

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
OCTOBER 13, 2020

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 October 13, 2020. Mayor Michael Whisenant was present and presiding. The following named Aldermen were present:

Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, Danny Bryant, Donna Hartman, Rachael 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 October 13, 2020 will stand.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Reports:

Fayetteville Public Utilities:

Britt Dye, CEO/General Manager of Fayetteville Public Utilities (FPU), reported crews are still working in various streets in the City. We are working to get the Brookmeade and Markham Drive area completed. We poured concrete today on Washington Street and Franklin Avenue. We are looking to move to Polk and Cherry Streets tomorrow and Adams Street on Thursday to finish that section. We will install liners in the manholes in that area to eliminate inflow from rainwater. We are performing light up services for our gas customers. Also, we are extending the gas line on Rambo Road towards Lees Creek approximately eight hundred (800) feet. In the northwest part of the county, we have installed more than eighty (80) miles of fiber and must be done with the work this area by December 15, 2020. We are working sixty (60) hours per week to get this completed. We will be hiring contractors to install additional fiber in the southwest part of the county, as we have more than two (2) years to get this finished. We are building new lines and changing poles in the electric department. We are also working with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and NextEra Energy Resources on the 150 megawatt solar site.

Fire Report:

Chief Richard Howell presented the fire report. In the month of September 2020, we had one (1) vehicle fire, three (3) medical Emergency Medical Services (EMS) assists, thirty-seven (37) EMS calls excluding vehicle accidents, and five (5) motor vehicle accidents with injury.

Police Report:

Chief Richard Howell reported that during the month of September 2020, they had one hundred two (102) reportable incidents to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), made forty-one (41) arrests, issued twenty-nine (29) traffic citations with a total police activity of one thousand, two hundred thirty-seven (1,237).

Finance:

Stacy Rozell, Finance Director, reported that everyone should have received their 2020 property tax notices. If they have not received them, they should contact the City office. We will be accepting payment for these taxes without interest or penalty if paid by February 28, 2021. Payment can be made in person, by mail, over the phone, or via the City's website. If the property owner is over the age of sixty-five (65) and their annual income is less than or equal to thirty thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$30,700.00), or if they are a disabled veteran, they could be eligible for tax relief and can call the City office for more information. The deadline to apply for tax relief is April 5, 2021. The Local Option Sales tax is still coming in strong with an estimated sixty-three thousand dollars (\$63,000.00) received over the year to date budgeted amount. As consumers, COVID has had an impact on the way we do many things. One of these is an increase on online

shopping. This has had a positive impact on Telecom Interstate Sales tax, which is the tax we receive on many purchases made by people who live within the City. After only two (2) months of revenue recorded, we have received approximately twenty-six percent (26%) of our total amount budgeted for the fiscal year.

Recreation Report:

City Administrator Scott Collins stated that the City of Fayetteville Recreation Department will be hosting a haunted house on October 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30. We will have COVID-19 precautions in place with social distancing and sanitization practiced. The William Battle playground has been reopened. Kids Park will be opening as soon as tomorrow. There will be signs posted at these parks stating the playground equipment is not sanitized, as well as encouraging social distancing and frequent washing of hands. The Bright Lights and Festive Lights event will take place at Stone Bridge Park on December 4, 2020, with the annual Christmas Parade being held downtown on December 5, 2020.

Public Works:

Eddie Plunkett, Public Works Director, reported that two hundred thirty (230) tons of trash and one hundred thirty-nine (139) tons of brush were collected in the month of September 2020. Leaf season has begun. We ask that the citizens keep their leaves separate and away from their trash and parked vehicles. On the 2nd Avenue project, we hope to pave where the bridge work was done on October 26th, weather permitting. Recently we had an article in the Elk Valley Times that explained it is against the City Ordinance to blow grass clippings into the public roadways. You can bag your grass clippings and we will pick them up.

Planning and Codes Report:

Kristi Gentry, Planning and Codes Coordinator, reported that eighteen (18) permits were issued and one thousand, four hundred nine dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$1,409.27) in permit fees were collected for the month of September 2020. The total project valuation was four million, ninety-five thousand, nine hundred fifty-one dollars (\$4,095,951.00). Notable permits were issued for a new spec building and a sign for the new Burke's Outlet. More than six hundred twenty-five (625) property maintenance violations have been logged this year. Currently logged into the new Municipality software are seventy-two (72) grass violations, four (4) inoperable vehicles violations, six (6) sign violations that do not include political signs that were addressed, and seventeen (17) trash violations. Carolyn Denton, Lenace Hyde and I have a Zoom conference scheduled on October 20th with all the participating communities attending the Retail Academy. We will be discussing the City's "pitch" and how we can best utilize the tools for the education portion that we learned in August. The November call will be with investors, developers, and potential retailers for our area. This morning, Carolyn Denton and I attended a webinar for "Tennessee Smart Start" that provided new resources available for new or existing businesses. The subdivision regulation update is going well. We are scheduled to have three (3) more work sessions through the month of December. I will be sending out the framework information to the Planning Commission later this week for their review. We have completed the photo and video shoot for the Branding Initiative UDAG fund project. We have received the video script that was created, and editing of the footage is currently being done. Also, we are working on the downtown map, the "Only in Fayetteville" campaign decals, and the design of the directional signage and digital visitors guide. Radio and billboard ads are scheduled to begin in early November, 2020. We hope to schedule another public meeting in November where Steve Chandler can elaborate on the project's progress, show the video footage, and kick off the "Only in Fayetteville" campaign. After months of effort, we received approval to remove the walls of the Stone Bridge Park stage from Douglas Warden of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) to bring us in compliance. Lastly, we are making final preparations for the Host of Christmas Past event. Some of the featured items will be Bella's Snowball 5K, four (4) musical performances are planned, and there will be events at the Art Center, Kids Zone and many vendor and food options.

Administrator's Report:

Scott Collins, City Administrator, stated that on Friday, October 16, 2020 the City of Fayetteville will be hosting the unveiling ceremony of the Tennessee Volunteer statue at the Camp Blount site. This project has taken several years to come to fruition. We have several honored guests coming such as Congressman Scott DesJarlais, Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally, former Deputy Governor Jim Henry who was instrumental in our receiving the five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) of the Governor's budget, former Deputy Speaker Steve McDaniel who coached us along the process, as well as our local delegation Chairman Pat Marsh, Representative Rick Tillis and Senator Shane Reeves. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m., and we welcome and encourage all to attend. In other business, the William D. Jones project has reached a milestone as Region 3 signed off on the utility certifications. It has now moved for approval to the Local Programs Division in Nashville. The acceptance and permission to go to bid should be forthcoming within the next thirty (30) days or less. The third (3rd) submittal of the Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) was processed through the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) which resulted in two (2) questions: the number of parking spaces with notation of ADA compliance and required permanent signage. Also, we received notification from the archeologist on Phase II of the Greenway project that the field and lab work has been completed. He has the draft report ready for editing, and then it will be submitted within the next two (2) weeks. This is the only thing that is stopping us from the Notice to Proceed for construction on Phase II. We have spent eight thousand, eight hundred forty dollars (\$8,840.00) of the twenty-five thousand dollars

(\$25,000.00) from the Boyd Foundation Dog Park Dash grant to purchase agility equipment that will be installed within the next week or so.

Bella's Snowball 5K – 11/14/2020:

Motion was made by Jeff Alder, seconded by Tonya Allen to approve the event permit for Bella's Snowball 5K on November 14, 2020. 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.

Lincoln County Toy Drive Roadblock – 12/05/2020:

Motion was made by Dorothy Small, seconded by Donna Hartman to approve the event permit for the Lincoln County Toy Drive Roadblock on December 5, 2020. 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.

COF Trunk or Treat – 10/29/2020:

Motion was made by Tonya Allen, seconded by Jeff Alder to approve the event permit for the City of Fayetteville Trunk or Treat festivities on October 29, 2020. 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.

FCS School Budget Amendment #1:

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Jeff Alder to approve the Fayetteville City School System Budget Amendment #1 General Education Fund for FY2021. 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.

FCS School Budget Amendment #2:

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Tonya Allen to approve the Fayetteville City School System Budget Amendment #2 General Education Fund for FY2021. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

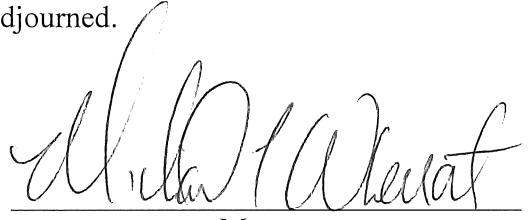
Donna Hartman, Rachael Martinez, Danny Bryant, Tonya Allen, Dorothy Small and Jeff Alder

Nay:

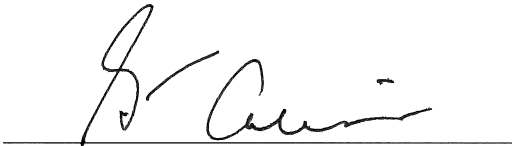
None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

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



Mayor



City Clerk