

Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman by Teleconference on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. to consider changing election date due to COVID-19.

Present on Conference Call: Kelly Coleman
Rex Dale
Ronald Dishman
Ken Dodson
David Langford
Chris Speck

Absent: None

Mayor Curtis Hayes called the meeting to order.

Mayor Hayes stated that he had met with the Overton County Election Commission and that they had requested that the city election be changed to August 6th.

City Attorney John Meadows stated that the city election is mandated in the city charter. The city charter calls for the city election to be held the first Wednesday in June. Attorney Meadows reported that the state really does not have any control over the city election. In order for the city election day to be postponed, it will take an action in Chancery Court. The Election Commission, City or both could petition to seek a court order to change the date.

The Board discussed what other cities were doing about their election date, the cost of changing the date, mail in ballots, etc.

Alderman Dishman stated that he was concerned about the Nursing Home residents not being able to vote so he was making a motion to postpone the Election to August 6th. Alderman Langford seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Yes: Alderman Dishman, Alderman Langford and Alderman Dale

No: Alderman Speck, Alderman Coleman and Vice-Mayor Dodson.

Mayor Hayes voted no.

Mayor Hayes stated that if the Election Commission needed help with safety items, the city could help by providing gloves, masks, etc.

Kelly Coleman made the motion to adjourn. Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____