

MINUTES  
OF THE  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

April 10<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, April 10<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, and Keith Smith  
Absent: Michael Phelps and Jason Rhodes

Also present at the meeting were: City Recorder Jim E. Garland, City Attorney Jerry Spore, Police Captain Ron Stewart, Public Works Director Carter Scales, Building Official Brent Beshires, Utility Director Darryl Green, and Fire Chief Doug Acred.

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

The accumulated accounts were presented for informational purposes. There were no questions about the accounts, and the meeting continued.

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 to discuss and consider approval of the Matching Retirement Rate for the 2025-2026 Budget Year. Recorder Garland explained that this is a defined benefit plan, so the match is not a per-person match but a group match. The minimum rate for 2025-2026 is 7.01% as shown on D-1 in the packet. Recorder Garland is asking for approval to set the rate at 10%, the same as the current year. A motion was made by Ald. Butler to approve the recommended rate of 10% as presented, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Smith. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider purchasing a small pickup on a state contract for the GIS Department. Mayor Bell stated this had been discussed in the budget meetings. Recorder Garland stated that he will be making one change and deleting the cab steps, as this truck is low enough that those are not needed. That change would make the price \$31,500.00, with the money coming out of next year's budget, with a delivery date after July 1, 2025. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to authorize the purchase of the vehicle for FY 2026, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider quotes on utility material for Eric Bell Drive water and gas extensions. UD Green stated that a retail establishment (Casey's General Store) is building a facility at the corner of 45 Bypass and Eric Bell Drive. Currently, there is no water service or fire protection in that area. This includes a six-inch water line from

South Church to their driveway with a fire hydrant. This also includes material to run a gas line from South church to the facility as well. He received two bids for the material requested and is recommending going with the lower bidder of G & C Supply Co., LLC for \$20,383.79. They have a truck that comes through this area every Monday that will save on freight charges. A motion was made by Ald. Smith to accept the quote from G & C Supply for \$20,383.79, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Maness. Motion carried.

Any other Business:

1. Discuss the status of the Construction on the City Park Project. Mayor Bell stated that the surfaces had been completed on both playgrounds, but the ball drop test (a special ball that, when dropped, measures the cushion of the pad) failed in a couple of areas on both playgrounds. The contractors will need to repair the area at their expense.

Mayor Bell stated that there is a second part regarding the new restroom. We have received a bill for roughly \$200,000, and he told them we were not paying since the bathrooms are not installed. He found out that they had not even been ordered as we were told. We were originally told that the new restroom would be delivered around May or June. We were told around the end of March or early April that the restroom had not even been ordered. Due to that delay, the restroom will likely not be delivered before August. They are requesting payment for 50% of the bill (approximately \$100,000). Mayor Bell told them that we would not pay anything at this point, but he wanted to get the board's input. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Barber to not pay any more until the work is complete under the terms of the contract, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

Recorder Garland reminded the board of the next budget meeting to be on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Utility Operations Center on Record Drive.

UD Green asked the board to purchase a pipe locator. An employee was locating yesterday and set the transmitter down attached to the locate wire on the main, and someone came by and picked it up. The part we have is useless without the transmitter. The approximate cost is \$5,000. A motion was made by Ald. Butler to get three quotes for a replacement locator and allow UD Green and Mayor Bell to move forward with the purchase, duly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Barber. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Acred stated that Bell's Drive In burned down and publicly thanked the volunteer, full-time, and part-time firefighters for a job well done. They had three structure fires within a month.

PWD Scales stated that the delivery of the hotbox is delayed until around May 1<sup>st</sup>. Leaf pickup is ending on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Bell stated that we sent a knuckleboom truck to Selmer to help with cleanup, and Bobby Gary had been down there all week operating the truck.

Ald. Smith stated that he was glad to see the work on the sidewalks since it was budgeted for this fiscal year. He added that he was impressed with the fire department's response time.

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Kevin Bailey – GIS Technician talked about cameras that he is working on installing at City Hall. Recorder Garland stated that they were saving a ton of money with Kevin working on it. He had received a quote from Critical Edge for approximately \$32,000.

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

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

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