

## **BOARD MEETING**

**OCTOBER 9, 2006**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Tullahoma, Coffee and Franklin Counties, Tennessee met in a public session at the Municipal Building, in Tullahoma, on Monday, October 9, 2006 with Mayor Troy Bisby presiding and the following named members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen: Janice Bowling, Jonathan James, Sandy Lindeman, and Scott Shasteen. Absent were Lane Curlee and Phil Trimble.

Louis J. Baltz III, City Administrator; Randall Morrison, City Attorney; and Rosemary Womack, City Recorder, were also present at the meeting.

The meeting was opened with an invocation delivered by Dr. David Benjamin and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### **PROCLAMATIONS; AWARDS; AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Bisby read and presented a proclamation to Fire Chief C. B. Watkins designating October 14, 2006 as Tullahoma Firefighter Appreciation Day on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Professional Firefighting in Tullahoma.

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Mr. Joe Hills, 1112 Country Club Drive, commented regarding the economic and community development and citizen participation. Mayor Bisby and Board members responded to Mr. Hills by giving information regarding the various boards and committees that work toward economic and community development growth for Tullahoma and Coffee County.

### **REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

**ALDERMAN BOWLING** – Mrs. Bowling wished all a happy Columbus Day. Mrs. Bowling reported that she attended the reception at TUB to kick off the Public Power week and thanked all those who attended and thanked Mr. Brian Skelton, General Manager – TUB, for hosting. Mrs. Bowling read highlights from a newspaper article regarding inmates accessing sensitive data and requested the Board to prepare a resolution in support of a bill to prohibit inmates from accessing sensitive data. Mrs. Bowling requested a Policy Committee meeting to discuss economy purchasing with the City of Manchester and Coffee County and to invite both Mayors to attend. Mrs. Bowling requested that they also discuss the Serenity House and the possibility of creating a non-smoking ordinance for that facility. Mrs. Bowling discussed an article regarding where today's retirees are

looking to live. She said it discusses that they are looking for small towns and places where they can access big cities if they want, but are looking for affordable communities where their dollar goes far and they can become involved in the process of that community and have expendable income to spend in that community; which she said is Tullahoma. Mrs. Bowling discussed Backroads Heritage and tourism and the benefit of sales tax dollars derived from tourism. Mrs. Bowling discussed the Civil War campaign and brochure, and said that there are many other brochures that Backroads Heritage distributes. Mrs. Bowling then presented to the Mayor a sign that she had purchased from Backroads Heritage for the City to prominently display in the lobby or on the outside of the building, that had the eagle logo for Backroads Heritage and had the date when Tullahoma was established in 1852.

Mrs. Bowling said that she had lunch with her granddaughter in a small school in Alabama and that in their lobby they had a report card that the State of Alabama Board of Education puts out that shows the breakdown of school system use of funds. She said that she brought a copy of it to share with our School Board.

**ALDERMAN LINDEMAN** – No report.

**ALDERMAN JAMES** – Mr. James reported that he, along with at least three other members from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, attended a recognition reception for Dr. Apple, Motlow College, and said it was a good recognition of the importance of education in our area. Mr. James reported that he also attended the TUB reception and thanked Mr. Skelton for putting on the event. Mr. James said the Tullahoma Airport Authority would meet tomorrow and they would be going over some by-laws and capital improvements, and will be doing their annual policy review. Mr. James said that at the last Board meeting he asked for input from citizens and he reported that he had received calls, emails, and face to face input. Mr. James encouraged persons to continue to give input. He said that he has shared his future vision for Tullahoma with many and would like them to continue to share their views with him. Mr. James reminded all that there is an election on November 7 and encouraged all to vote.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM SHASTEEN** – Mr. Shasteen said that he wanted to reiterate the Mayor's proclamation and remind everyone of the Open House at Fire Hall No. 1, this Saturday, October 14, from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. He encouraged all to stop by.

**MAYOR BISBY** – Mayor Bisby reminded that also on Saturday is the Memory Walk for Alzheimer's that begins at 9:30 a.m., (registration at 9), he encouraged all to attend the Memory Walk and following they could stop by the Fire Hall Open House. Mayor Bisby reported that he also attended the TUB reception and expressed his appreciation to Brian Skelton. Mayor Bisby noted

that TUB had just lowered their rates and that they have always provided excellent service. Mayor Bisby reported that he attended the reception for Dr. Apple and felt that she is going to do a lot of good things for Motlow. Mayor Bisby praised Motlow College and the educational opportunities it provides.

Mayor Bisby praised the Businessmen and Sportsmen group for their help in aiding a citizen in need. He encouraged support of their future fundraiser.

**REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY** – Mr. Morrison said that he had no report, but also wanted to express his support and concurrence with the Mayor regarding Motlow College being a great educational institution.

**REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR** – Mr. Baltz reported that the Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce had requested temporary road blocks for the Annual Christmas Parade on December 1, 2006, and presented the information. The Board was in agreement to approve the request. Mr. Baltz introduced Ms. Katy Ishee, to discuss the request for temporary road blocks for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Highway 41 Toy Convoy. Ms. Ishee presented the information for temporary road blocks and traffic help from the Tullahoma Police Department for the Toy Convoy on November 5, 2006. The Board was in agreement to approve the request.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Agenda Item 06-124 - Minutes of September 25, 2006 Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Mrs. Bowling and seconded by Mrs. Lindeman to accept the minutes of the September 25, 2006 board meeting as presented. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

Mayor Bisby suggested that if there were no objections, a motion could be made to move Resolutions 1302-1316 to the Consent Agenda and vote on all of them at one time. A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Shasteen to move Resolutions 1302-1316 to be considered under the Consent Agenda at one time. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

## **RESOLUTIONS 1302 – 1316**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1302 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TENNESSEE BACKROADS HERITAGE**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1303 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TULLAHOMA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1304 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS**

**FOR FINANCIAL AID OF KEEP COFFEE COUNTY BEAUTIFUL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1305 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF CIVIL AIR PATROL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1306 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT, TULLAHOMA HEALTH CENTER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1307 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF COFFEE COUNTY LANNOM LIBRARY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1308 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF COFFEE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1309 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF HANDS ON SCIENCE CENTER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1310 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1311 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1312 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF SOUTH JACKSON CIVIC CENTER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1313 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TENNESSEE REHABILITATION CENTER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1314 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TRINITY CARE CENTER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1315 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TULLAHOMA DAY CARE CENTER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1316 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TULLAHOMA FINE ARTS CENTER**

Mayor Bisby read each resolution number and the organization name for each resolution. A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Shasteen to accept Resolution No. 1302-1316. On roll call all member present voted aye and it was so ordered

**SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION NOS. 1302-1316**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 1341 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE WHICH IS APPENDIX "A" TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE BY CHANGING THE ZONING MAP WHICH IS A PART THEREOF TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM R-1, LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

Mayor Bisby read the caption of Ordinance No. 1341 for the second and final reading. A motion was made by Mrs. Bowling and seconded by Mr. James to accept Ordinance No. 1341 on second and final reading. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**SEE ATTACHED COPY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1341**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 1342 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5-501 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, TO CHANGE THE PERCENTAGES OF "HOTEL" PRIVILEGE TAXES COLLECTED AS ALLOCATED THEREIN**

Mayor Bisby read the caption of Ordinance No. 1342 for the first of three readings. A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Shasteen to accept Ordinance No. 1342 as amended. Mr. James discussed Appendix "A" that had a typo error to correct to read Section 5-501 at the top of the page. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**SEE ATTACHED COPY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1342**

### **AGENDA ITEM 06-125 - CONSIDERATION OF INCREASING LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX**

Mr. Baltz presented the background information. A motion was made by Mr. Shasteen and seconded by Mrs. Lindeman to accept Staff recommendation of Alternative No. 1 and authorize publication of a notice regarding the first reading of an ordinance to increase the Local Option Sales Tax at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen set for Monday, October 23, 2006. Discussion followed regarding constraints and stipulations regarding property tax increase/reduction or freeze and the amount of the proposed increase in the Local Option Sales Tax rate and more information to be gathered from MTAS to ensure all guidelines are followed and to inquire if there are other facets available regarding property tax and appropriation to the TCS. More discussion followed regarding the Board not being able to authorize an increase in the Local Option

Sales Tax, but that it must go to the elector and that when they bring it before the voters, it should be very clear and something that they will accept. It was also discussed and recommended that they ask the City Attorney to make sure that they have all of the information correct and that they have all of the options made available to them for consideration. Mr. Shasteen read an overview of the guidelines/information that Ms. Rosemary Womack had outlined for the public to hear. It was mentioned that the sales tax rate in Nashville and Murfreesboro is the same as what the Board is proposing for the City of Tullahoma. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 06-126 – REHABILITATION OF THE AUDITORIUM**

Mayor Bisby presented the background information. A motion was made by Mr. Shasteen (for discussion) and seconded by Mrs. Bowling to accept Alternative No. 1 to authorize the Mayor to offer the loan to the Tullahoma City Schools. Discussion followed regarding the \$400,000 loan amount and that this figure was a low-end estimate, but an amount that will go a long way in the improvements needed, and the remainder of any funds needed could come from TCS reserve funds. Dr. Lawson commented that the \$40,000 per year payback on the loan shouldn't be a big issue, but that their concern would be the immediate payback of the total if the local option sales tax were to pass via referendum. Dr. Lawson questioned if the referendum were to pass, how soon the City and the City Schools would begin to see the benefits because this would have a tremendous impact on their ability to repay any and all funds. Dr. Lawson further discussed that this would not be an appropriation, but a loan, and that they would be borrowing money for the school system and setting up an apparatus, a generous apparatus, by which they pay back if the sales tax goes through. Mayor Bisby said that he would not have a problem postponing the immediate payment after passage 6 months to one year. Discussion followed regarding this being a solution to get the auditorium repaired. Mrs. Bowling asked if this agenda item passes tonight and they start tomorrow, have they determined how the money will be appropriated, will there be a construction draw down. Mr. Baltz said that this agenda item was to get a consensus of the Board if they want to offer the loan to the City School System and then the School System would need to respond to the City and address concerns their board may have. Dr. Lawson said that from their perspective, their Board meeting would take place next Monday night so the dialog on that discussion will take place on that night. Mr. Shasteen directed to Dr. Lawson, other than this potential action right now as they sit there is there any other plan or way in sight in the near future to get this problem fixed. Dr. Lawson said that he has had discussions with parties that would like to engage in local fundraisers and that their grant writer has been busy looking for opportunities, and also Alderman Lindeman has been talking to him about interfacing with the three women's clubs in Tullahoma. Dr. Lawson said that certainly that those are all great and he would love to see them happen and what

would be ideal was to see the continuation of those community activities, City activities, and School activities to allow them to have that showplace that they had 50 years ago. He said that would certainly be their hope today. Dr. Lawson said that “certainly I don’t see an offer of a loan and the acceptance thereof to be tantamount to the School System saying, no we don’t need anything”. Dr. Lawson said that he still thinks they will need a tremendous amount of involvement from the community to make that auditorium the viable center that we would like to see. Dr. Lawson said that the bottom line there is that \$400,000 is certainly, what he believes, below the threshold, but it’s a great start. Mr. Shasteen said then that the potential then obviously exists for more funds to be raised from fundraisers. Dr. Lawson said that would be their goal. Mr. Shasteen said that in the last month or so that they have seen and heard from a number from a number of people who expressed more than a willingness to have their property taxes raised significantly to pay for this type of thing and referred to the bond referendum vote that had well over 1,000 people who were in favor of that, so he encouraged citizens who are willing to pay to have these things fixed to stay in touch and find out the fundraising organizations and be a part of that. Dr. Lawson said that likewise that would be encouraged, however, once dollars are appropriated the immediacy tends to fall off, and he cited the lights of the football field as a prime example; they had any number of folks who talked about soliciting private donors and to date they are still using the same receipt book and they are still on number one. Mr. Shasteen said then, would they rather the Board wait awhile on this for people to donate money. Dr. Lawson said, no, that he would absolutely love to see folks seize the opportunity to donate to a great cause, he just doesn’t want that to be lost and there to be a belief that the City funded that money and now the problem is not there. He said the problem is still there and the money that is being offered is ours and it is insufficient. He said this was a viable first step and a step that was made in good faith to do good things for our school and community, but that it does not solve all of the problems. Dr. Lawson said that he was just trying to be as forthright on this as he can be. Mrs. Lindeman said that she did talk to Dr. Lawson regarding the women’s clubs are looking at a fundraiser by accepting donations and “selling” chairs – they in turn for their donation would have their name put on a chair that will remain in the auditorium. Encouragement came from the TCS and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to the community to be a part of the fundraisers to make the repairs needed for the auditorium. Discussion followed regarding the Senior Citizen Center and how it is a showcase of Senior Citizen centers in Tennessee and that they received in-kind donations and private donations and held fundraisers to make it a success. Both Boards would like to see the same thing happen for the THS auditorium. Mayor Bisby called for a vote to accept Alternative No. 1 to authorize the Mayor to offer the loan to the Tullahoma City Schools. Discussion of the determination of how the loan will be handled as far as draw downs, etc., would be brought back to the Board. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**AGENDA ITEM 06-127 – ACCEPTANCE OF LEAF MACHINE BID**

Mr. Baltz presented the background information. A motion was made by Mrs. Bowling and seconded by Mr. James to accept Public Works Department recommendation to purchase 2 leaf machines for \$29,400 from Old Dominion Brush Company, in Richmond, VA. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at this time, upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board Meeting adjourned. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

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**CITY RECORDER**

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**MAYOR**