

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
MARCH 9, 2021

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 March 9, 2021. Mayor Michael Whisenant was present and presiding. The following named Aldermen were present:

Jeff Alder, Tonya Allen, Danny Bryant, Donna Hartman, Roger 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 Fayetteville High School student Hannah Giffin.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

The agenda for March 9, 2021 will stand.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Regular Meeting minutes of February 9, 2021 were approved as presented.

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Dorothy Small, for the Special Called Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2021 to be approved as corrected by removing the name Rachael Martinez as a present Alderman and adding the name Roger Martinez as a present Alderman. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

Motion was made by Jeff Alder, seconded by Donna Hartman, for the Special Called Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2021 to be approved as corrected by removing the name Rachael Martinez as a present Alderman and adding the name Roger Martinez as a present Alderman. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Reports:**

**Fayetteville Main Street:**

Jason Nix, Fayetteville Main Street President, commented that First Friday's will begin on April 2, 2021 and will continue through October. Vendors can sign up online. This year's Slawburger Festival will be held on August 21, 2021. Main Street currently has no permanent location, but there are a couple of prospective locations being looked at to rent. Hopefully, we will have a new location by May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are moving forward to begin taking applications for a Main Street Director. We are planning to have the Masquerade Ball again but do not have a date for this event at this time. Main Street is moving forward in a positive direction.

**Fayetteville/Lincoln County Library:**

Sherrie Jacks reported that the library had one thousand, one hundred seventy four (1,174) visitors during the month of February, 2021. The library is open for normal operations except from noon until

1:00 p.m. daily for sanitizing. The use of hand sanitizer is required upon entering the facility and the wearing of masks and social distancing is encouraged. The programs that are being offered in person and virtually for adults, children and teens are The Korean Jewels Club and The Elk River Book Club. Online programs continue to be offered online for the safety of everyone. The Elk River Book Club is the only club that has met in person and has been very successful with safety precautions taken. Attendance has been good for the Facebook Watch Party that the Korean Club has held each week. The library staff is working above and beyond to make sure everyone stays safe and are very hopeful that a new Director will be in place soon.

### **Fayetteville City Schools:**

Lawrence Guthrie, a student at Ralph Askins Elementary School, reported that recently the students celebrated Read Across America week by dressing up with various themes. During this time, guest readers came and read the related books to the students. He commented that he is in fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) grade and his favorite subject is math. At this time the students are studying about decimals. In his Social Studies class, the students are learning about the Oregon Trail, so the teacher turned their desks into covered wagons. Lawrence is also in the Beta Club. The National Beta Club is the largest non-profit educational youth organization in America, and for eighty (80) years has help grow today's students into tomorrow's leaders. At Ralph Askins School, we begin the Beta Club at the earliest year possible to build leaders in our school and community. This year our sponsor is Mr. Tim Hobbs, and Ms. Cindy Mefford will be organizing service projects for beautification at our school.

Brandon Serrano, a seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) grade student at Fayetteville Middle School, stated that one of the things he likes most about his school is the staff. They have very friendly, caring, and smart teachers that are striving to set the students up for success. The principal and vice-principal are there to make sure the school runs smoothly and efficiently. The janitors always have the floors swept and sanitized. They work non-stop to make sure our school is clean and looks nice. Also, the extracurricular activities give me a variety of activities to participate in such as football, drama and high school band.

Hannah Giffin, a junior at Fayetteville High School and a member of the basketball team, stated that the team recently went to the first girls' sub-state game in the history of the school. The team didn't get the outcome they wanted, but were grateful for the experience. She then thanked Mayor Whisenant and the Fayetteville Police Department for escorting the team out of town. The high school Beta Club will be participating in the planting of trees at Camp Blount. The Freshman Forum is scheduled, and the incoming freshman will be informed about all the things the school has to offer.

Director Bill Hopkins complimented these students on their presentations. He added that the Fayetteville High School will soon have the highest number of students in the history of Fayetteville High School. Also, the Fayetteville City Schools will be utilizing funds received from the State to offer summer learning camps for kindergarten through eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade students. This will be a four (4) week camp structured as four (4) days per week, six (6) hours per day. Transportation and meals will be provided for these children. The goal is to help make up some of the learning loss that the students have had during this pandemic. We are transitioning back into a traditional school environment after spring break and hope that goes well.

### **Fire Report:**

Chief Richard Howell reported that during the month of February 2021, the Fayetteville Fire Department responded to two (2) passenger vehicle fires, fifteen (15) medical assists with the EMS crew, four (4) motor vehicle accidents with injury, and thirty-seven (37) EMS calls excluding vehicle accidents.

### **Police Report:**

Chief Richard Howell reported that during the month of February 2021, the Fayetteville Police Department had one hundred two (102) incidents reportable to TBI, made thirty-five (35) arrests, and issued twenty-eight (28) traffic citations with a total police activity of one thousand, three hundred fifty-one (1,351).

### **Finance Report:**

Stacy Rozell, Finance Director, gave an overview of the current year's standing. We have currently completed two-thirds of this fiscal year. We have realized 74.14 percent of our general fund budgeted revenues and incurred 61.9 percent of our budgeted general fund expenditures. Year-to-date, we have recorded approximately one million, three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000.00) more in revenue than expenditures. This does not include bond funds. The February 2021 Local Option Sales Tax received was three hundred fifty-two thousand, five hundred sixty dollars and two cents (\$352,560.02) and is a record amount received. The year-to-date Local Option Sales Tax received is one million, seven hundred eighty-eight thousand, eight hundred ninety four dollars and twenty cents (\$1,788,894.20), or 70.15 percent of the budgeted amount. Any 2019 property taxes not paid by March 25, 2021 will be turned over to the Clerk and Master's office for collection, and payment cannot be accepted at the City office for any 2019 taxes after that date.

### **Recreation Report:**

Chris Mitchell reported that the annual Easter egg hunt will be held at Don Davidson Park on March 30, 2021. We have extended the signup deadline for our spring sports to March 15<sup>th</sup>. The Tennessee Youth Baseball Association (TYBA) Coaches Clinic is scheduled for March 28, 2021. We have completed the proposed FY22 Recreation Department budget and sent it to Finance. We continue to accept applications for utility workers, concession stand workers, score keepers and lifeguards. All of the water has been turned on in

the parks since the season for winterization has passed. All of the new dog park equipment has been installed except for the new pavilion. We will open the pool at the Recreation Center the weekend of Memorial Day. Also, the new baskets will soon be installed at the disc golf course.

**Public Works Report:**

Eddie Plunkett, Public Works Director, reported that three (3) tons of leaves, two hundred sixteen (216) tons of trash and fifty-nine (59) tons of brush were collected in the month of February 2021. The Old Mulberry drainage project will bid on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The Lowell Drive project will bid on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Paving is underway at this time as weather allows. The paving contractor has been asked to provide a quote to do some small repairs on Curtis-Askins Boulevard.

**Planning and Codes Report:**

Kristi Gentry, Planning and Codes Coordinator, reported that seven (7) permits were issued and twelve thousand, seven hundred dollars and nineteen cents (\$12,700.19) in permit fees were collected for the month of February 2021. The total project valuation was one million, seven hundred four thousand, nine hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,704,992.00). A notable permit was issued for a thirty thousand (30,000) square foot addition to C & S Plastics. Thomas Batchelor has been employed as the new building inspector for the City of Fayetteville. Twenty-one (21) property violations were logged into the Muncipity software for February. In addition to this, twenty-one (21) letters were sent out to property owners that are routinely on the violations list. Also, we have issued ten (10) court summons and court dates are scheduled for April and May, 2021. The completed document for the subdivision regulations will be presented at the March Planning Commission meeting for its consideration and approval. If this is approved, we will immediately begin working on zoning ordinance sections that are currently in conflict with the new subdivision regulations document. On the Branding Initiative, the website and related tourism page is our main focus. Once training is complete, we will be inserting pictures and other content that we have acquired during this initiative.

**Administrator's Report:**

Scott Collins, City Administrator, stated that a preconstruction meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> for the Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) Soccer Complex project. Based on information that is received during this meeting, a groundbreaking ceremony will be scheduled. The William D. Jones Boulevard project is moving forward. We hope to have the necessary National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance no later than early next week and are hopeful to bid this project sometime in the month of May 2021. The archeology report has been submitted for the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) time to the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Archeology on the Greenway Phase 2 project. We will be meeting at the Camp Blount site later this week to determine the best use of the remaining funding from the Governor's allocation of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00). The top priorities are to install lighting for the statue and flags. Officials from the University of Tennessee (UT) will be in Fayetteville on April 16, 2021 for the unveiling of the UT mural. As Randy Boyd is the President of UT and also the Boyd Foundation Dog Park Dash, we would like to schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony with him and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at our dog park if he is available. We have received an update on the Norris Street drainage basin. The field work is ninety-five percent (95%) complete and the design work will begin soon with hopes to bid this project later this spring. Also, we are working with Fayetteville City School officials to contact TDOT to inquire about getting Division 1-A Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) State Football Champions city limits signage installed. Once this process is approved, we will have an unveiling ceremony. In closing, Scott Collins complimented the employees from the Public Works, Fire, Police and Emergency Management departments on their exceptional cooperation and work during the recent snow event.

**Emergency Purchase – Sanitation #SN6:**

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Roger Martinez, to approve an expenditure of two thousand, fifty-two dollars (\$2,052.00) for an emergency assessment on the sanitation truck #SN6. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Chandler Thinks Proposal:**

Motion was made by Dorothy Small, seconded by Tonya Allen, to approve consulting fees for Chandler Thinks for the month of April, 2021 in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

Jeff Alder, Donna Hartman, Roger Martinez, Tonya Allen and Dorothy Small

Nay:

Danny Bryant

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Resolution R-2021-08 – HOME Grant Application:**

Resolution R-2021-08 titled “A Resolution to Authorize a Grant Application to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency for Home Grant Funds” was considered. Said Resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Jeff Alder, seconded by Donna Hartman, to approve Resolution R-2021-08 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Resolution R-2021-09 Copperweld PILOT Agreement:**

Resolution R-2021-09 titled “A Resolution Consenting to the Industrial Development Board of the City of Fayetteville and Lincoln County, Tennessee Negotiating and Accepting Payments in Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax with Respect to a Certain Project in Fayetteville, Tennessee, and Finding That Such Payments are Deemed to be in Furtherance of the Public Purposes of the Board as Defined in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 7-53-305” was considered. Said Resolution is as follows:

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Dorothy Small, approve Resolution R-2021-09 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Budget Amendment Ordinance 2021-02:**

Ordinance 2021-02 titled “An Ordinance of the City of Fayetteville, Amending the Annual Budget and Capital Program for Fiscal Year 2021” was considered. Said ordinance is as follows

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve Ordinance 2021-02 in the amount of twelve thousand, one hundred sixteen dollars (\$12,116.00). Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**FCS Budget Amendment:**

Motion was made by Tonya Allen, seconded by Roger Martinez, to approve the Fayetteville city School System Budget Amendment #4 General Education Fund. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Resolution R-2021-10 Opt In to ABC's Hours for Sale of Alcoholic Beverage:**

Resolution R-2021-10 titled "A Resolution Opting in to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission's Rules for Hours for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages" was considered. Said Resolution is as follows:

Motion was made Donna Hartman, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve Resolution R-2021-10 as presented. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

Jeff Alder, Donna Hartman, Roger Martinez and Tonya Allen

Nay:

Dorothy Small and Danny Bryant

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Everywhere You Look, UT Mural Dedication – 04/16/2021 Event Permit:**

Motion was made by Dorothy Small, seconded by Tonya Allen, to approve the Everywhere You Look, UT Mural Dedication event permit. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Fayetteville First Fridays – April through October, 2021 Event Permit:**

Motion was made by Donna Hartman, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve the Fayetteville First Fridays – April through October, 2021 event permit. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

**Craft Show – 03/13/2021 Event Permit:**

Motion was made by Tonya Allen, seconded by Roger Martinez, to approve the Craft Show – 03/13/2021 event permit. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

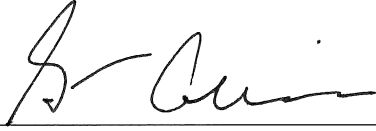
Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

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



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Mayor



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City Clerk