

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

On this, the 11th day of December 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m., the City Council convened in regular session in the City Council Room. The meeting was being open to the public and notice of said meeting having been given as prescribed by Chapter 51 of the Government Code with the following being present and in attendance to wit:

Mayor Joe Davis, Council Members Ed Bailey, Ray Dickson, Leslie Ivy, Woody Richardson, and Lloyd Roberts. Council Members David Gilbert and Melisa McIntosh were absent. Employees present were City Secretary Cindy Woodard, Public Works Director Jr Casas, and Administrative Assistant Amalia Gaxiola. Others present were Billy David Ballew.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted a quorum present. He asked Alderman Richardson to voice the invocation and Alderman Roberts to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The consent agenda items were presented for approval: the regular meeting minutes on November 12, 2024, accept collections & pay expenditures for November 2024. Alderman Bailey moved to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS ON MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Public Works Director Jr Casas reported passing the sewer and landfill inspections and still working on water inspection. Mayor Davis commented on having to spend money to clean up because of trash and Casas stated they have to put up fence which has been purchased. Finished chipping today. Chipper kept breaking down so had it more time which should be at no extra cost. Using the millings for land covering and logs are taken to the creek. Landfill Supervisor Morris is looking for a metal truck to crush and clean up that area. Still working on leaks. The water guys have been down almost all month. Available guys have helped with cardboard. Potholes are back and have covered major ones.

City Secretary Woodard stated Morris Glass will come tomorrow to repair the broken window. Reminded everyone of Christmas party that starts at 6:30 tomorrow night, meat provided just bring a dish or dessert. Copies of revenue and expenditure reports provided to show where we're at. A couple of departments are over already due to unforeseen expenditures. The period to file applications for places on the ballot for the May 3, 2025, Election is January 15th to February 14th. Seats that are up are C.W. Ivey Ward 1, Ed Bailey Ward 2, Leslie Ivy Ward 3 and Melisa McIntosh Ward 4.

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Davis asked about any more leaks at City Hall buildings and Woodard stated when it rains heavily is when there are leaks around the ac units.

Alderwoman Ivy questioned who's responsible for school crossings. Mayor added it was turned over to the Chief of Police. Casas stated it was Trooper Dan Hawthorne and that he's waiting for directions. Alderwoman Ivy questioned Secretary Woodard about what's going on with Total Alloy Foundry with the EDC. Woodard stated they are in bankruptcy and are in the process of having all creditors file notice of claims. They have till March to do so and then the bankruptcy trustee will proceed to sell at auction.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION TO REMOVE TABLED ITEM FROM THE TABLE

Alderman Dickson made the motion to removed tabled item, seconded by Alderman Bailey. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 700 APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

City Secretary Woodard added the ordinance was provided in last month's packet and the City needs this ordinance in place to be legal. Ordinance 700 was presented by the City Attorney which makes the Municipal Judge appointed every 2 years in conjunction with Mayor's term. Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance 700, seconded by Alderman Richardson. The vote was unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER WATER BILL DISCOUNT FOR CAPROCK CLUB – BILLY BALLEW

Ballew added the AA group is necessary to the community and does not have much money. He would like to request it go back to what it was before the increase of just water service only. Alderman Bailey made a motion to have it go back as was prior to rate increase, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER C.W. IVEY WARD 1

Mayor Davis stated there is a resignation letter given by Alderman Ivey and had it available for the council to read. Alderman Bailey made the motion to accept Alderman Ivey's resignation, seconded by Alderman Dickson. The vote was unanimous in favor. Bailey asked if there's any prospects. Secretary Woodard stated she suggests seeing who signs up in January and let the seat be filled during the upcoming election.

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CONSIDER APPROVING THE PROJECT OF THE MEMPHIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO RENE CANTU TO PURCHASE J & J LUBE & DETAIL

City Secretary Woodard stated Rene Cantu will put \$9,000 down on a \$150,000 loan with an additional inventory purchasing loan of \$30,000. Both loans are at 6.75% interest for 20 years with a payment of around \$1,300 per month. Alderman Dickson made the motion to approve the project of the Memphis Economic Development Corporation to Rene Cantu to purchase J & J Lube and Detail, seconded by Alderwoman Ivy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER SALE OF DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY

City Secretary Woodard provided a list of properties that came back from the recent Sheriffs sale along with other properties from past sales. She would need to advertise the properties to accept sealed bids for the next meeting. Alderman Bailey made the motion to sell the properties, seconded by Alderman Richardson. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mayor Davis added that he provided a letter about what they can do more for the town. Alderwoman Ivy commented on the Chamber doing an amazing job but how Memphis is not growing. Things being done are keeping residents entertained and active, but everyone is saying we need housing and jobs as well to provide housing needs. Loves and Memphis ISD are the largest employers in town. Alderman Richardsrdson commented on needing health care. Alderman Bailey appreciates everyone and have a Merry Christmas. Alderman Roberts thanked everyone and keep up the good work.

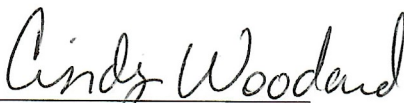
ADJOURN

Alderman Bailey made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Approved:


Joe Davis, Mayor

Attest:


Cindy Woodard, City Secretary