

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

November 14th, 2024

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Henderson, Tennessee met in regular session on Thursday, November 14th, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the City of Henderson City Hall. Present and presiding was Mayor Terry F. Bell. City Recorder Jim E. Garland called the roll with the following being present:

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

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

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at the appointed time. Alderman Smith 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. Butler to accept the minutes as presented, duly 2nd by Ald. Smith. Motion carried.

The accumulated accounts were presented for informational purposes. Ald. Smith referred to page B2, line item #74, a payment to Nsite, Inc. for \$51,714.50, and asked if this payment finished the Multi-Modal project. Recorder Garland stated that we should be close but that there was an issue with the siren detection equipment and that there had not been an update. The engineers are getting in touch with the contractor to troubleshoot the problem. Recorder Garland stated that it is close if this is not the final payment. Since there were no further questions about 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 action on an ordinance amending the Municipal Zoning Map to rezone a lot on the west side of Memorial Ave from B-1 General Business to R-2 Medium Density Residential.

1. Public Hearing on the proposed rezoning.
2. Consider the passage of the ordinance to rezone said parcel.

Building Official Beshires stated that Mr. Zach Hannis (owner of the property) is requesting the rezoning to build two single-family homes or a duplex. This is the lot behind the Market. The Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation at their last meeting.

Mayor Bell opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Bell closed the public hearing

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After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Barber to adopt the ordinance on the first reading, duly 2nd by Ald. Phelps. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast:

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

Noes: None.

Absent and not voting: Buel Maness

The final reading will take place at the next regular meeting.

The next item on the agenda was to consider bids received for a Fire Department Mini-Pumper funded by a CDBG Grant. Chief Acred stated that six bids were received and they were reviewed and very competitive. The low bid was still the low bid when the extra items were added. Chief Acred recommended going with Sunbelt Fire/Fouts Fire and with any additional grant money, he wants to use it to purchase air packs for the new truck (two air packs for approximately \$19,000.00). Chief Acred stated that we should have the truck within 90 days. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Butler to accept the low bid received by Sunbelt Fire/Fouts for \$410,460.35 and to give Mayor Bell the authority to purchase the additional air packs if the additional grant money is approved, duly 2nd by Ald. Barber. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to consider bids received for the demolition of the shed on E. Mill Street. Mayor Bell stated that only one bid was received from Triple H Backhoe for \$4,700.00. A motion was made by Ald. Rhodes to accept the low bid for \$4,700.00 from Triple H Backhoe for the demolition of the shed on E Mill St, duly 2nd by Ald. Smith. Motion carried.

Ald. Smith asked how the fencing issue was to be corrected. Recorder Garland stated that it would be up to the Utility Department to fix it.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider options for the repair of a sewer line on E. Main Street. UD Green stated that JEA came in and ran a camera through the lines and found a failure at the lateral at the duplex on the opposite side of the street from the science building. There is another failed area with approximately 310 feet of 8" clay sewer pipe and to fix it will cost approximately \$30,450.00. He sent the video to Hill Services who did the work under Paul Gray Hall and the guy looked at it and does not feel comfortable making a decision. He has a co-worker who will review the issues before they can commit to making an estimate. We have failed areas in Mifflin and Hamlet. They had 550 feet of re-lining in the ARP funds and depending on what the engineers say, he would like to use these funds. After further discussion, UD Green stated that he would have a better estimate by the next meeting.

Any other Business:

Mayor Bell stated the annual City Employee Christmas Lunch is on Thursday, December 5th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. City Hall and the Utility Offices will remain closed during this time. Mayor Bell 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. Butler to approve the closing of City Hall for the time frame requested, duly 2nd, by Ald. Barber. Motion carried.

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Chief Acrod left invitations for the board members for the Fire Department Christmas Dinner on December 10th. Chief Acrod stated that David Novak (volunteer fireman) would be retiring after 35 years of service.

Mayor Bell stated that the \$1.2M park project started at Gene Record Park and that some of the dirt would be moved around for the additional playground that is being added. He presented a layout to the board members regarding where the dirt would be coming from where the amphitheater and additional parking would be.

Mayor Bell took a moment to brag about PWD Scales and his team. At the industrial site on Porter Way, on the left side, there was a large ditch with pine trees that needed to be cut. Mayor Bell had mentioned it and PWD Scales and his team got it cleaned up quickly.

Mayor Bell then stated that he had been talking to Mr. Joe Barker with SWTDD regarding a program to set goals in partnership with the county commissioners and the community. Mayor King and Mayor Seaton had set SOAR goals approximately six years ago and pretty much all of the goals were met. Mr. Barker recommended coming to meet with the Board of Alderman and the County Commissioners on January 28th at 6:00 at City Hall. Mr. Barker will present how to set visions and do some team-building exercises. Mayor Bell is working with Blake Hopper at the Chamber of Commerce to create a survey to be completed before the meeting. Then after this meeting, a much larger group will be invited to participate at a meeting in February. Mayor Bell is calling this project FORWARD.

Ald. Phelps suggested a quarterly town hall meeting to try to get more people involved with the city/county government projects and to hear more from the community.

UD Green stated that there is an elevation difference in the water line on Bear Creek South that is causing a pressure difference. He talked to G&C and they can correct the issue for approximately \$6,500.00. Ald. Smith made a motion to authorize UD Green to have the valve installed, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

UD Green then stated that the Hwy 100 Bridge project had started. The Dry Creek Bridge had started and the pre-construction work for the bridge Talley Store Road was started looking at another bridge in the Montezuma area. This is a lot of TDOT. He thanked Asst. CMFO Holder for her work on the accounting side of all the projects.

Fire Chief Acrod reminded everyone of the Christmas Dinner on the 10th and that this would be the last day for David Novak.

Mayor Bell recognized the ‘sweat’ equity that the fire department employees and volunteers had put into updating the firehouse.

PWD Scales stated that they had taken the truck to Memphis last week to have the snow plow installed and should have it back this week. He also stated that there were issues with the lights on Steed Street and that he had a technician coming to fix them.

Mayor Bell thanked the Park employees and park board on the great turn out for the trail of treats at Gene Record Park.

Recorder Garland stated that they had been notified by WBBJ that the DRA award was granted for \$80k. The request was for \$300k and they received notice today that the total amount was awarded for the water line at Magic Valley (from Ducks Market to Wilson School Road). They will present the resolution at the next meeting.

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Ald. Phelps stated that he was proud to be a part of the city and proud of the departments and the mayor for his willingness to get out and get involved.

Ald. Barber welcomed Mr. James Ferguson from Union City for attending the board meeting.

Ald. Smith asked where the meeting with SWTDD would be and it would likely be in the new meeting room.

Ald. Smith asked what had happened with the SWTDD Economic Development Specialist and Recorder Garland stated that he had already been hired and had attended meetings.

He then added his compliments to department heads and stated that the Christmas dinner request was an easy decision for him.

Ald. Butler stated that she was excited about the things she had heard tonight. She thanked Mayor Bell for the Veteran's Day Program and how she felt it was one of the best she had attended.

Mayor Bell asked the board members to spend five minutes with him after the meeting to look at the property we purchased and some things that need to be updated for ADA compliance as well as all-around safety issues.

Police Chief Davidson stated that they had a fundraiser event coming up at The Hollar (a restaurant in McNairy). Proceeds from tips earned by officers of the police department and sheriff's department would benefit Shop with a Cop.

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

Signed: Terry F. Bell

APPROVED: _____

MAYOR

Signed: Jim E. Garland

ATTEST: _____, CITY RECORDER