

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

November 10, 2022

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Henderson, Tennessee met in regular session on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the City of Henderson City Hall. Present and presiding was Mayor Robert W. (Bobby) King. City Recorder Jim E. Garland called the roll with the following being present:

Aldermen: Mark A. Barber, Donna Butler, Buel Maness, Michael Phelps, Jason Rhodes, and Keith Smith.

Also present at the meeting were: City Recorder Jim E. Garland, Police Chief Gary Davidson, Building Official Brent Beshires, Public Works Director Carter Scales, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Roeder, and Utility Director Darryl Green.

Mayor King called the meeting to order at the appointed time. Alderman Barber gave the invocation and Alderman Butler led the Pledge to the Flag. The following proceedings were entered here-to-wit:

The minutes of the previous regular meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Ald. Smith to accept the minutes as presented, duly 2nd by Ald. Phelps. Motion carried.

The accumulated accounts were presented for informational purposes. Ald. Butler referenced page B-1, line item 10, payment to Arrow Paving in the amount of \$187,111.50, and asked if this payment was for work that was done or work being done. Recorder Garland stated that it was payment for paving that was completed this fall. There being no further questions on the accounts, the meeting continued.

The first item on the agenda was a call for delegations to address the board. There being no delegations, the meeting continued.

The next item on the agenda was to consider passage on the final reading of an Ordinance to amend City Zoning to permit Electric Vehicle Charging Stations within the B-1 (General Business), B-4 (Highway Business) and I (Institutional) Districts as Permitted Uses. Building Official Beshires stated that STEMC had approached the city with a request to install electric car charging stations. This ordinance was passed on the first reading in October's meeting. Ald. Butler made a motion to accept Ordinance #555 as written, duly 2nd by Ald. Barber. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast on the final reading:

Ayes: Mark A. Barber, Donna Butler, Buel Maness, Michael Phelps, Jason Rhodes, and Keith Smith.

Noes: None.

Mayor King declared Ordinance #555, as approved on the final reading.

The next item on the agenda was to consider the passage on the final reading of an Ordinance to amend Water, Sewer, and Natural Gas Tap Fees and new service fees. UD Green stated that the city has not changed the fees for several years and with the economy, as it is, they feel the need to increase fees accordingly. This ordinance was passed on the first reading in October's meeting. A motion was made by Ald. Smith to accept Ordinance #556 as written, duly 2nd by Ald. Rhodes. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast on the final reading:

Ayes: Mark A. Barber, Donna Butler, Buel Maness, Michael Phelps, Jason Rhodes, and Keith Smith.

Noes: None.

Mayor King declared Ordinance #556, as approved on the final reading.

The next item on the agenda was to review bids received on the Hwy 45 North Water Line Project which is partially funded by a DRA Grant. Approve the low bid and adopt a Resolution approving the project and the local matching funds for the DRA Grant. Mayor King stated that a resolution would not be needed and asked Recorder Garland to explain. Recorder Garland stated the resolution passed in 2021, had a local match that could not exceed \$16,562. UD Green is a licensed inspector and has volunteered his services as such that will save the city approx. \$28,000 in inspection fees. The inspection savings brings the local match to an amount less than the original match amount. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Butler to accept the bid from R. Jones Underground, Inc. in the amount of \$176,956.80, duly 2nd by Ald. Barber. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider the selection of a new Fire Chief. Recorder Garland stated that a work session was held on November 7th, in which five Alderman were present and they interviewed the top three candidates. They decided to offer the Fire Chief position to William Doug Acred. He was formerly employed as a Fire Captain with the city and most recently served as the Fire Chief at the City of Lexington. His starting pay will be \$64,929.05 (mid-range on the current pay scale) and top out in two years. He must agree to move within five miles of city hall within one year of his start date. His start date will be December 1st, 2022. A motion was made by Ald. Phelps to approve hiring William Doug Acred as the new Fire Chief as presented, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to consider the purchase of Water Main material for two short extensions that will be installed by city forces. UD Green stated that Hughes Road and Clover Creek Road needed updated lines and meters. Hughes Road will be approximately 2131 feet of four-inch pipe at a cost of \$21,107 and Clover Creek Road is approximately 1500 feet of six-inch pipe with valves and fire hydrants at a cost of \$28,547.35. The total amount of the project is \$49,655 and is within the current budget (\$80,000). Ald. Butler asked how many customers and how will they be affected. UD Green stated that there are approximately 9 residents on Hughes Road and Clover Creek would be for potential customers. Currently, there is more than one resident on a service line which is not ideal. Each resident will get their own line and meter on their property. The project is estimated to start around March 2023. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Smith to approve the purchase of materials in the amount of \$49,655, duly 2nd by Ald. Barber. Motion carried.

Other Business:

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1. City Employee Christmas Lunch on December 8th. Mayor King stated the annual lunch will be from 11:30 to 1:00 and is asking permission to close City Hall for that time frame so all city employees can partake in the Christmas Festivities. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the closing of City Hall for the time frame requested, duly 2nd, by Ald. Maness. Motion carried.

Ald. Barber shared that the Trail of Treats on October 29th, at Gene Record Park was a success. They estimated that 700-800 children came thru in the two-hour period (1200 total counting adults) and it went extremely smoothly in comparison to the previous year. He also stated that the Christmas Parade will be on December 1st at 7:00.

Ald. Smith asked about the CDL training that was discussed previously. HR Clerk Kirkpatrick Smith stated that four employees had completed the online theory courses; of those, two needed more driving training. She stated that she would be speaking with Jeff Hardin at Drive-Train to discuss the next steps and the testing to be completed with him.

Ald. Smith then asked about Freed Hardeman parking lot regarding the charging stations. Recorder Garland stated that it has been at least 90 days since there has been any discussion with them about the EV charging stations.

Ald. Smith then asked about the shop with a cop program. Police Chief Davidson stated that it was now called Christmas with a Cop and scheduled for December 13th.

Ald. Butler thanked UD Green for his offer to help the city save money with his ability to inspect the project discussed earlier.

Mayor King stated that he had received a text message from Patricia Jones with Jones Contractors regarding a fire call and she wanted to commend the fire department and Deputy Chief Roeder for a job well done. DC Roeder stated that they responded to a water flow alarm that had been accidentally bumped.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Ald. Butler to adjourn, duly 2nd by Ald. Barber. Motion carried.

Signed: Robert W. King

APPROVED: _____

MAYOR

Signed: Jim E. Garland

ATTEST: _____, CITY RECORDER