

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 9, 2020

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON MET AT
CITY HALL THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. IN REGULAR SESSION.

INVOCATION WAS LED BY MAYOR PRO-TEM WILLIAM E. "BILL" CARTER,
AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS LED BY MAYOR ALEXANDER.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT: CURT ALEXANDER,
MAYOR; WILLIAM E. (BILL) CARTER, MAYOR PRO-TEM; RICHARD M. BARKER,
KIM BIRCHFIELD, MICHAEL G. SIMERLY AND JEFFREY C. TREADWAY,
COUNCILMEN; ROGER G. DAY, CITY ATTORNEY; PRESTON T. COBB
FINANCE DIRECTOR / CITY CLERK AND DANIEL A. ESTES, CITY MANAGER.

ABSENT WAS: WES FRAZIER, COUNCILMAN.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

MAYOR ALEXANDER ASKED FOR A MOTION AND SECOND FROM
COUNCIL TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA UNDER NEW BUSINESS 10F FOR
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND SUBMIT A *USDA*
COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT APPLICATION REGARDING THE PLANNED
PURCHASE OF A TRIPLE-COMBINATION PUMP FIRE TRUCK FOR THE
ELIZABETHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

MOTION BY MR. BIRCHFIELD, SECOND BY MR. BARKER, APPROVING
AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA TO ADD NEW BUSINESS ITEM 10F FOR
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND SUBMIT A *USDA*
COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT APPLICATION REGARDING THE PLANNED
PURCHASE OF A TRIPLE-COMBINATION PUMP FIRE TRUCK FOR THE
ELIZABETHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF SIX (6) AYES WITH ONE
(1) ABSENCE.

MINUTES

MOTION BY MR. SIMERLY, SECOND BY MR. CARTER, THAT THE
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2019 REGULAR SESSION BE APPROVED AS
DISTRIBUTED.

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF SIX (6) AYES WITH ONE (1)
ABSENCE.

PROCLAMATION

CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ A PROCLAMATION AND MAYOR
ALEXANDER PRESENTED THE PROCLAMATION TO ELIZABETHTON HIGH
SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH SHAWN WITTEN, FORREST HOLT, PLAYERS
AND ELIZABETHTON HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL JON MINTON.

CITY ATTORNEY DAY READ THE PROCLAMATION WHICH PROCLAIMED
THAT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020 WOULD BE:

“ELIZABETHTON HIGH SCHOOL TEAM FOOTBALL DAY”

IN ELIZABETHTON TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES
OF THE 2019 ELIZABETHTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE 2019 FOOTBALL SEASON INCLUDING
WINNING THE 2019 TENNESSEE FOOTBALL TSSAA 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

MAYOR ALEXANDER STATED THAT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WAS A HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR THE TEAM, THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY?

COACH SHAWN WITTEN STATED THAT IT WAS A GREAT SEASON BY WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND ESPECIALLY GOING 15-0 AND UNDEFEATED MADE IT EXTRA SPECIAL.

COACH WITTEN THANKED EACH COUNCILMEMBER AND THE PLAYERS AND COACHES IN ATTENDANCE RECEIVED A STANDING OVATION.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

THERE WAS NO ONE PRESENT WISHING TO SPEAK.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPTS BY CITY MANAGER
CITY MANAGER ESTES PRESENTED MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR REVIEW:

- LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REPORT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2019 AND LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX GRAPHS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2019
- POLICE, FIRE, STREETS AND SANITATION, CODE ENFORCEMENT, BUILDING DEPARTMENT PROJECT VALUATION & FEE REPORT, ELECTRIC, WATER RESOURCES CONSTRUCTION REPORT AND WATER RESOURCES FACILITIES REPORTS, PARKS & RECREATION, LIBRARY AND PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2019
- WATAUGA RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 2019

BOARD, COMMITTEE & COMMISSIONS

MAYOR ALEXANDER RECOMMENDED FORREST HOLT TO THE PARKS AND REC BOARD TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM UNTIL OCTOBER 9, 2020.

MAYOR ALEXANDER ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WOULD BE AN APPLICATION PROCESS TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE POSITION UNTIL THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2020.

FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, MAYOR ALEXANDER STATED THE DEADLINE TO TURN IN APPLICATIONS FOR THE INTERIM MUNICIPAL JUDGE POSITION WOULD BE FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH AT 12:00 NOON TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OR TO THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE.

MAYOR ALEXANDER STATED THAT THE APPLICATIONS WOULD BE REVIEWED BY COUNCILMEMBERS AND AN INTERIM JUDGE WOULD BE ELECTED AT THE FEBRUARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

MOTION BY MR. BARKER, SECOND BY MR. BIRCHFIELD, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF FORREST HOLT TO THE PARKS AND REC BOARD TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM UNTIL OCTOBER 9, 2020 AND APPROVING THAT THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE INTERIM MUNICIPAL JUDGE POSITION WOULD BE FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH AT 12:00 NOON TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OR TO THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE.

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF SIX (6) AYES WITH ONE (1) ABSENCE.

CITY SCHOOLS BUDGET AMENDMENT

CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 ELIZABETHTON CITY SCHOOLS BUDGET, FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND TO ADJUST ALLOCATIONS TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

MOTION BY MR. SIMERLY, SECOND BY MR. TREADWAY, APPROVING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ELIZABETHTON CITY SCHOOLS BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 AND FURTHER REFERENCED AS FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 ELIZABETHTON CITY SCHOOLS SYSTEM BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, BE PASSED ON FIRST READING.

ROLL CALL: BARKER, AYE; BIRCHFIELD, AYE; FRAZIER, ABSENT; SIMERLY, AYE; TREADWAY, AYE; CARTER, AYE; ALEXANDER, AYE.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH ONE (1) ABSENCE.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 CITY OF ELIZABETHTON GENERAL FUND TO INCREASE THE BUDGET BY FOURTY THOUSAND (\$40,000.00) DOLLARS FOR THE NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION (NRPA) GRANT FOR MENTORSHIP SERVICES TO AREA YOUTH IMPACTED BY THE OPIOID CRISIS.

MOTION BY MR. BARKER, SECOND BY MR. TREADWAY, APPROVING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 AND FURTHER REFERENCED AS FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #6, BE PASSED ON FIRST READING.

ROLL CALL: BARKER, AYE; BIRCHFIELD, AYE; FRAZIER, ABSENT; SIMERLY, AYE; TREADWAY, AYE; CARTER, AYE; ALEXANDER, AYE.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH ONE (1) ABSENCE.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON COMMUNITY RELATIONS FUND BY NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (\$925.00) DOLLARS FOR FUNDS RECEIVED FOR THE "SHOP WITH A COP" EVENT.

MOTION BY MR. BARKER, SECOND BY MR. CARTER, APPROVING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 AND FURTHER REFERENCED AS FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #2, BE PASSED ON FIRST READING.

ROLL CALL: BARKER, AYE; BIRCHFIELD, AYE; FRAZIER, ABSENT; SIMERLY, AYE; TREADWAY, AYE; CARTER, AYE; ALEXANDER, AYE.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH ONE (1) ABSENCE.

2018 CDBG WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM BID AWARD

CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A BID AWARD TO HAYES CONTRACTORS, LLC, FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

MOTION BY MR. BIRCHFIELD, SECOND BY MR. SIMERLY THAT, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF HAYES CONTRACTORS, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED NINETY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTEEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$391,618.00) TO CONSTRUCT THE 2018

CDBG WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON AND, FURTHER, AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2018 CDBG WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS TO HAYES CONTRACTORS, LLC, BE PASSED.

ROLL CALL: BARKER, AYE; BIRCHFIELD, AYE; FRAZIER, ABSENT; SIMERLY, AYE; TREADWAY, AYE; CARTER, AYE; ALEXANDER, AYE.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH ONE (1) ABSENCE.

301 EAST ELK AVENUE REZONING REQUEST
CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ AN ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A REZONING REQUEST FROM JASON DUPELL, OWNER OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 301 EAST ELK AVENUE FROM B-3 (CENTRAL) BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-2 (ARTERIAL) BUSINESS DISTRICT.

MOTION BY MR. BIRCHFIELD, SECOND BY MR. BARKER, APPROVING AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE A PARCEL OF LAND, THE SAME BEING THE PROPERTY OF JASON DUPELL IN THE FIFTEENTH (15TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE, FROM DESIGNATION B-3 (CENTRAL BUSINESS) DISTRICT TO B-2 (ARTERIAL) BUSINESS DISTRICT BY AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE, DATED JULY 8, 1971, AS ADOPTED AND ENACTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 7-19, AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP DATED AUGUST, 1971, ATTACHED AND MADE A PART OF ORDINANCE NO 7-19, BE PASSED ON FIRST READING.

ROLL CALL: BARKER, AYE; BIRCHFIELD, AYE; FRAZIER, ABSENT; SIMERLY, AYE; TREADWAY, AYE; CARTER, AYE; ALEXANDER, AYE.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH ONE (1) ABSENCE.

USDA COMMUNICATIONS GRANT APPLICATION
CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON TO SUBMIT A USDA GRANT APPLICATION.

MOTION BY MR. TREADWAY, SECOND BY MR. BIRCHFIELD THAT, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND SUBMIT A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TRIPLE-COMBINATION PUMP FIRE TRUCK FOR THE ELIZABETHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT, BE PASSED.


ROLL CALL: BARKER, AYE; BIRCHFIELD, AYE; FRAZIER, ABSENT; SIMERLY, AYE; TREADWAY, AYE; CARTER, AYE; ALEXANDER, AYE.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH ONE (1) ABSENCE.

PURCHASES, EXPENSES & BIDS
CITY ATTORNEY DAY STATED THAT THERE WERE NO FUEL PURCHASES, NO EXPENSES AND NO BIDS SINCE THE CDBG WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT BID WAS PLACED UNDER NEW BUSINESS AS 10D, THEREFORE NO ACTION WAS REQUIRED.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL,
MAYOR ALEXANDER DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK