

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
SEPTEMBER 8, 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 September 8, 2020. Mayor Michael Whisenant was present and presiding. The following named Aldermen were present:

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

Absent: Rachael Martinez

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

The prayer was led by Fayetteville City High School student Vincent Buchanan, and the pledge was led by Fayetteville City School student Aiden Young.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Dorothy Small to remove Item “B – Naming of Hedgemont Park” from the agenda. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Regular Meeting minutes of August 11, 2020 were approved as presented.

**Oath of Office:**

Joseph Brassfield was sworn into office as a member of the Fayetteville Police Department.

Keith Cenecelewski was sworn into office as a member of the Fayetteville Police Department.

Nathan Maynard was sworn into office as a member of the Fayetteville Police Department.

Nolan Alcorn was sworn into office as a member of the Fayetteville Fire Department.

Billy Miles was sworn into office as a member of the Fayetteville Fire Department.

Brad Sullivan was sworn into office as a member of the Fayetteville Fire Department.

**Reports:**

**Fayetteville City Schools:**

Bill Hopkins, Director of Fayetteville City Schools, reported the Fayetteville City Schools have had a great start to the school year with one thousand, three hundred thirty-eight (1,338) students enrolled. Approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of those are doing virtual school which has been a new experience. We have implemented remote learning Wednesdays to have better access to those virtual students. This Wednesday learning experience will take place through the month of September. We have been able to upgrade and install new safe entrances at Ralph Askins Elementary and Fayetteville High School and are extremely pleased with the facilities there. To date there have been only three (3) student

and one (1) faculty COVID cases within the Fayetteville City Schools. As a result, fourteen (14) were quarantined because of direct contact. We have also had eight (8) quarantined because of household contact not related to school contact. In looking at social media, it is suggested you download the new app which is a wonderful tool designed for increased communication. We are pleased to announce we have created two (2) new committees. The first is a Minority Coalition Committee that will meet every other month. This committee is comprised of community leaders. The second committee is a Parent/Teacher Committee from each one of the schools. Our athletic programs are doing very well. It is worth mentioning that our students get to play in the best facilities around. Mayor Whisenant welcomed Bill Hopkins to the City of Fayetteville.

### **Fayetteville/Lincoln County Library:**

Mayor Whisenant reported that the Fayetteville/Lincoln County Library is looking for a new Director. Advertisements have been made both locally and outside our community. In the month of August 2020, the Library provided sixty-five (65) curbside services and had one thousand, four hundred ninety-seven (1,497) in person visits for a total served of one thousand, five hundred sixty-two (1,562). Their next board meeting will take place on September 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. This is an open meeting, and anyone can attend. We continue to have “pocket libraries” all over town for your use. The books in these libraries are free, and you are encouraged to take one or leave one at your convenience.

### **Fire Report:**

City Administrator Scott Collins presented the fire report. In the month of August 2020, there were two (2) building fires, four (4) medical Emergency Medical Services (EMS) assists, thirty-four (34) EMS calls excluding vehicle accidents, and five (5) motor vehicle accidents with injury. The annual Toy Drive is being organized by Lt. Brandon Gentry.

### **Police Report:**

City Administrator Scott Collins reported that the Police Department is preparing for Cruzin' Downtown and the annual Trail of Tears that will both take place on Saturday, September 12, 2020. During the month of August 2020, they had ninety-two (92) incidents, made thirty-six (36) arrests, with a total police activity of nine hundred fifty-nine (959).

### **Finance:**

Stacy Rozell, Finance Director, reported that the 2020 property tax notices are being prepared for mailing and should be received by the end of September or first of October 2020. We will begin accepting tax payments on October 1, 2020. Taxes can be paid from then until February 28, 2021 without penalty or interest charges. We accept payments in person, by mail, or by credit card via online or by calling the Municipal Building. The State Sales Tax received in August 2020 for June 2020 traditional sales was fifty-seven thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars and forty-six cents (\$57,333.46). The amount received for internet sales for this same period was one thousand two dollars and forty-three cents (\$1,002.43). The combined total is almost four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) more than received in August 2019. Of the Mixed Drink Tax, one half of the revenue received for liquor by the drink sales goes into the City of Fayetteville General Fund, while the other half goes to the Fayetteville City Schools. We saw a decent drop early in the year due to COVID related closings, but the revenue received in August 2020 was forty-six and six-tenths percent (46.6%) higher than in June 2020. It was thirteen and five tenths percent (13.5%) higher than received in August 2019. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens for getting out and supporting the local restaurants as it really does make a difference.

### **Recreation Report:**

City Administrator Scott Collins stated that improvements to the dog park are in process. The agility feature was purchased with funding from the Boyd grant and will be arriving and installed soon. On Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have the “Get Friendly with Don Davidson Park” event from 7:00 a.m. and continuing throughout the day. Some of the activities scheduled are nature walks, volleyball, horseshoes, mountain biking, disc golf and book readings. The annual “Trunk or Treat” event will be at Stone Bridge Park on October 29, 2020. Last year businesses were invited to participate, and the event continues to grow each year. We will have a scarecrow trail at Stone Bridge Park during the month of October. “Bright Lights and Festive Nights” will be on December 4, 2020, also at Stone Bridge Park. Lastly, the annual Christmas parade will be on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Works:**

Eddie Plunkett, Public Works Director, reported that two hundred seventy-five (275) tons of trash and one hundred thirty-nine (139) tons of brush were collected in the month of August 2020. The transfer station will be closed for maintenance from September 26 through October 4, 2020. During this time, we will not pick up any household or residential garbage. We encourage everyone to use the recycle center, especially during this time. The following week, beginning October 5, we will pick up on schedule. The bridge floor has been poured on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue project. The contractors are now getting ready to frame the walls for the bridge.

The contractors are working on the gutters and curbing at the Brookmeade project. The engineering is being done on the Lowell Drive tile replacement project. The work there will be done in two (2) sections due to the location being on a dead-end cul-de-sac.

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

Kristi Gentry, Planning and Codes Coordinator, reported that twelve (12) permits were issued and one thousand, six hundred ninety-three dollars (\$1,693.00) in permit fees were collected for the month of August 2020. The total project valuation was eight hundred eighty-four thousand, nine hundred sixty-six dollars (\$884,966.00). Lenace Hyde has logged more than five hundred fifty (550) property maintenance violations this year. She is also working diligently to keep all campaign signage in compliance. If you have questions on the regulations for signs, please contact our office. We are preparing for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruzin' Downtown scheduled for September 12, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The food vendors scheduled to come are Maggie Moos, Kona Ice and Nothing Bundt Cakes. Preregistration is still open through this week, and registrants will receive a dash plaque, t-shirt, and goody bag. Carolyn Denton, Lenace Hyde and I completed the first phase of the Retail Academy on August 13-14, 2020. The Planning Commission is working with Sharon Armstrong to revise and update the subdivision regulations. We have set dates through the end of the year for two (2) hour work sessions to develop the new document. The last work session will be open to the public, and contractors, real estate developers and builders will be invited to offer their feedback or suggestions. The Planning Commission completed a four (4) hour continuing education class on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Steve Chandler advised today that the video and photo shoot for the Branding Initiative project is tentatively scheduled for the last week of September. We will be reaching out to local retail vendors, restaurants, and others to be included in this endeavor. As a member of the Host of Christmas Past Oversight Committee, I would like to announce that we are planning to have the Host event again this year, although it may look a little different than years past. We would encourage anyone that would like to include an event in the Host, please contact Carolyn Denton at the Chamber of Commerce. In the past we have had the tree lighting on Friday evening to kick off the event. This year, we want to also include the tree lighting, but plans are to have that on Saturday evening to conclude the festival. We are also looking to incorporate the luminaries in the downtown area this year.

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

Scott Collins, City Administrator, took this opportunity to recognize Greg Teague and Patrick Lenton of Croy Engineering who were in attendance. He stated they have been instrumental in helping with maximizing the impact of the five hundred thousand dollar (\$500,000.00) Governor's direct appropriation for Camp Blount to the City of Fayetteville. It is with their design and working together with the Historical Association and the City's planning committee that we were able to do this great work. He thanked them for their attendance at tonight's meeting. With that said, we are preparing for the unveiling of the First Volunteer statue on Friday, October 16, 2020. Scott Collins then introduced Laralee Page of Community Development Partners. She explained that she works with the City doing grant administration to navigate all the red tape associated with various Federal and State funded grants. She then provided updates on the following projects:

- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Phase 1 is now complete. This project involved sidewalks from the downtown to Stone Bridge Park.
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Phase 2 was also funded by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) in 2018 and goes from Stone Bridge Park across the river to Camp Blount. This project was held up because of additional archeology studies being required. TDOT wanted to make sure there were no deeply buried archeological artifacts. The additional testing has been done, and we are waiting on the final report which we hope to have by the end of the year. Hopefully by Spring, we will be bidding this project and subsequently breaking ground.
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Phase 3 environmental phase/process is ready to start. The additional archeological testing required for the Phase 2 project will ultimately help us on the Phase 3 project. The City used TDOT's On-Call services to hire Barge Designs for the design work on this project. The City has made payment to TDOT to start this project.
- Barge has completed the design for the 2018 Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant for the soccer complex. The City has since decided to add lighting and irrigation which has required some redesign. The plans are now being reviewed by the City. Once approved, the plans will then be sent to the State. I will be guiding you through this process.
- Over one hundred (100) surveys were received for the ADA Transition Plan. Laralee Page thanked the community and Board of Mayor and Aldermen for helping to gather all the information needed to formulate this plan. Hopefully, a draft document will be available for review within the next few weeks. Once received, the City will post the draft plan on their website to receive comments. After a period of time, the plan will be finalized and brought to the City for approval and acceptance of the plan.

Mayor Whisenant complimented Laralee Page on her quick response to emails and information stating by her facilitating the grants and swiftly acting on our behalf, the process goes much faster. He then thanked her for coming and providing a report.

**Fire Department Beds:**

Motion was made by Jeff Alder, seconded by Tonya Allen to approve the purchase of new replacement beds for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00). Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Resolution #2020-11 Honoring Dr. Janine Wilson:**

Resolution #2020-11, a resolution entitled, "A Resolution to Recognize Dr. Janine M. Wilson" was considered. Said Resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Dorothy Small to approve Resolution #2020-11 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

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



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Mayor



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City Clerk