

MINUTES  
OF THE  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

October 19, 2023  
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The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Henderson, Tennessee met in (recessed from October 12, 2023) regular session on Thursday, October 19, 2023, 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, Jason Rhodes, and Keith Smith.  
Absent: Michael Phelps

Also present at the meeting were: City Recorder Jim E. Garland, Police Chief Gary Davidson, Building Official Brent Beshires, Public Works Director Carter Scales, Fire Chief Doug Acred, Utility Director Darryl Green, and Asst CMFO Alicia Holder.

Mayor King called the meeting to order at the appointed time. Alderman Smith gave the invocation and Alderman Maness 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. Ald. Butler stated that she noticed a typo, and then asked the resident how to spell her name. A motion was made by Ald. Smith to accept the minutes as presented with the typo corrected for Ms. Norma Meissner, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Barber. Motion carried.

The accumulated accounts were presented for informational purposes. Ald. Butler asked about the payment to SkyCop on B2, line 66 and Chief Davidson stated that the payment was for parts for the light at Steed and Luray. It had gone out and Captain Stewart made the repair upon the arrival of the part. Ald. Smith then asked if Turf Obsession was still mowing the cemetery as there was no payment. Asst. CMFO Holder stated that she had issued a payment to them last week. Recorder Garland stated that they were getting lazy on their billing. There being no questions on the accounts, the meeting continued.

The first item on the agenda was a call for delegations to address the board.

Ms. Samantha Allen with Oden's Liquor, LLC, addressed the board asking for a cap on the number of package stores allowed in the city. She feels that each additional business, it declines the profits of all the businesses. It hurts everybody when you get too many. She stated that competition is good and she has no issue with competition. The Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) has recommendations based on per capita. The city would need to request this information from them as they (ABC) does not just share this information. Recorder Garland is to research area towns and request information from ABC to present at the next meeting.

Ald. Maness asked about the minimum price for liquor. Ms. Allen stated that there has to be at least a 20% markup on cost. This markup varies from store to store.

There being no further delegations, the meeting continued

The next item on the agenda was to consider an application for a Certificate of Compliance for a Retail Package Store at 102 S. Church Ave from Muthan Jaber Qattoum. Building Official Beshires stated Mr. Muthan Qattoum has applied for a certificate for a retail package store and that the building for the new liquor store has met all of our local zoning and building regulations. Chief Davidson stated that they ran a criminal history background and there is nothing to prevent him from getting a license. Recorder Garland stated there was nothing at this point that should prevent approval of the certificate of compliance. This step of the process allows Mr. Qattoum to proceed to the ABC to get a liquor permit. A motion was made by Ald. Butler to approve the certificate of compliance as presented, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Barber. Motion carried

The next item on the agenda was to consider bids received on the Multi-Modal Project for Sidewalks and Pedestrian Signals at US 45 and W. Main Street. Recorder Garland stated two bids were received and it is recommended to go with the low bidder – NSITE in the amount of \$521,181.50. He also stated that the siren activation on the signal is included with this project. It is over budget, originally the grant was \$477,000.00 which makes us short less than \$50,000.00. We can go back to TDOT and request an additional grant on the overrun. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Barber to accept the low bid from NSITE as presented, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Smith. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to consider bids received on the Water Main Project for Rebecca Drive. UT Green stated that only one bid was received for this project. R. Jones Underground, Inc., and the amount is \$81,350.00. Farmer's Co-op will be paying \$40,000.00. A motion was made by Ald. Smith to accept the bid from R. Jones Underground in the amount of \$81,350.00, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Rhodes. Motion carried.

Any other Business:

Mayor King stated that he was asking for guidance from the board. He has been contacted by Al-Anon with a request to have meetings here at city hall on a weekly basis. Since the renovation, there are more areas to use. The building is typically available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. After further discussion, it was decided to accommodate as much as possible on a trial run and review later.

Mayor King then stated we have had trees on the right of way and we sent a bucket truck to trim limbs back. There is currently a dead tree on Crook Ave that cannot be trimmed back anymore and will need to be cut down and removed. Some folks have stated since it is on the right of way, the city should be paying to remove it. The cost is \$10,500 to remove it. Ald. Butler stated if we do for one, we will be expected to do for all. The board decided not to start.

Police Chief Davidson stated that a few months ago the board had requested a traffic study at Steed Street and Hill Avenue. He passed out the study with all the information they requested. Ald. Butler stated that the flashing stop sign was making a positive impact. Ald. Smith still wants to submit the study to TDOT requesting a 4-way stop at this intersection.

Ms. Norma Meissner stated that she did not have time during delegations to speak and asked about the status of her crosswalk questions. She thinks no one is concerned. It is right in front of her store and she is concerned. She keeps bringing it up and wants an answer. Mayor King stated that there are crosswalks there that the city can paint. It is technically up to the state to upkeep the crosswalks on this street. Chief Davidson stated that he agreed that they needed to be painted. Recorder Garland will get a quote on thermoplastic paint for the crosswalks.

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Ald. Smith went back to the traffic study conversation and made a motion to send the traffic study to TODT requesting a four-way stop at the intersection of Steed Street and Hill Avenue, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Rhodes. Motion carried

Police Chief Davidson stated that he has hired a new officer but is not giving out the name yet as he has not given notice at his current employment. He will be introduced at the next board meeting.

Building Official Beshires stated that we have several building projects going on and today he will be getting the state Fire Marshall approved plans for the new hotel. The Eagle's Nest's current building will be demolished and a new building constructed which will mean new zoning to be presented to the planning commission.

UD Green stated they were still looking at the projects under the TDEC ARP. The issues have been with the wording of the contracts and any revisions of the contracts.

Fire Chief Acred stated that the Assistant Chief has given his notice and will be leaving at the end of October. He passed out a new pay scale. He is asking for an interim position to be approved to allow time for the potential applicant to get trained. Recorder Garland added that there will be another captain hired to keep the headcount. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the staffing structure and pay scale, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

Ald. Barber stated that the Trail of Treats at Gene Record Park will be on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 and they are always looking for volunteers, just let him know.

Ald. Smith asked the Fire Chief about the status of the fire extraction tools. Chief Acred stated that they were waiting for the contract to be signed and once received should not take more than a month to get it.

Ald. Smith then complimented all the departments on the BBQ Festival and how everything ran smoothly.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Ald. Barber to adjourn, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Smith. Motion carried.

Signed: Robert W. King

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR

Signed: Jim E. Garland

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, CITY RECORDER