

MINUTES  
OF THE  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
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The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Henderson, Tennessee, met in regular session on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 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, 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, Public Works Director Carter Scales, Building Official Brent Beshires, Utility Director Darryl Green, Fire Chief Doug Acred, and Asst. CMFO Alicia Holder.

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at the appointed time. Police Chief Davidson gave the invocation, and Mayor Bell 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. Barber to accept the minutes as presented, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

Ald. Butler inquired about the status of the bid for installing the flow meters at the lagoons. Recorder Garland stated that due to TDEC requirements, we had to wait on contracts to be signed and they would have to be submitted for approval, then a pre-construction conference before getting a notice to proceed.

The accumulated accounts were presented for informational purposes. There were no questions about the accounts, and the meeting continued. Ald. Butler stated that a lot of money was spent this month. Recorder Garland stated that the gas bill was \$254,142.82, the pumper truck was \$410,460.35, and the city park applications (4 and 5) were \$215,978.88, so it all added up real quick.

The first item on the agenda was a call for delegations to address the board. There were no delegations, so the meeting continued.

The next item on the agenda was approval of the Mayor's and Utility Director's recommendation to reject the bids received on dredging the East Lagoon and rebid the project after changes are made to the specifications. UD Green stated that the sludge levels were estimated at 50 dry tons. He went back and re-calculated and came up with around 800 dry tons, which would have equated to six million dollars. He plans to re-advertise the project with more accurate dry tons and come back to the board in April with an updated bid. Ald. Butler asked how this had been missed, and UD Green stated that it was likely a junior engineer who had missed something in the process. A motion was made by Ald. Smith to reject the bids and rebid the project, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Phelps. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider the replacement of the Altitude Valve on the West Water Tank. The estimated cost to replace the valve is \$15,000. UD Green stated that the valve controls the water level in the tank. The valve has been rebuilt once since he has been here. It is leaking and occasionally overflows the tank. He called around and got multiple estimates, and the lowest bid if purchased before March 30<sup>th</sup> is \$10,388.05. Ald Butler asked who installs the valve, and UD Green stated that it is done in-house. The lead time is approximately four weeks. A motion was made by Ald. Butler to approve the purchase of the valve for \$10,388.05, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Rhodes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss purchasing a new copy machine for City Hall. Recorder Garland stated that the utility department recently purchased a new copy machine, and the cost came in cheaper than he expected. The current city hall copy machine was purchased in 2013 and has over 400,000 copies on it. We have another machine that is older and is used by Brent, Kevin, and Carter that has become unrepairable. There is money in the general government equipment fund to purchase the copier. It will cost \$6,500.00, and the old one will be passed down for Brent, Kevin, and Carter to use. He wants to do it now before the machine starts having problems. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the purchase of the copy machine, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Phelps. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider purchasing an Asphalt “Hot Box” for the Public Works Department. PWD Scales stated that this machine will heat cold or hot mix. Recorder Garland stated that this came about when Todd Brown came in with his 6-ton machine to help with street cuts. The quote under a cooperative purchasing agreement is for \$53,098.00, and there is a 21-day delivery time. It is a 4-ton box. The funds will come from the state street aid fund. Ald. Butler asked to be sure that everyone is sufficiently trained on the operations of the machine for safety purposes, including a sign-off sheet. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Butler to approve the purchase of the 4-ton hot box, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Smith. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider the repair estimate on the Fire Dept Ladder Truck. Chief Acred stated that when he came back to the city in 2022, the ladder truck was working well. Since that time, the hydraulics have continually been an issue. The truck has been in Memphis since Nov or Dec of 2024, waiting on instructions on what to do about repairs. Parts are almost obsolete for this model. The estimate to fix the hydraulic issue is \$27,295.00, but the repairs are not guaranteed to fix the issue. Currently, the ladder will only go to approximately 80 feet at best. It cannot be used as a rescue truck as it is not getting the full 100 feet. Ald. Barber stated that it seems like this truck has had issues since the beginning and that we may be better off selling it. Finding the parts and the cost of the parts are the repair issues. Chief Acred recommends purchasing a new model used truck. Chief Acred stated that the price of a used truck would be between \$600,000.00 and \$800,000.00 for a 10-year-old truck. After further discussion, it was decided not to make the repairs and to discuss at the upcoming budget meeting.

Mayor Bell reminded Board Members of upcoming budget meetings on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, @ 5:30 PM at Fire Station #1 at 505 Sanford (this will be for Police and Fire Department budgets) and on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 @ 5:30 PM at the Public Works Maintenance Facility at 760 US Hwy 45 North. All meetings are open to the public.

He also reminded Board Members of the “FORWARD” meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, @ 6:00 PM at Henderson City Hall.

Mayor Bell stated that there have been several sewer backups into Mr. Welch’s home at 805 Simmons Street. We are installing a private grinder pump (\$2,500.00) on his property to prevent his home from being flooded. His home is at the end of a pump station that is at the end of the line for multiple stations. His house is lower than the station, which has been the issue when things go wrong. There were damages to his home, and it was agreed upon that the city would pay \$4,900.00 towards the damage and install the pump in to prevent this from happening again.

Any other Business:

Police Chief Davidson stated that TBI did an audit on their TIBRS submission records, and they passed with flying colors.

Fire Chief Acred stated that the new fire truck was located in the basement, and everyone was welcome to check it out.

Recorder Garland stated that there was utility training for the board and that he has been emailing what he finds.

Ald. Barber gave an update on the park, stating that the final surfaces are installed on both playgrounds; however, everyone must stay off for four-plus days for it to cure, or else it will be a costly repair. The plan is that by the end of next week to open the Clayton Family Playground. Still waiting on a new restroom and for the new pavilion by the new playground.

Ald. Smith stated that he is very happy with the reflective pole covering on the stop signs throughout the city.

Ald. Butler asked about the engineer for the water main for the extension at Eric Bell Drive. UD Green stated that GRW was working on the plans to submit to TDEC. She then asked for a status update on his other projects. UD Green stated that the new pump for Deanburg has been received and installed, and the old one has been sent out for repairs. There was a shipping issue with the flocculators, and there was motor damage, and the company is sending new ones. At the Forked Deer River, the pipe has been pulled, and the joints have been fused on the east end and, as weather permits, will continue.

Ald. Butler then asked about the open Water Plant Operator Trainee position. UD Green stated that of the applications that were received, there were no qualified candidates, so it has been posted again.

Ald. Rhodes asked about the pickle ball courts and asked if there were any updates. Mayor Bell stated that 18 folks had responded. They have estimates for the resurfacing of the old courts at East Chester at a cost of \$32,000.00 to \$33,000.00. He is working with the school system and the folks who responded to find a way to come up with the money.

Mayor Bell stated that the Public Works, Utility, and Police Departments have been hussling to get old vehicles and old equipment off the premises. The police department led the way to get stuff from the impound yard and sell vehicles at auction.

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Ald. Phelps asked that everyone be weather aware with the upcoming inclement weather.

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

Signed: Terry F. Bell  
APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

Signed: Jim E. Garland  
ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, CITY RECORDER