

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman on July 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Present: Kelly Coleman
Rex Dale
Ken Dodson
David Langford
Chris Speck

Alderman Absent: Ronald Dishman

Mayor Curtis Hayes called the meeting to order.

Chris Speck made the motion to approve the minutes. David Langford seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Chris Speck made the motion to add the following item to the agenda: Arno Proctor and Sharon Paul. Kelly Coleman seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Ken Dodson made the motion to add the following item to the agenda: Property Maintenance. Chris Speck seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Kelly Coleman made the motion to add the following item to the agenda: Sign Ordinance on Square Rex Dale seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Chris Speck made the motion to delete Item#6 (Black Lives Matter Resolution). David Langford seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Chris Speck made the motion to approve the agenda. Rex Dale seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

David Langford made the motion to pass the second reading on Ordinance 2020-5-1. Chris Speck seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Ray Evans, Downtown Revitalization Committee Chairman, gave an update on the sidewalk project (Broad and Main), courthouse square improvement project and sales tax rebate.

The memorial water fountain was discussed. Mr. Evans stated that there had been a rumor that the fountain was being moved but that is not the case. He stated that during construction on the project

the fountain would be moved but when construction was completed it would be put back close to the location it is now.

Shannon Cantrell reported that the city had submitted an application for an Arts Community Grant from the TN Arts Commission for support of art projects up to \$3500.00. This would be at no cost to the city. The property owner would provide the match. Murals on buildings were discussed.

David Langford made the motion to approve to apply for the grant. Rex Dale seconded the motion.

After discussion, David Langford withdrew his motion.

Kelly Coleman made the motion that if this grant that the Chamber of Commerce has submitted is awarded this council authorize the use of these funds to place murals on local businesses that wish to do so following guidelines that are set forth in the future at the business owners expense.

Rex Dale seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Greg Davenport of J. R. Wauford & Co. reported that 1 bid had been received on the sewer system improvement project on Miller and Lee Drive. The bid was from John T. Hall Construction in the amount of \$455,980.00. He recommended that the Board approve the bid from John T. Hall Construction.

Chris Speck made the motion to approve the bid from John T. Hall Construction. Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Todd Rhoad of Peachtree Recovery presented a proposal to recover some costs associated with damage to city property that was not covered by insurance. They would look at the accident reports in the city and would file the claims. His company would keep 18 ½ percent and the city would receive the rest.

Alderman Coleman ask if there was a dollar fee on what the city might be out and is there other cities in Tennessee using his company.

Mr. Rhoad replied that there were not any cities using it now. They are waiting on Memphis and Nashville. He stated that their company is working through Public Entity Partners.

Attorney John Meadows stated that he had reviewed the contract and did not see an issue.

Ken Dodson made the motion to approve the contract. Chris Speck seconded the motion.

After discussion of Alderman Dale asking if it could be tabled until next month and Alderman Coleman stating he isn't for it, Ken Dodson withdrew his motion.

Rex Dale made the motion to table this item until the August meeting so there would be more time to review the proposal. Kelly Coleman seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Attorney John Meadows presented the Comcast Franchise Agreement. He stated that the current contract expires soon. He has reviewed the contract and does not see any problems.

Kelly Coleman made the motion to approve the Comcast Franchise Agreement. Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Chris Speck made the motion to pass the first reading on Ordinance 2020-7-1 (re-adopting ordinance 2009-6-1 with new ordinance number). Kelly Coleman seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Mayor Hayes gave an update on Dillon Pond. They had met with the engineers and the existing standpipe is going to be lowered.

Alderman Coleman stated that he felt that it was important that the public recognize that this won't be a fix all. If the water table is already high it will not be able to handle additional flooding.

Arno and Pammie Proctor and Sharon Paul were present to discuss the recent fire at the Proctor residence on Chestnut Street. Mr. Proctor stated that they weren't here to criticize anyone but he felt that he and Pammie were not protected during the recent fire at their residence. He had concerns on the response time and the fact that there was only one man on the fire truck to hook up the hose, etc. He stated that there was also a problem because no one had a wrench to turn off the gas meter. They would like the city to review the policy so that no one has to go through what they did. They lost a couple of dogs and felt that if a child or invalid was in the home, they might also have died.

Mayor Hayes ask Mr. Proctor to come in and fill out a complaint form. Mr. Proctor stated that he wants a promise that the city will review the fire policy so this never happens to anyone else.

Vice-Mayor Ken Dodson discussed the Property Maintenance Advisory Board. He stated that he felt that the city has made a ton of progress on property maintenance. He thought that the board meets too frequently and suggested that they meet on an as needed basis. He stated that they are reviewing Codes Enforcement Officer Kristian Mansell's findings and 99% of the time agree with his findings.

David Langford made the motion to dissolve the Property Maintenance Advisory Board.

Motion died due to lack of second.

After discussion, Ken Dodson made the motion to meet on an as needed basis. Chris Speck seconded the motion.

Alderman Coleman stated that we need to insure that the Board of Alderman is informed and that there needs to be a level of transparency.

Alderman Dale stated that there also needs to be a requirement of what is an "as needed basis".

The vote was 4 yes with David Langford voting no.

Mayor Hayes stated that the Property Maintenance Ordinance would need to be changed to reflect the change of how often the Property Maintenance Advisory Board meets.

The Board discussed the signage issue around the square. Codes Enforcement Officer Mansell has talked to anyone that has a sign in violation (off-premise).

Ray Evans stated that some people were blaming him for losing their signs but he had nothing to do with it.

Alderman Langford stated that he had no problem with people promoting their business.

Alderman Speck stated that maybe it was time to get a new ordinance on signs.

Mayor Hayes stated that he will reach out to MTAS on this matter and report back to the Board.

Ken Dodson made the motion to adjourn. Rex Dale seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk