

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

April 11, 2024

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Henderson, Tennessee met in regular session on Thursday, April 11th, 2024, 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 R. Butler, Buel Maness, Michael Phelps, Jason Rhodes, and Keith Smith.

Also present at the meeting were: City Recorder Jim E. Garland, City Attorney Jerry Spore, 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 Phelps gave the invocation, and Alderman Barber 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. 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. Mr. Bart Hunt is requesting permission to build another structure on his lot in Magic Valley.

Building Official Beshires stated that the Magic Valley Industrial Park has covenant restrictions that require board approval for adding structures. Mr. Hunt is requesting to add an approximate 4500 square foot type 2B structure for non-combustible storage. He has separation from his building and ample room for emergency vehicles. A motion was made by Ald. Barber, to approve the additional structure in Magic Valley, duly 2nd by Ald. Phelps. Motion carried

There being no further delegations, the meeting continued.

The next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution approving the TIF agreement on the W. Main Street Hotel Project. Recorder Garland stated that they are having to restate and reset the TIF project. The IDB met on April 2nd to consider the extension. The extension is due to environmental issues at the beginning of construction. The tax expected will be less as it is only for the hotel. The cap is set at \$2M, expires in 20 years, and starts in 2025. This will have to go before the county commission and then to the state for approval. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Barber to adopt Resolution # 2024-002 approving the TIF Project with Hunt Properties on the Hampton Inn, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast:

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

Noes: None.

Mayor King declared Resolution No. 2024-002 be duly adopted.

The next item on the agenda was to consider approval of bids received for playground equipment for Keestone Academy. This project is funded through a CDBG child care grant and requires no local funds. Recorder Garland stated that this has been a drawn-out grant program. This is the second time to go to bid as no bids were received the first time. The city is just a pass-through on the funds. Bliss Products has the low bid and they also removed the “deduct 1 kid congas’ to ensure they were within the grant amount. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Barber to accept the low bid on behalf of Keestone Academy, duly 2nd, by Ald. Rhodes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to consider purchase and installation of a cart tipper for a garbage truck at a cost of \$7,800. PWD Scales stated that this was discussed in the budget meetings. The low quote was from Stringfellow. Recorder Garland stated that the funds would need to be moved from reserve to equipment purchase. A motion was made by Ald Butler to approve the purchase and the movement of funds, duly 2nd by Ald. Phelps. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to consider purchasing two gear drives for the lagoon aerators by the utility department. UD Green stated that these are mechanical gear drives for two aerators that are out at the East lagoon and the South lagoon. They are in stock with Motion Industries. He hopes to get them ordered and installed before summer. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Smith to approve the purchase, duly 2nd by Ald. Maness. Motion carried.

Any other Business:

1. Announce the date/time for the next budget meeting for 04/25/24 at 5:30 PM. Recorder Garland stated it will mainly consist of the utility department budget.

Police Chief Davidson is requesting a policy change to the General Order to allow tattoos to be shown as long as approved by the policy with final approval by him. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Barber to allow the change to the SOP – page 31, Chapter 3, Subsection 01- paragraph C), duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

Mayor King stated that Ms. Jan Morris met with him and Recorder Garland today to discuss a spay and neuter voucher system that she wants to implement in the city. Ms. Morris helps run the city dog shelter and volunteers at the shelter. The voucher would be given to city residents or someone adopting a dog from the city pound. She is asking for a donation from the city to help implement the program. The amount of the voucher is \$100.00 and \$50.00 comes back to the city from the adopter. Ms. Morris is trying to negotiate prices with nearby veterinarians. Proof of city residency will be required to receive the voucher for all but those who adopt from the pound. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the \$3,000 to be transferred from dog pound maintenance to the new voucher program, duly 2nd by Ald. Smith. Motion carried.

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UD Green stated that the North Avenue water main project from 4th to 7th St. has been started – that replaces the old cast iron pipes. Once done, the street will be milled and paved. We are hoping for patience from commuters during this project.

Ald. Phelps stated that he appreciated the hard work of the department heads. He wanted it to be on record that he has lived at 730 Simmons Road since May 1987. Someone has started a rumor stating that he lives with someone in Jackson, which is untrue. Since he has accrued PTO with his current employment, he does not think he will be missing many meetings in the future.

Ald. Smith asked if the sirens had been fixed. Recorder Garland stated that the parts are ordered but no delivery date has been given to him.

Ald. Butler asked UD Green if his roll-up doors had been received and they had not but the air compressor had been received.

Ald. Rhodes asked if the letters had been sent to residences that have been using the blue recycle bins as trash cans. PWD Scales stated that he handed them out personally.

Mayor King gave an update from the general assembly – the property tax cap is on the table, Representative Haston has waived the depreciation for one year to the house floor, the recall bill has been stubbed, and the state share tax got put behind the budget behind the excise tax.

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

APPROVED: _____
Signed: Robert W. King
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____, CITY RECORDER
Signed: Jim E. Garland