

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

On this, the 7th day of October 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m., the City Council convened in regular session in the City Council Room. The meeting 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, David Gilbert, CW Ivey, Leslie Ivy, Woody Richardson, and Lloyd Roberts. Employees present were City Secretary Cindy Woodard, Public Works Director Jr Casas, and Administrative Assistant Amalia Gaxiola. Others present were Chris Hert.

Absent: Council Members Ray Dickson and Melisa McIntosh

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

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. Davis asked Alderman Roberts to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Hert from Loves Travel Stop thanked the council for helping with the Cornhole Tournament. They raised over \$15,000 for Children’s Network. He presented a City of Memphis decal and a thank you note.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The consent agenda items were presented for approval: the regular and special meeting minutes on September 12, 2024, accept collections & pay expenditures for September 2024. Alderman Bailey moved to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Alderman Richardson. All in favor except Alderman Ivey who was against accepting payments made over what is budgeted.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION REPORT

Randy Phillips was absent.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS ON MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Public Works Director Jr Casas updated on the water issue. The positive E. Coli sample was on a raw well which is pre-chlorination, so the town’s water was not positive. The issue has been taken care of at this time. Casas reported that Sonic requested new dumpsters so 8 were built for them. Chipper is in so David is on that and 2 of the guys have been busy hauling old chips away and limbs will be cleared within the next month. Scrap metal will be next then trimming trees and alleyways after that. Mayor Davis commended the work they did for Hall County Picnic.

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Mayor Davis asked about Landfill employee for David Morris and Casas stated Rolando Torres was hired full time.

Chief Rex Plant was absent. Mayor Davis read his written report. Reported that he's in good spirits after his incident.

City Secretary Cindy Woodard stated we've received the \$1.25million Government Capital funding for the water line relocation project. They have met with TxDot and Parkhill and the plans are about 95% done. They will wait till January to bid out project.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION TO REMOVE THE TABLED ITEM OFF THE TABLE

Alderman Bailey made the motion to take items off table, seconded by Alderwoman Ivy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER INSTALLING HANDRAILS ON MAIN STREET – SASHA LAMB

Mayor Davis briefed on info from the last meeting concerning the handrails Sasha Lamb was requesting in front of her building on Main Street near the old hotel. City Secretary Woodard mentioned talking to Alley Hubbard with PRPC about a Downtown Revitalization Grant and she will investigate if handrails can be included in that project. Alderwoman Ivy made the motion for Public Works Director Casas to make a temporary handrail for the corner in question, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSS ORDINANCE FOR MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE APPOINTMENT

City Secretary Woodard stated that Alderman Roberts brought up having an ordinance for appointment of Municipal Court Judge. Alderman Roberts presented an example ordinance. Alderman Roberts made a motion to have an ordinance drawn up, seconded by Alderman Ivey. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER MEMPHIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUSINESS LOAN TO TIA VAN RYN DBA THE IVY COTTAGE, LLC

City Secretary Woodard reported that the EDC has approved a \$120,000 business loan for The Cottage Purchase. They will allow let Tia Van Ryn assume the existing loan of \$72,895.97 at the 4% interest rate for the terms left on the loan, with the remaining \$47,104.03 on a new loan at 7% interest rate for 10 years and require Van Ryn to put a \$10,000 down payment and sign a personal guarantee that the loan will be paid. Van Ryn now has the business listed for sale through her reality company and has informed Judy Lewis that she did not get approved since Van Ryn was asking for a \$200,000 loan. Alderman Bailey moved to table this item, seconded by Alderman Ivey. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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DISCUSS TXDOT NOEL STREET PROJECT REGARDING BRICK REPLACEMENT ON 5TH STREET

Public Works Director discussed the different options presented by Parkhill to replace the brick on 5th Street that will be removed for the water relocation project. Alderman Ivey made the motion for the bricks to be put back, seconded by Alderwoman Ivy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO TEXAS CLASS POOL

City Secretary Woodard reiterated receiving the \$1.25 million loan from Government Capitol. A reimbursement of \$95,000 was made back to the city and she recommended transferring one million over to the Pool to start earning interest to help cover the loan interest payment to Government Capital. Alderman Bailey moved to transfer \$1,000,000.00 in funds to Texas Class Pool, seconded by Alderman Gilbert. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER CHANGING DATE FOR NOVEMBER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Alderman Bailey moved to change the November regular council meeting to Tuesday, November 12th, seconded by Alderman Richardson. The vote was unanimous in favor.


MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Alderman Roberts thanked staff. Alderman Richardson stated he was glad Chief Rex Plant is well and praying for Seth Altman and both families. Alderman Bailey appreciates the city being cleaned up and praying for both families in this tragedy. City Secretary Woodard asked them to keep Landfill Employee LaSonya McIntosh in your prayers for losing her twin sister.

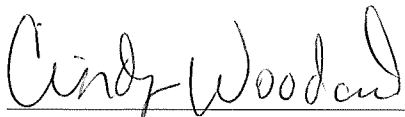
ADJOURN

Alderman Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Ivy. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Approved:


Joe Davis, Mayor

Attest:


Cindy Woodard, City Secretary