

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
DECEMBER 13, 2016

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee, met in open, public session at the regular meeting place of said Board in the Municipal Building of said City at 5:00 p.m. on December 13, 2016. Mayor Jon Law was present and presiding. The following named Aldermen were present:

Danny Bryant, Anna Catherine Osteen, Violet Harry, Gwen Shelton, Dorothy Small and Michael Whisenant

Also, present were Scott Collins, City Administrator and Johnny D. Hill, Jr., City Attorney.

The prayer was led by Bryan Bult, and the pledge was led by Mayor Jon Law.

Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda for December 13, 2016 was adopted upon the motion of Gwen Shelton and seconded by Michael Whisenant. All Ayes.

Approval of Minutes:

The Regular minutes of November 8, 2016 were approved as distributed. All Ayes.

The Organizational Meeting minutes of November 29, 2016 were approved as distributed. All Ayes.

Reports:

Fayetteville-Lincoln County Library:

Jena Gray, Interim Director, reported that since the last report in September, 11,000 visitors came to the library, over 16,000 items were circulated, and there were over 4,000 computer usages. Twenty college-age students signed up to volunteer with Tennessee Promise. The Egyptology program that was held in September was a great success. The annual "Star Wars Reads Day" was held in October, and many families attended this event. The community fall festival was held at the Charles Gleghorn Center in October as well. The library teamed up with the Amana Head Start program to offer an early literacy skills workshop on November 2nd. During this workshop, children were issued library cards and signed up for the Imagination Library. After the recent visit to Unity School, the library has now visited all the schools in Lincoln County. A new program focusing on Martin Luther King Jr. will be offered next year. Through a grant with the National Science Foundation, a hybrid STEM science oriented book club for adults will be offered next year as well. The "Little Free Libraries" are doing great, and they hope to add more next year.

Fayetteville City Schools:

Dr. Janine Wilson reported that the Fayetteville High School is partnering with Ralph Askins to offer an hour of coding with the computer science program. They hope to spark interest in technology at an early age. In September, eight Beta Club students attended a leadership summit at "Wilderness at the Smokies" and qualified to attend the National Beta Club Convention at Walt Disney World in June. The aerospace engineering students recently visited the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola Florida, where they were able to see the Blue Angels in action. A \$4,500 dollar grant was obtained to create a recording music studio. Dr. Wilson supplied test score data for the Fayetteville City School system. The overall score for the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) composites was a 5 out of 5. Fayetteville has a graduation rate of 95.5 and is ranked first in this category among other school systems. Among the other school systems, Fayetteville ranked very well in the category of "Per Pupil Expenditure." Fayetteville is ranked first in the state in the category of "Changes in Relative Performance (English). The data that was supplied was released by the State and can be reviewed on the school system's report card.

Fire Report:

Fire Chief Danny Travis reported that the Fire Department had seventy-nine (79) calls for service, fifty (50) medical calls, with a loss of two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$2,750.00). They responded to seven (7) accidents with injuries, and the volunteers logged a total of one hundred two (102) hours for the month.

Police Report:

Police Chief Richard Howell reported that there were one hundred twenty-five (125) reportable TBI incidents, fifty-five (55) arrests, sixty-seven (67) traffic accidents, and thirty-eight (38) citations, for a total police activity of one thousand four hundred thirty-three (1,433) events.

Recreation Report:

Ricky Honey, Recreation Director, reported that despite the rainy weather the Christmas parade was a great success. He thanked all the departments and personnel that helped make it a successful parade. The restrooms in all the parks are closed to be winterized. This is the time of the year that any repairs are made so they can get them ready for the summer season.

Public Works:

Eddie Plunket, Public Works Director, reported that one hundred ninety (190) tons of brush was collected, along with two hundred thirteen (213) tons of sanitation, and one hundred one (101) tons of leaves was collected. The Public Works Department will be closed on Monday December 26, 2016. Sanitation will be picked up on Tuesday December 27, 2016.

Planning and Codes Report:

Jeff Siefert, Building Inspector, reported for the month of November there were six (6) building permits issued. Fees were three hundred twenty-two dollars (\$322.00), with a total project value of twenty-six thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$26,350.00).

Administrator's Report:

Scott Collins, City Administrator, reported that a public hearing was hosted on November 12, 2016, to receive public comments on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. The purpose of this grant is to apply for funding for storm water. The grant application is due February 2, 2017. The paperwork for the William D. Jones Boulevard repairs is moving forward, and the tentative budget estimates are within the Surface Transportation Block Grant funding. The Camp Blount project is moving forward, and this committee is meeting later this week to start putting some ideas into action. Mr. Collins reflected on the many great improvements that the City had in 2016, such as the dog park, the new police building, and the restroom renovation at Kiwanis Park. The City is moving forward, and he is looking forward to a great 2017.

Fayetteville Public Utilities State Revolving Loan:

Michael Whisenant addressed the Board on this agenda item. Fayetteville Public Utilities has the ability through the State Revolving Loan Program to borrow four million dollars at an interest rate of 1.39%, and this will go towards continuing the sewer rehab. The loan offers one hundred thousand dollars of loan forgiveness on the first one million dollars spent out of the loan.

Motion was made by Michael Whisenant, seconded by Gwen Shelton to apply for the State Revolving Loan to continue the sewer rehab project. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

Danny Bryant, Dorothy Small, Violet Harry, Michael Whisenant, Gwen Shelton and Anna Catherine Osteen

Nay:

None

Mayor Law declared the motion approved.

Library Sidewalk Request- \$3,843.75:

Danny Bryant addressed the Board on this agenda item. With the growth of the library, parking continues to be an issue. They have approached First Baptist Church about using their large parking lot behind the library which is already stripped. Mr. Tom Bailey and Jeff Siefert have been working with the church and the library on this project. Mr. Bailey drew the official engineering plans for the sidewalk for no charge. An agreement has been reached with First Baptist Church to use the parking lot six days a week, Monday through Saturday. With the library's tight budget, they believe they can pay for the lighting and the signage but not the sidewalk. They are asking for the City to pay for one half of the sidewalk project. If approved, they will ask the county to pay for the other half off the project.

Motion was made by Anna Catherine Osteen, seconded by Michael Whisenant to allocate up to \$3,850.00 for the proposal as laid out for the sidewalk project for the library.

There was discussion about amending the motion to be contingent on the County's approving to pay half of the sidewalk project for the library. Anna Catherine Osteen did not wish to amend her motion. Gwen Shelton requested that it be noted that she wanted this project to be approved contingent on the County.

Aye:

Dorothy Small, Violet Harry, Michael Whisenant, Gwen Shelton, Anna Catherine Osteen and Danny Bryant

Nay:

None

Mayor Law declared the motion approved.

Resolution R-16-13 "A Resolution Honoring Robert M. Jones"

Resolution R-16-13, a resolution entitled, "A Resolution honoring Robert M. Jones, Jr. was considered. Said Resolution is as follows:

R-16-13

A RESOLUTION HONORING ROBERT M. JONES, JR.

Whereas, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen deems it appropriate to pass this resolution honoring Robert M. ("Bob") Jones, Jr., upon his retirement as Fayetteville-Lincoln County Communications Director; and

Whereas, Bob Jones was born in 1954 in Yazoo, Mississippi; and

Whereas, Bob Jones enlisted in the United States Army in 1971, attending radio electronics school at Fort Knox, Kentucky; and

Whereas, Bob Jones later served his country as part of the 122nd Maintenance Battalion, Third Armored Division in Hanau, Germany and at Fort Riley, Kansas and Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, where he graduated from computer electronics school with honors; and

Whereas, Bob Jones subsequently served his country at the Fifth Signal Coltano communications site in Pisa, Italy, and then as a member of the Pentagon communications support staff at Fort Richie, Maryland; and

Whereas, Bob Jones was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1979, and began work as a computer engineer at the Mississippi Power and Light Company at the Grand Gulf Nuclear Power State in Port Gibson, Mississippi; and

Whereas, Bob Jones began working at Science Applications International Corporation In Huntsville, Alabama in 1988, managing its Nuclear Power Plant Security Division; and

Whereas, in 1997, Bob Jones became a full-time pastor and a volunteer member of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Possee; and

Whereas, Bob Jones became a full-time member of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department in 2001, serving as a deputy sergeant under Sheriff Jimmy Mullins and Sheriff Murray Blackwelder; and

Whereas, Bob Jones was appointed Fayetteville-Lincoln County Communications Director in 2012; and

Whereas, during his tenure as Communications Director, Bob Jones oversaw the construction of the new radio tower and implemented a county-wide simulcast system; and

Whereas, Bob Jones has been married to Mary Annelle Jones for 45 years, and is the father of Stephanie Anne Jones and Timothy Madison Jones; and

Whereas, Bob Jones also serves as interim pastor of the Elora Baptist Church and as the Lincoln County Emergency Coordinator for the American Radio and Relay League; and

Whereas, Bob Jones is a man of great integrity who has devoted his life to service to others and his community.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of Board of Mayor and Aldermen honor Robert M. ("Bob") Jones, Jr. upon his retirement as Fayetteville-Lincoln County Communications Director and thank him for his service to the City of Fayetteville and its citizens; and

Be it further resolved by this Board of Mayor and Aldermen that this resolution of respect and esteem be spread upon the minutes of the Board and that a copy by forwarded to Robert M. Jones, Jr.

This 13th day of December, 2016.



JONATHAN D. LAW
Mayor

Motion was made by Gwen Shelton, seconded by Dorothy Small to accept Resolution No. R-16-13.

All Ayes.

Mayor Law declared the motion approved.

Christmas Eve Holiday

Scott Collins addressed the Board on this agenda item. He said in years past that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen has granted Christmas Eve as an additional holiday to the Christmas holiday on behalf of the employees. He respectfully asked that the Board consider granting the Christmas Eve holiday.

Motion was made by Danny Bryant, seconded by Gwen Shelton, to approve the Christmas Eve holiday. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

Violet Harry, Michael Whisenant, Gwen Shelton, Anna Catherine Osteen, Danny Bryant and Dorothy Small

Nay:

None

Mayor Law declared the motion approved.

Recreation Board Appointment-Todd Storey:

Motion was made by Gwen Shelton, seconded by Michael Whisenant to reappoint Todd Storey to the Recreation Board. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

Michael Whisenant, Gwen Shelton, Anna Catherine Osteen, Danny Bryant, Dorothy Small and Violet Harry

Nay:

None

Mayor Law declared the motion approved.

Recreation Board Appointment-Richard Lewis

Motion was made by Gwen Shelton, seconded by Dorothy Small to reappoint Richard Lewis to the Recreation Board. Upon roll call, the following voted:

Aye:

Gwen Shelton, Anna Catherine Osteen, Danny Bryant, Dorothy Small, Violet Harry and Michael Whisenant

Nay:

None

Mayor Law declared the motion approved.

Fayetteville Public Utilities Board Appointment-Eddie Hall:

Mayor Law relinquished his chair to Alderman Osteen so he could address the Board on this agenda item. Mayor Law made a presentation to the Board in support of his recommendation to appoint Eddie Hall to the Fayetteville Public Utilities Board. At the conclusion of Mayor Law's presentation, Alderman Osteen relinquished the chair to Mayor Law.

Alderman Gwen Shelton asked the City Manager and City Attorney to look into whether the chair should have been turned over to the vice mayor.

Motion was made by Alderman Anna Catherine Osteen, seconded by Alderman Violet Harry, to approve the appointment of Eddie Hall to the Fayetteville Public Utilities Board.

Alderman Danny Bryant objected to the consideration of the question.

A vote of the board was conducted on Alderman Bryant's objection.

Those voting in favor of sustaining the object: Danny Bryant, Dorothy Small, Michael Whisenant and Gwen Shelton.

Those voting against the object: Anna Catherine Osteen and Violet Harry.

The objection of Alderman Bryant was sustained by a vote of two-thirds of the Board.

There being no more business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk