

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE
SPECIAL CALLED**

JUNE 22, 2023

The City Council of the City of Elizabethton met at City Hall, 136 S. Sycamore Street, Elizabethton, Tennessee on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 12:00 PM in a Special-Called Session.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT: Curt Alexander, Mayor; William E. (Bill) Carter, Mayor Pro-Tem; Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Jeffrey C. Treadway, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Councilmen; Daniel Estes, City Manager; Roger Day, City Attorney; and Preston Cobb, Finance Director/City Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR**
2. **ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK**
3. **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

If you wish to make a comment to the City Council, please approach the lectern and state your name and address. Please keep comments limited to 3 minutes.

Patty Woodby, Mayor of Carter County, spoke to discuss updates on progress and developments regarding the Tweetsie Trail and Hampton Bike Trails Project. Mayor Woodby stated that the Governor's funding will complete the Hampton Bike Trails and the Tweetsie Trail expansion. She provided city councilmembers with a budget detailing project expenditures. Mayor Woodby also stated that the Governor will be on site next month for the ground breaking event upon completion of the trails.

Jimmy Street, 225 West F Street, spoke to thank city councilmembers for their time and abilities in leadership decision making for the betterment of the city and community. Mr. Street stated that he loved the city and loved living in Elizabethton. Mr. Street also spoke regarding his concern of the City of Elizabethton purchasing properties which removes those properties from the tax roll. He suggested that city council remember his concern for future prospective property purchases.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Ordinance to Consider 2023-2024 Budget and Property Tax Rate for the Tax Year 2023 - Second Reading and Public Hearing.**

A public hearing was held. There was no one present that wished to speak.

MOTION BY Richard M. Barker; SECOND BY Michael G. (Mike) Simerly THAT approves An Ordinance Of The City Of Elizabethton, Tennessee Adopting The Annual Budget And Tax Rate For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 And Ending June 30, 2024, Be Passed On Second Reading.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander NAY: Kim Birchfield

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 - 1

B. Ordinance to amend Title 18 of the Municipal Code, to increase Water and Sewer Minimum Monthly Bill (Base Charge) for all Meter Sizes on Second Reading and Public Hearing.

A public hearing was held. There was no one present wishing to speak.

MOTION BY Michael G. (Mike) Simerly; SECOND BY Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier THAT approves An Ordinance To Amend The Municipal Code, Elizabethton, Tennessee, 2015, As Amended, By Revising Title 18, Chapter 1, Section 18-102(4) And Title 18, Chapter 2, Section 18-241(6)(B) To Increase The Minimum Monthly Charges For Water And Wastewater Usage For The 2023/2024 And 2024/2025 Fiscal Years, Be Passed On Second Reading.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: Kim Birchfield

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 - 1

C. Ordinance to Consider City of Elizabethton Board of Education 2023-2024 Budget Adoption on Second Reading and Public Hearing.

A public hearing was held. There was no one present wishing to speak.

MOTION BY Kim Birchfield; SECOND BY Richard M. Barker THAT approves An Ordinance Establishing The Elizabethton School System Expenditure Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 And Ending June 30, 2024 By The Elizabethton, Tennessee City Council For The Fiscal Year 2023/2024, Be Passed On Second Reading.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander
NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution to Approve New Position - Assistant City Manager

MOTION BY Kim Birchfield; SECOND BY Michael G. (Mike) Simerly THAT approves A Resolution Adopting The Position Of Assistant City Manager And Adopting The Description, ADA Specifications And Classification/Compensation For The Position Of Assistant City Manager As Recommended To The Elizabethton City Council By The Elizabethton Personnel Advisory Board, Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander
NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

B. Resolution to Approve New Position - Human Resources and Payroll Specialist

MOTION BY Richard M. Barker; SECOND BY Michael G. (Mike) Simerly THAT approves A Resolution Adopting The New Position Of Human Resources And Payroll Specialist And, Further, Adopting The Job Description, ADA Specifications And Classification/Compensation For The Position Of Human Resources And Payroll Specialist As Recommended To The Elizabethton City Council By The Elizabethton Personnel Advisory Board, Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander
NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

C. Resolution to Approve an Update to the City's Paid Holidays Policy

MOTION BY Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier; SECOND BY Kim Birchfield THAT approves A Resolution To Approve And Update The City Of Elizabethton's Paid Holidays Policy As Recommended To The Elizabethton City Council By The Elizabethton Personnel Advisory Board, Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

D. Resolution to Update to the City's Incentive Program Policy

MOTION BY Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier; SECOND BY Richard M. Barker THAT approves A Resolution Approving An Update To The City Of Elizabethton's Incentive Program Policy As Adopted And Recommended To The Elizabethton City Council By The Elizabethton Personnel Advisory Board, Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

E. Resolution to Update policies in the Fire Department Appendix of the Personnel Rules and Regulations

MOTION BY Kim Birchfield; SECOND BY Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier THAT approves A Resolution To Approve And Update Policies In The Fire Department Appendix Of The City Of Elizabethton Personnel Rules And Regulations As Approved And Recommended To The Elizabethton City Council By The Elizabethton Personnel Advisory Board, Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

F. Resolution to Update policies in the Police Department Appendix of the Personnel Rules and Regulations

MOTION BY Richard M. Barker; SECOND BY Kim Birchfield THAT approves A Resolution Approving The Addition Of A Police Department Compensation Section To The Police Department Appendix To The City Of Elizabethton Personnel Rules And Regulations As Approved And Recommended To The Elizabethton City Council By The Elizabethton Personnel Advisory Board, Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

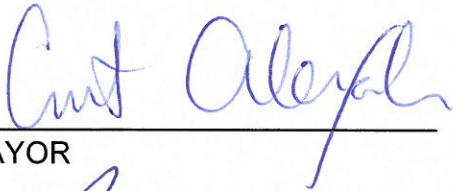
YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

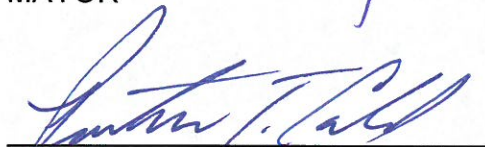
ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

6. ADJOURN



MAYOR



CITY CLERK