. Playgrounds and picnic pavilions remain closed at this time due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The youth sports leagues were cancelled this year, but we are looking forward to reopening with more plans for this summer.

Public Works:

City Administrator Scott Collins advised that the Brookmeade bridge has been held up due to difficulty in getting the required materials for the utility work. Second Avenue is currently shut down due to the deterioration of the tile under the street. The engineer selected for this project has already been in contact with Fayetteville Public Utilities (FPU) to consider any anticipated needed materials for this project. We are diligently working toward a completion date of August 1st so we won't disrupt the bus routes at Ralph Askins School. The contractors will be building drainage boxes tomorrow for work on Maple Street and Elk Avenue as part of the Greenway Phase 1 project which should be complete within a few days.

Planning and Codes Report:

City Administrator Scott Collins reported that 19 permits were issued and \$2,322.11 permit fees collected for the month of April. The total project valuation was \$454,520.00. McDonald's remodel is still progressing as planned. As a reminder, when doing spring remodeling, please contact the City to see if a permit is required. Examples may include, but are not limited to fences, decks, swimming pools (including above ground pools), new windows, garages, etc. All inspections this week will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Beginning next week inspections will be back on the regular schedule. While closed, all permit business will be conducted via phone and e-mail if possible. The direct phone number to the Planning and Codes Department is (931) 433-2565.

Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Scott Collins reported that the TAP I Greenway project is complete with the exception of punch list items. A ribbon cutting was held Monday. The city's Economic and Community

Development (ECD) team is planning ahead to have a full public event to celebrate the opening of the Greenway as soon as the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Plans are also underway and will be released soon for memorial benches to be placed along the Greenway. The TAP 2 Greenway project continues to be held up by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) archeology division who is requiring additional field work. We hope to get this finalized so we can move forward. Camp Blount Phase 1 is complete with the exception of the paving of the entrance and punch list items. Camp Blount Phase 2 is scheduled to start next week and will include the Volunteer Plaza and pavilion. Plans are still underway for the anticipated June 20th unveiling of the First Volunteer statue. This all hinges on whether we can have public gatherings based on the Governor's Executive Orders. Shelia Childress and Pam Gentry are working on the employee handbook and other personnel policies with John Grubbs of the University of Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS). After completion, the items will be presented to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for consideration. Bids are going out next week for the relocation of the stage at Stone Bridge Park. This move is required due to the stage being constructed in a mitigation zone. We hope to have this completed prior to this season's Music in the Park events. A department head meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to discuss plans to reopen all the City's buildings in accordance to the Governor's Executive Orders. The ECD team continues to work on items introduced by the Branding Initiative and Downtown Master Plan. Within the next two weeks we will be launching two new Facebook pages. "Only in Fayetteville" will highlight things that are unique to Fayetteville and "Discover Fayetteville Tennessee" will focus on tourism. The Walker Collaborative is scheduled to present the Downtown Master Plan on June 4th. At this time, the presentation will be via open meeting, although provisions are being made to video this if needed due to Executive Order restrictions.

Budget Amendment #3 – Fayetteville City Schools:

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Tonya Allen, to approve the Budget Amendment #3 General Education Fund for the Fayetteville City Schools. 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.

Call for Public Hearing – City of Fayetteville FY2021 Budgets:

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve the Call for Public Hearing on June 9, 2020 for the City of Fayetteville FY2021 Budgets. 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.

Call for Public Hearing – Fayetteville City Schools FY2021 Budgets:

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Dorothy Small, to approve the Call for Public Hearing on June 9, 2020 for the Fayetteville City Schools FY2021 Budgets. 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.

Call for Public Hearing – Adoption of 2018 Building Codes:

Motion was made by Dorothy Small, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve the Call for Public Hearing on June 9, 2020 for the Adoption of the 2018 Building Codes. 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.

Resolution #2020-06 – Governor’s Local Government Support Grant:

Resolution #2020-06 was considered. Said resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Donna Hartman, seconded by Rachael Martinez, to approve Resolution #2020-06 as presented. 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.

Resolution #2020-07 – Honoring Lucy Williams:

Resolution #2020-07, a resolution entitled “A Resolution to Recognize Lucy Carter Williams” was considered. Said resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Jeff Alder, seconded by Dorothy Small, to approve Resolution #2020-07 as presented. 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.

Independence Day Freedom Festival: 06/27/20:


Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Rachael Martinez, to approve the Independence Day Freedom Festival permit. Upon roll call, the following voted:

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

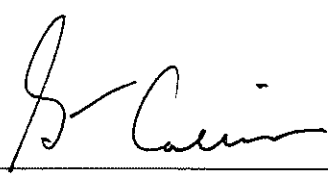
Nay:
None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

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



Mayor Michael T. Whisenant



City Clerk