

AMENDED MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
APRIL 13, 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 April 13, 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 Mayor Whisenant.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Mayor Whisenant stated that he was informed by Police Chief Richard Howell earlier on this date that the ReUp event scheduled for April 24, 2021 and listed as item “B” under New Business on the agenda has already been approved by Lincoln County Mayor Bill Newman. Chief Howell stated that the proposed event is to be held on property owned by the county, and no request for officers or road closures were made. Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Dorothy Small to remove item “B. The ReUp: 04/24/2021” event permit request from the agenda.

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

Mayor Whisenant then stated that City Administrator Scott Collins requested the removal of item “D. Vehicular Directional Signage” under New Business on the agenda. Scott Collins added that Kristi Gentry is still seeking approval from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for the proposed directional signage. At this time, it has not been determined if TDOT will require permit fees for the proposed signage. TDOT has stated they need more time to review the proposal. Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Dorothy small to remove item “D. Vehicular Directional Signage” from the agenda.

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Mayor Whisenant declared the motion approved.

The agenda was adopted with the aforementioned deletions.

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Oath of Office:**

Ira Thompson was sworn in as the City of Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Director.

**Reports:**

**Fayetteville Public Utilities:**

Britt Dye, CEO/General Manager of Fayetteville Public Utilities (FPU), reported that they had received the results of the sanitary survey that was conducted on the water system, financials and related files.

FPU received 599 of a possible 599 points which resulted in a perfect score. This survey is conducted every two (2) years. FPU continues to do upgrades to Pump Station #1 located on Highway 64 East which will improve flow and pressure to the Industrial Park. There were four hundred forty three (443) locates for Tennessee One Call performed. Tree trimming crews are working in the McBurg and Dellrose areas, as well as priority locations in the City. The new transformers have been placed in service at the Petersburg substation replacing the old ones that were put in service in 1952. Fiber is being connected there and in the southwest part of Lincoln County as a result of the grant funding that was received.

#### **Fire Report:**

Chief Richard Howell reported that during the month of March 2021, the Fayetteville Fire Department responded to one (1) passenger vehicle fire, eight (8) medical assists with the EMS crew, six (6) motor vehicle accidents with injury, sixty (60) EMS calls excluding vehicle accidents, and one (1) false call.

#### **Police Report:**

Chief Richard Howell reported that during the month of March 2021, the Fayetteville Police Department had one hundred fourteen (114) incidents reportable to TBI, made fifty-three (53) arrests, and issued fifty-four (54) traffic citations with a total police activity of one thousand, six hundred forty-nine (1,649).

#### **Finance Report:**

Stacy Rozell, Finance Director, reported that the 2019 unpaid property taxes have been turned over to the Clerk and Master's office for collection. We will continue to accept payment for 2020 property taxes. The Local Option Sales Tax received in March 2021 was two hundred forty-four thousand, eight hundred seventy dollars and twenty-one cents (\$244,870.21). The total Local Option Sales Tax received for this fiscal year to date is two million, thirty-three thousand, seven hundred sixty-four dollars and forty-one cents (\$2,033,764.41). General Fund revenues realized for the current year are nine million, six hundred sixty-one thousand, six hundred thirty-five dollars and sixty-two cents (\$9,661,635.62). General Fund expenses for this same period are eight million, two hundred thirty thousand, five hundred seventy-nine dollars and forty-five cents (\$8,230,579.45). As of March 31, 2021 the net of revenues and expenses this fiscal year are just over one million, four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000.00). When considering all funds, we have an increase to fund balance of one million, eight thousand, twenty-six dollars and twenty-two cents (\$1,008,026.22).

#### **Recreation Report:**

Ira Thompson, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that the annual Easter egg hunt was very successful. The department logo has been updated. The spring season youth baseball, softball and soccer leagues are progressing. We are beginning our pool preparations in anticipation of the summer season. We are also conducting facility evaluations to include safety and security improvements. The Recreation Center hours are changing to open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m. during the week, and will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays. The facility will be closed on Sundays. We continue to work on the parks and facility improvements to include playgrounds.

#### **Public Works Report:**

Eddie Plunkett, Public Works Director, reported that seven (7) tons of leaves, three hundred nineteen (319) tons of trash and one hundred eighty-five (185) tons of brush were collected in the month of March 2021. We have gathered the necessary information for the Adams Street bridge project and will be advertising for bids. The proposed box culvert bridge cannot exceed twenty (20) feet in length, but will be designed to allow more water flow than the tile that is currently in place. Three carts have been added around the public square to help with the collection of garbage.

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

Kristi Gentry, Planning and Codes Coordinator, reported that fourteen (14) permits were issued and two thousand, six hundred sixty-two dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$2,662.38) in permit fees were collected for the month of March 2021. The total project valuation was four hundred seventy-seven thousand, five hundred seventy five dollars (\$477,575.00). Thomas Batchelor, the City of Fayetteville Building Inspector, received his residential certification last week and is testing for his commercial certification tomorrow. Twenty-six (26) property maintenance violations were logged and twenty-four (24) letters were sent out. Plants have been purchased for the sixteen (16) downtown planters. Two (2) projects were approved at the March 2021 Planning Commission meeting that included a minor plat in the Riverbend Farm combining two lots. This property is in the urban growth boundary, therefore was required to come before the City of Fayetteville Planning Commission. The second project is at Latham Industries to extend their parking lot and storage area for their pools. We are working on a social media campaign with Steve Chandler of Chandler Thinks to promote and showcase all local burgers. This campaign will take place from April 26 through April 30. This event is free of charge and intended to generate traffic to our local restaurants. Posts will be made on our Facebook pages, and we encourage all participants to post pictures on their pages as well. If this goes well, we hope to do more social media campaigns throughout the year.

**Administrator's Report:**

Scott Collins, City Administrator, stated we received an update on the William D. Jones Boulevard project on April 12, 2021. TDOT approved the construction plans on March 3, 2021. The wetlands evaluation and assessments were conducted from March 8 through March 12, 2021. The revised environmental document was submitted to TDOT on March 18, 2021. TDOT acknowledged receipt of the document and are referring to their ecology section. Engineer Will Owen checked on the status of this on April 6, 2021 but has received no response to date. The final bid documents are on standby until after approval of the submitted documents. On the Greenway Phase II project, everything (including TDOT archeology) has been approved with the exception of TDOT ecology. As soon as this is approved, this project will go to bid. The Camp Blount Historic Association is working with Croy Engineering and the electrical engineer to install lighting on the flag, statue and entrance sign at Camp Blount. This is to be paid for with the remaining funds from the five hundred thousand dollar (\$500,000.00) allocation from the Governor.

**Wildlife Damage Management Permit:**

Motion was made by Dorothy Small, seconded by Jeff Alder, to approve the Wildlife Damage Management Permit as presented. 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.

**Reinstatement of Program Coordinator Position:**

Motion was made by Tonya Allen, seconded by Jeff Alder, to reinstate the Program Coordinator position for the Parks and Recreation Department. 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.

**2021 BMA Strategic Plan:**

Motion was made by Roger Martinez, seconded by Donna Hartman, to approve the 2021 BMA Strategic Plan. 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.

Mayor Whisenant read into record the following statement:

“Fayetteville Public Utilities recently received final approval from the State of Tennessee to borrow \$621,000 through the State Revolving Fund Loan program. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved this debt in our January 12, 2021 meeting. The purpose of this loan is to engineer and design water system improvements. Form CT-0253 will be sent to the State of Tennessee on tomorrow, Wednesday, April 14, 2021.”

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



City Clerk



Mayor