

## Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes

**Special Called Meeting:** June 29, 2023

**Place:** Shelbyville Recreation Center, 220 Tulip Tree Road

**Call to Order:** 5:02 PM, Mayor Randy Carroll

**Roll Call:** The following were present: Councilmember William Christie, Councilmember Henry Feldhaus, Councilmember Marilyn Ewing, Councilmember Gary Haile, and Councilmember Bobby Turnbow. Also, in attendance were City Recorder Lisa Smith, City Manager Scott Collins, City Treasurer Kay Parker, and City Attorney Ginger Shofner. Councilmember Stephanie Isaacs was absent. City Recorder Smith stated a quorum was present with 5 members in attendance.

**Adopt the Agenda:** Mayor Carroll advised there was a request to Amend the Agenda by removing Business Items A & C. They will be discussed at the Study Session following this meeting. **Councilmember Haile made a motion to amend the Agenda as requested, Councilmember Turnbow seconded, the motion carried by unanimous oral vote. Councilmember Christie then made a motion to approve the Agenda as Amended, Councilmember Ewing seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous oral vote.**

Mayor Carroll closed the stated meeting and open the Public Hearings at 5:04 PM.

### **Public Hearings:**

An Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, Adopting the Annual Operating and Capital Improvements Budget, all Funds, For the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Providing for An Effective Date of July 1, 2023. **There were no speakers for or against.**

An Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Establishing the Municipal Property Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at \$1.36 on Each \$100 of Assessed Valuation of Property and Providing for an Effective Date of July 1, 2023. **There were no speakers for or against.**

An Ordinance to Amend the Adopted Budget Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Various Funds, for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the Period Ending June 30, 2023. **There were no speakers for or against.**

An Ordinance to Make Final Amendments to the Adopted Budget Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Various Funds, For the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the Period Ending June 30, 2023. **There were no speakers for or against.**

Mayor Carroll reopened the stated meeting at 5:07 PM.

**Councilmember Ewing made a motion to allow City Attorney to read caption only on Ordinances and Resolutions, Councilmember Haile seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous oral vote.**

### **Ordinances – Second Reading**

An Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, Adopting the Annual Operating and Capital Improvements Budget, all Funds, For the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Providing for An Effective Date of July 1, 2023. **Councilmember Christie made a motion to approve the Budget as Amended with employee raises to become effective on July 4<sup>th</sup> and to allow for a vehicle purchase of an F-150 that will be a FY23**

**expenditure for the Fire Department in the amount of \$57,438 and require a budget amendment, Councilmember Ewing seconded.** Councilmember Feldhaus made the following statement: “I will not be voting for the proposed budget nor the associated property tax rate because of the extreme deficit spending and future budget impact. The fund balance decrease of \$5,340,917.00 is 17.7% of the budgeted amount of \$30,059,796. This record deficit relies too much on spending saved dollars from our fund balance without investing anything in the economic payback for future revenues. Last year we unanimously voted to invest \$3.5 million of mostly budgeted funds on some airport property. We were criticized by many with false information even though this amount will be reimbursed and returned to Shelbyville by MTSU through leases and increased airport revenue in a very short, few years. The proposed budget has no such large investment. Therefore, if some taxpayers were upset about spending \$3.5 million with a method for reimbursement, I expect many more taxpayers will dislike spending \$5.3 million dollars with no economic payback or return revenue stream. Furthermore, the proposed budget increases spending by \$3,075,146 or 11.4% over last year’s budget, and it cuts property tax revenues by about \$600,000.00. While the tax cut will save the average homeowner \$36 per year or just \$3 per month and some will applaud the cut as a campaign promise, this tax cut and associated deficit spending is setting us up for an even larger tax increase soon. Simple math tells us we can only tolerate \$5 million deficits for 2 more years before we exhaust the fund balances. In my opinion the combination of cutting taxes during this period with high inflationary pressures while increasing expenditures by almost 12% is irresponsible. Therefore, I will be voting against this type of budgetary management.” **A roll call vote was taken as follows: Councilmember Feldhaus – No, Councilmember Ewing – Yes, Councilmember Haile – Yes, Councilmember Christie – Yes and Councilmember Turnbow – Yes.** The motion to approve the Budget Ordinance passed with 4 yes and 1 no vote.

An Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Establishing the Municipal Property Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at \$1.36 on Each \$100 of Assessed Valuation of Property and Providing for an Effective Date of July 1, 2023. **Councilmember Turnbow made a motion to amend the tax rate to \$1.48, Councilmember Haile seconded and the motion to amend passed 4-1 with the following roll call vote: Councilmember Turnbow – Yes, Councilmember Christie – Yes, Councilmember Haile, Yes, Councilmember Ewing – Yes and Councilmember Feldhaus – No. Councilmember Turnbow then made a motion to approve the Ordinance as amended, Councilmember Haile seconded and the roll call vote was as follows: Councilmember Feldhaus – No, Councilmember Ewing – Yes, Councilmember Haile – Yes, Councilmember Christie – Yes and Councilmember Turnbow – Yes.**

An Ordinance to Amend the Adopted Budget Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Various Funds, for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the Period Ending June 30, 2023. **Councilmember Feldhaus made a motion to approve, Councilmember Turnbow seconded, and the motion passed unanimously upon roll call vote.**

An Ordinance to Make Final Amendments to the Adopted Budget Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Various Funds, For the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the Period Ending June 30, 2023. **Councilmember Feldhaus made a motion to amend the Ordinance to add the Budget Amendment on the new Fire Department F-150, Councilmember Haile seconded and the motion to amend carried by unanimous roll call vote. Councilmember Ewing then made a motion to approve the Ordinance as Amended, Councilmember Christie seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

## **Resolutions**

A Resolution to Authorize Appropriations for Non-Profit Organizations. **Councilmember Christie made a motion to approve, Councilmember Feldhaus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.**

**Business Item:**

Consideration of a motion to approve a Ground Lease Agreement between Azure Flight Support and the Shelbyville Municipal Airport. **This item was removed from the Agenda.**

Consideration of a motion to approve a request for a Tourism Grant in an amount between \$3,500 and \$5,000 for the ICS Sanctioned Chili Cook Off scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. **Councilmember Feldhaus made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$2,500, Councilmember Ewing seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

Consideration of a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Notice of Intent for the City of Shelbyville to apply for the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Multimodal Grant for 2024. **This item was removed from the Agenda.**

**Purchasing / Bids**

**Purchasing:**

Consideration of a motion to purchase 96-gallon Toter trash carts for the Solid Waste Department from Stringfellow in Nashville, TN through Sourcewell national cooperative contract #041521-TOT. The maximum number of carts will be purchased with the budgeted amount of \$30,000.00. **Councilmember Turnbow made a motion to approve, Councilmember Haile seconded.** Public Works Director Buck Vallad stated the need for new carts is due to the growth of the City. **The motion then passed unanimously upon roll call vote.**

Consideration of a motion to purchase a 2016 Dodge Charger with approximately 30,000 miles from Lonnie Cobb Ford in an estimated amount of \$19,000, for the Police Department. This will replace a total 2018 Dodge Charger that was totaled with an insurance settlement of \$23,300. TCA Section 12-3-1003(b) allows used vehicle purchases without Bids. **Councilmember Christie made a motion to approve, Councilmember Haile seconded, and the motion passed unanimously upon roll call vote.**

**Bids:**

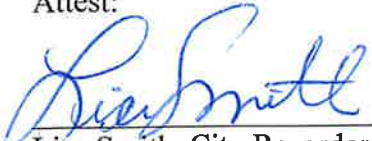
Consideration of a motion to authorize the Police Department to accept a bid for a Firearm Exchange, as specified by TCA Section 39-17-1317 and recommended by the Police Chief. **Councilmember Ewing made a motion to authorize, Councilmember Turnbow seconded.** Purchasing Director Saddler advised the only response was from King's Firearms in Columbia, TN and will be a credit for the Firearms Exchange in the amount of \$14,095.00. **The motion then passed unanimously upon roll call vote.**

Consideration of a motion to accept a bid for the replacement of the HVAC systems at the former Chamber Building. **Councilmember Feldhaus made a motion to accept the low bid, Councilmember Ewing seconded.** Saddler advised the low bidder was Redd's Heating and Cooling and they stated they could have the unit installed by July 7<sup>th</sup>. The bid committee recommended this selection. **The motion then passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

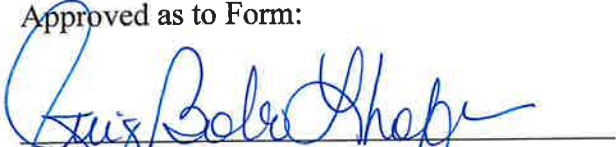
**Announcements:** With no further items of business **Councilmember Ewing made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilmember Turnbow and the motion carried by unanimous oral vote.** Mayor Carroll adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:40 PM.

Approved:  
  
Randy Carroll, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Lisa Smith, City Recorder

Approved as to Form:

  
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Ginger Bobo Shofner, City Attorney