

## **BOARD MEETING**

**OCTOBER 23, 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 23, 2006 with Mayor Troy Bisby presiding and the following named members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen: Janice Bowling, Lane Curlee, Jonathan James, Sandy Lindeman, Scott Shasteen 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 and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

Mayor Bisby read and presented a proclamation to the Robert E. Lee Energy Team designating October as Energy Awareness Month in Tullahoma.

Mayor Bisby recognized Police Officer Steve Brasier for 10 years of service to the Tullahoma Police Department.

Mayor Bisby recognized Mrs. Susan Wilson for receiving an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Mayor Bisby noted a thank you letter from the Estill Springs Fire Department to the Tullahoma Fire Department for sending a cake for their "Hear a Siren, Say a Prayer" community potluck fundraiser.

Mayor Bisby announced the Employee Health Fair to take place on November 3, 7am to 10am at C.D. Stamps Community Center and encouraged all employees to attend.

### **COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES**

Mayor Bisby recognized Officer Jason Tomberlin for his graduation of the TN Law Enforcement Academy with the highest academic achievement in the class. Officer Tomberlin also served as the class President and was the recipient of the Outstanding Officer Award.

Mayor Bisby recognized Ms. Rosie Barnes for her superior reporting practices of meeting deadlines without any errors in the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System and achievement of the 2005 Award of Excellence presented for the Tullahoma Police Department.

Mayor Bisby recognized Officer Billy Clark for a letter of commendation received from Chief Ferrell regarding a letter received from an appreciative citizen.

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Mr. Wayne Irwin, 120 Lindsay Circle, discussed proposed legislation that has not received much publicity regarding property tax relief for citizens that meet certain qualifications.

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

**ALDERMAN BOWLING** – Mrs. Bowling thanked Mr. Irwin for his comments regarding the amendment on the ballot regarding tax relief and presented some information regarding the enabling amendment. Mrs. Bowling also discussed another amendment on the ballot regarding marriage and explained what your yes or no vote voted for in regard to the amendment.

Mrs. Bowling reported on the Policy Committee meeting held and the additional attendees being Coffee County Mayor David Pennington and Assistant Margaret Cunningham, Manchester Mayor Johnnie Brown and Finance Director Mark Allen, Tullahoma Finance Director Rosemary Womack and Purchasing Agent Alesia Snell. They discussed the feasibility of going into a joint purchasing contract for office supplies and cleaning supplies with Coffee County and Manchester. She said that once they determine how they could best utilize this type of program they could put out an RFP, and then once decided they would be able to use this combined purchasing program, but be able to order individually from each entity as performed currently. Mrs. Bowling said that everyone was enthusiastic about this type of program and once all details “ironed out” then invite all three schools systems and independent board and agencies to review for their participation for a savings to all taxpayers. Mrs. Bowling commented that this may be a step in looking to doing a cooperative bid for health insurance in the future.

Mrs. Bowling said that at the Policy Committee meeting it was determined that we need to ask our Attorney to come forward with an ordinance that would address the use of tobacco in all city owned buildings. So with the permission of a consensus of this Board they would the attorney to do that. Mrs. Bowling said it seems to be a timely need for the City to have a policy regarding the use of tobacco. She asked if the board was agreeable. There was no opposition.

Mrs. Bowling said that going back to the RFP, that Manchester has an ordinance that allows the Mayor to negotiate or come up with some terms for cooperative buying venture and that they are going to send us a copy so that we can look to see if we want to adopt a similar ordinance that would allow the Mayor to be a representative of what we like or dislike, then it would come back to this board for final approval.

Mrs. Bowling reported that she attended the Fire Hall reception and expressed to Chief C. B. Watkins that it was delightful and thanked him.

Mrs. Bowling said that in the newspaper that there were some proposed school budget cuts and she asked Mrs. Lindeman to get some information, because that looking at some of the line items, she did not recognize them from the budget they saw. She asked Mrs. Lindeman to find out more particulars about where they were in the budget. Mrs. Lindeman agreed to find out.

**ALDERMAN CURLEE** – Mr. Curlee reported that the Housing Authority met Thursday night and that he continues to be impressed with the Staff. He passed around a couple of newsletters produced by Staff to make available to residents.

**ALDERMAN LINDEMAN** – Mrs. Lindeman congratulated East Lincoln Elementary school for their nationwide achievement of Title 1, No Child Left Behind and their invitation to attend an awards presentation in Long Beach, CA. She said she was proud for the principal, teachers, parents, and students and everyone else involved. Mrs. Lindeman commented on an article in the “Town & Country” paper regarding economic strength growing in communities. She reported that in this article they discussed “micropolitan” communities and that Tullahoma was ranked 52<sup>nd</sup> (included in these micropolitan communities was Cookeville that came in 22<sup>nd</sup> and Shelbyville came in 218<sup>th</sup>).

**ALDERMAN TRIMBLE** – Mr. Trimble agreed that the tax initiative that Mr. Irwin commented on was very quiet. Mr. Trimble said that he voted last Friday and that it is a good initiative and he would encourage people to read it when they get into the ballot booth, or before they get there. He said that he feels it is a fair amendment and one of which he would support if came back to this Board.

**ALDERMAN JAMES** – Mr. James reported that he attended the Tullahoma Airport Authority meeting and there are a couple of things later on in the agenda one being the Rounds Aviation UDAG loan. Mr. James noted the Harton project that deals with some UDAG funds that is not on the agenda tonight because they are getting final numbers so that they have real solid estimates – this deals with the taxiway). Mr. James said that today in the study session tonight they will have some discussion on going to the seven members from the five members. They will look at the process and make sure it has been done correctly.

Mr. James said he also attended the Policy Committee meeting and

Alderman Bowling reported on that already. Mr. James said that he also attended the Development Committee meeting to observe. He said that this is a group of experts that look at the plans that the contractors and builders bring in and discuss it and he was impressed by their knowledge, their engrossment in what they were doing, and their attention to detail.

Mr. James thanked the Department of Public Works for the repair of the sidewalk on South Jefferson Street.

Mr. James said that he went Kurt Glick today and received an overview walk-around of D. W. Wilson and what will be happening to the major modifications that will be going on there and that these are good things and he is looking forward to that happening.

Mr. James said that he will be attending a capital projects conference for the Middle TN Aeronautics Division at the Staggerwing Museum for his being a member of the Airport Authority meeting.

Mr. James said that he would be attending training for the Planning Commission that is regarding the Board of Zoning & Appeals, on Thursday.

Mr. James said that he paid his taxes in Coffee County and for the City and picked up a brochure regarding current law that is for property tax relief for the elderly if they meet certain criteria.

Mr. James also congratulated East Lincoln parents, students, teachers, and faculty for their achievement.

Mr. James discussed the budget issue that Alderman Bowling brought up and said that those items were not in the budget that they saw and commented why they are going through budget cuts right now. Mr. James further commented that that there was no reason to be going through budget cuts if they had done everything they were supposed to do. He said the law specifically says that if you do not have a budget by the first of July then you are supposed to carry the old budget through. Mr. James said that if the school had been doing that all along, they wouldn't be cutting budgets now and that they would have excess money including the \$200,000 increase that they received, so that some of this work they are having to do now was created due to inattention to detail and assuming that the budget process was always end up the same way. He thinks that was a mistake that they are all having to grapple with now and having to deal with, sad to say. Mr. James said, however, good things are happening at the schools at the classroom level and he is very glad about that.

Discussion followed regarding school budget guidelines from TN Code Annotated in the case of a budget not approved by July 1<sup>st</sup>. More discussion and debate followed regarding the laws and the practicality of the law and timing for

hiring teachers for the school year. It was noted that this year was an exception in regard to the budget delay due to the referendum vote.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM SHASTEEN** – Mr. Shasteen reported that he attended the Planning Commission meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> and approved preliminary plats for two subdivisions. He said that the Planning Commission approved two annexation requests in Sunny Acres and an annexation and zoning change request for a property on Hwy 55 and they will be dealing with setting a public hearing later in the meeting tonight. Mr. Shasteen reported that the Planning Commission took no action on an annexation request on Riley Creek Road. Mr. Shasteen said that he attended the Coffee County Leadership conference and appreciated the opportunity to participate and felt it was an honor to be selected to be a member of the Leadership group for this year.

Mr. Shasteen reported that he also attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fire Department and commended the Chief and Staff that worked on the program for a very nice ceremony and that it was a nice surprise that Senator Alexander was able to attend along with Rep. Judd Matheny, and Coffee County Mayor Pennington. Mr. Shasteen reported that he attended the grand opening of the new Beech Bonanza Baron Museum at the airport said that it is a very nice facility and this is just phase one of what is going to be a huge complex that will drive economic development in our community as it continues to grow. Mr. Shasteen said that Senator Lamar Alexander was there for the grand opening.

**MAYOR BISBY** – Mayor Bisby reported that he also attended the reception to help the firefighters celebrate 50 years of professional firefighting in Tullahoma. He said it was an excellent celebration and thanked the Chief and his staff for a great job. He said the honor guard was very sharp and that it was thrill to have Senator Alexander there and Judd Matheny and David Pennington. Mayor Bisby said that he also attended the grand opening of the Bonanza Baron Museum and encouraged all who had not been there to please go. Mayor Bisby commented that this was all done with private money and it is a class act and a source of pride for them and for the entire town. Mayor Bisby discussed a connector road that goes from the airport to the museum and it is half gravel and maybe we could look at sometime in the future making it a more accessible road because this is such a great feature in Tullahoma if it's affordable and allowed by regulations.

Mayor Bisby reported that he attended an informal meeting with Tullahoma High School teachers at his request to give them his ideas of the local option sales tax. He said that he thought it was a really good exchange to better communicate with each other. He said that he did a lot of listening and that there were a lot of concerns with environmental issues with heating and cooling and leaks around the windows. Mayor Bisby said that the biggest issue that surprised him was that they seemed to be the concerned about security. The concern seemed to be that there are many entrances and people can come in from many different ways that

perhaps there needs to be a review of security in the school system. He said that he was just passing that along.

Mayor Bisby said that he attended the School Board meeting for Mrs. Lindeman. He reported that Mr. Roggli reported that work is complete on the electrical panel at the old ball field at East Lincoln School for about \$43,000. Mayor Bisby said that Mr. Roggli also reported that there is work on a soccer press box in progress at East Middle School. Mayor Bisby said that there was considerable discussion on East Middle School roof regarding it losing its elasticity and that typically the roofs are replaced every 15 years and this one is about 18 years old. He said that the newspaper attributed Mr. Roggli as saying the engineers have assessed the roof. Mayor Bisby said that he was asked several times by citizens if the school has engineers on staff, so that he reviewed the tape and said he did not think anyone referred to engineers assessing the roof. He said that Dr. Lawson did discuss there was a roof consultant that said they can't continue to patch but expect bigger repair costs, and with the sudden change in temperature they could be facing massive failure. Mayor Bisby said the Dr. Lawson also said the East Lincoln had some of the same issues and don't be surprised in the next few months to hear the same kind of discussion on the East Lincoln building. Mayor Bisby said that he believes it is safe to say that the School Board ("and they can correct me if I'm wrong") is publicly stating that the East Middle School roof is now their number one concern.

Mayor Bisby reported that at the School Board meeting a discussion on the auditorium did take place and the news article wasn't quite right. He said that Dr. Lawson recommended to the School Board that they not accept our offer of \$400,000 because, he quoted Dr. Lawson, "if I have a roof failing, I'm going to come back to this Board (Mayor said of which he believed he meant the School Board) and recommend that we expend a tremendous amount of reserves on a roof and he would hate for you being obligated to do that as well as finish a half-completed auditorium". Mayor Bisby said that in response to Dr. Lawson's recommendation, that Mr. Thoma made a motion the thank the City for their generous offer, respectfully decline and request that they look at upping the ante to \$900,000 and changing the project. Mayor Bisby said that both Mr. Thoma and he thought also Mr. Welsh said that the school system did not have the reserves to fix the roof. Mayor Bisby said that the bottom line is that the School Board is not willing to accept the City's offer of \$400,000 as a loan for the auditorium but they will take money from organizations and the public for that purpose. Mayor Bisby said that they voted to surplus the auditorium seats. Mayor Bisby reported that there is a TCS newsletter that will be prepared and the School Board voted to spend \$6,000 this year to prepare, print, and mail the newsletters. He said the newspaper reported on this but they failed to mention that these newsletters are being mailed to all registered voters in Tullahoma and any tuition-paying parents. He said the newsletters will also be available in the schools to be picked up. Mayor Bisby said that the School Board meeting policy was changed. He said the

Board voted to revise its meeting policy to help prevent meeting conflicts with the City meetings.

Mayor Bisby reported that Governor Phil Bredesen will be visiting Tullahoma this Wednesday around 2:00 p.m., and that they are very excited to have him in town and to meet him. Mayor Bisby said that as he understands it this is a bit of a campaign, and as a non-partisan Mayor he is very proud to have him in town and that he is going to meet him and greet him and thank him for all the good things that he has helped with in Tullahoma.

**REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY** – No report.

**REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR** – Mr. Baltz reported that the State BEP review committee met this afternoon and presented alternatives that would change the local share of the funding for BEP, but has not heard results of that meeting. He said as soon as they have information they would report at the next meeting. Mr. Baltz said that all three of the scenarios that they are contemplating all work greatly to the detriment of city school systems, but it is their hope they will come up with consensus. Discussion followed regarding this subject and also that there are other city school systems in the state that are experiencing the same issues as our City.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Item 06-128 - Minutes of October 9, 2006 Board Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 06-129A – September 2006 Finance Report**

A motion was made by Mrs. Bowling and seconded by Mr. James to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

## **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**

**OLD 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 second of three readings. A motion was made by Mrs. Bowling and seconded by Mr. Shasteen to accept Ordinance No. 1342 as amended. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AGENDA ITEM 06-129 – SURPLUS OF ROW LOCATED OF CEDAR LANE (BETWEEN 404 AND 314 CEDAR LANE)**

Mr. Baltz presented the background information. A motion was made by Mr. Shasteen and seconded by Mrs. Bowling to accept Staff recommendation of Alternative No. 1 and approve the Surplus of Property (ROW) subject to retaining a portion of the existing ROW (36-feet from center line) needed for the future widening of Cedar Lane. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**AGENDA ITEM 06-130 – SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR SURPLUS OF ROW FOR A PORTION OF AN ALLEYWAY LOCATED BETWEEN 507/517 SOUTH JACKSON STREET AND 508 S. ATLANTIC STREET (TOM HULVEY, APPLICANT)**

Mr. Baltz presented the background information. A motion was made by Mrs. Lindeman and seconded by Mrs. Bowling to set a public hearing for November 13, 2006. Discussion followed regarding property owners on either side being notified of the surplus. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**AGENDA ITEM 06-131 – SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANNEXATION REQUEST AND PLAN OF SERVICE FOR 3574 MANCHESTER HIGHWAY (GREG DRIVER, APPLICANT)**

Mr. Baltz presented the background information. A motion was made by Mrs. Bowling and seconded by Mr. Shasteen to set a public hearing for November 13, 2006. Mr. Shasteen presented information from the County regarding

rezoning properties along state highways. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**AGENDA ITEM 06-132 – SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANNEXATION REQUEST AND PLAN OF SERVICE FOR 3079 RILEY CREEK ROAD (CLIFTON MILLER, APPLICANT)**

Mr. Baltz presented the background information. The Planning Commission and staff recommend Alternative No. 1 to set a public hearing for November 13, 2006. A motion was made by Mrs. Bowling and seconded by Mr. Shasteen for Alternative No. 2 to disapprove the request for annexation. Discussion followed regarding where the property is in regard to the urban growth boundaries.

Mr. James discussed that the Planning Commissioners were reticent to discuss annexation of any sort that was not issued by the land owner. Mr. James said that it was his recommendation to give the Commissioners the green light to look at areas of possible annexation and to do future planning to clear up some of the checker board effect. Discussion of why the Planning Commission referred to the BMA with no recommendation. Mr. Trimble agreed with Mr. James there are a lot of areas in Tier I that need to be looked at to clean up some of the checker board effect. Mr. Baltz suggested they present the 2003 Urban Growth Plan to the Planning Commission for their review and solicit input for any recommended changes. Mr. Baltz said it is timely because one of the key components of updating growth plans is that since 2003 when the growth plans were done, we have a new TUB Manager and he thinks he has some recommendations as far as good logical progressions as far as what areas they may want to look at from a utility standpoint. The Board agreed that the TUB be included in the discussions or meetings.

Mr. Shasteen said that he will report to the Planning Commission to let them know that it is their/our responsibility to consider each and every annexation request or “checker boards”, etc., while at the same time the Policy Committee could lay out some broad frame work on what they might want to send up to the BMA and what they may not want to.

Discussion followed regarding the distance of this particular annexation and that there are many things that could happen between now and a public hearing, however geography could not change and unless they decided to incorporate everything from there out, but that they are not ready to do that. Mayor Bisby said the current motion is to disapprove the request. Mayor Bisby called for a vote. On the vote was as follows:

AYE: Bisby, Bowling, James, Shasteen, Trimble

NAY: Curlee, Lindeman

The vote being five (5) ayes and two (2) nays the motion was so ordered.

**AGENDA ITEM 06-133 – SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANNEXATION REQUEST AND PLAN OF SERVICE FOR 101 WENDELL COURT (KIMBERLY CROCKER, APPLICANT)**

Mr. Baltz presented the background information. A motion was made by Mr. Shasteen and seconded by Mr. James to set a public hearing for November 13, 2006. Mr. Shasteen commented that this is the type of annexation request that they encourage because it begins to solve the checker board area. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**AGENDA ITEM 06-134 – SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANNEXATION REQUEST AND PLAN OF SERVICE FOR 204 VIRGINIA DRIVE (KEITH CROWNOVER, ETUX, APPLICANT)**

Mr. Baltz presented the background information. A motion was made by Mr. Shasteen and seconded by Mr. James to set a public hearing for November 13, 2006. Mr. Shasteen commented that this is across the street from the previous request. Mrs. Bowling said this type of instance is where a policy could be effective, so that if someone wants to be a part of the City they could petition their neighbors to see who else might want to be included simultaneously. Mrs. Lindeman said that she would be interested for the Planning Commission to review this area and the Parkway area to see how many properties are not in the City limits. Mayor Bisby called for a vote. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**AGENDA ITEM 06-135 – APPOINTMENT TO THE TULLAHOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Mr. Baltz presented the background information. This is a Mayoral appointment. Mayor Bisby reappointed Mrs. Brenda Wilson to the Tullahoma Housing Authority.

**AGENDA ITEM 06-136 – APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ZONING AND APPEALS**

Mr. Baltz presented the background information. Mrs. Bowling asked how often the Board meets. Mr. Baltz said it meets on an as-needed basis. Mayor Bisby opened the floor for nominations or if any of the Board wanted to volunteer they were welcome. Mrs. Bowling volunteered to serve on the Board of Zoning and Appeals. Mr. Baltz informed Mrs. Bowling of a training session for this board later this week on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Trimble and seconded by Mr. James to nominate Mrs. Bowling to the Board of Zoning and

Appeals. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1317 – A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT INMATES OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL JAILS AND PRISONS FROM ACCESSING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS AND PERSONAL AND SENSITIVE DATA TO BETTER PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AND PREVENT THEM FROM BEING VICTIMIZED**

Mayor Bisby read the caption of Resolution No. 1317. A motion was made by Mr. Trimble and seconded by Mr. James to adopt Resolution No. 1317. Mrs. Bowling expressed her appreciation for this Resolution and suggested that we send a copy of this to local governments along with those mentioned in the resolution. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**AGENDA ITEM 06-137 – ACCEPTANCE OF GHSO AGREEMENT**

Chief Ferrell presented the background information. A motion was made by Mr. Shasteen and seconded by Mrs. Lindeman to approve the grant contract agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**AGENDA ITEM 06-138 – AMENDMENT TO USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

Mrs. Susan Wilson presented the background information. A motion was made by Mr. Shasteen and seconded by Mrs. Lindeman to approve Alternative No. 1 to increase the loan application amount and provide local cash and in-kind match as detailed. Mayor Bisby thanked Mrs. Wilson Ms. Debi Graham for their work on this grant. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered

**AGENDA ITEM 06-139 – APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mayor Bisby presented the background information. Mayor Bisby appointed Mr. Clark Walker to the unexpired term of Ms. Jaine Colley and he appointed Mr. Lynne Seabourne to the unexpired term of Mr. Bob Perry. Discussion of Mr. Rusty Barton's term expiring this month and that there will be another appointment at a later date.

**AGENDA ITEM 06-140 – ROUNDS AVIATION UDAG LOAN**

City Attorney Randal Morrison presented the background information. A motion was made by Mr. Trimble and seconded by Mr. Shasteen (for discussion) to defer. Mr. Trimble said that while he was out of town he had received a request

from Mr. Rounds requested to meet and had not been able to set a time. Discussion followed regarding insufficient collateral issue. Mr. James suggested that they defer and let Mr. Rounds address the Board in the Study Session tonight. Mayor Bisby repeated the motion to defer. On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1343 – AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE THE SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA TO 2.75% AND TO REQUEST A REFERENDUM**

Mayor Bisby read the caption of Ordinance No. 1343 for the first of three readings. A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mrs. Bowling to defer. A discussion/debate followed regarding whether or not the constraints and/or discipline regarding increase in property tax should accompany this ordinance and if those types of constraints are legal or binding. More discussion followed of how to present the ordinance in a positive way so the voters would feel comfortable to pass. Discussion of school capital improvements needed and what would be the best way of disbursing the funds from sales tax. Mr. James said that his motion to defer was not to defer indefinitely. Discussion followed of what could be changed in the ordinance according to it being a referendum and how many readings required. Also discussed was that the School Board had requested a meeting with the BMA a week from this evening. Mr. James recommended they discuss that meeting later, since there are other meetings they have going on that same evening. Mayor Bisby asked Mr. James if he would be willing to offer an amendment to his motion to defer until the next board meeting. Mr. James amended his motion to defer until the next board meeting. Mrs. Bowling agreed with the amendment. Mayor Bisby said that they do need to move forward, but that he firmly believes that to get the public to vote for this they have to be convinced that it is for the good of the City and for the good of the School System and that they have to show them somehow that they will not also raise property taxes. Discussion followed regarding balancing of budget. Mr. James restated that he had a motion to defer to the next board meeting. Mayor Bisby asked Mrs. Bowling if she was in agreement with the amended motion. She agreed. Mayor Bisby called for a vote. On roll call the vote was as follows:

AYE: Bisby, Bowling, James, Shasteen

NAY: Curlee, Lindeman, Trimble

The vote being four (4) ayes and three (3) nays, the motion was so ordered.

Mr. James requested that they Mayor set up a special committee for the specific purpose to look at this proposed referendum to look to see what else needs to be done with this. Mr. Trimble raised a “point of order” and asked if this was an agenda item. Mayor Bisby agreed that it was germane to that agenda item.

Discussion followed regarding what may need to be addressed by a committee (i.e., charter change, resolution, ordinance, legal steps, actions, etc.). Mr. Curlee suggested that a committee was not necessary that the Mayor could outline the information. Mayor Bisby said that he would work on outlining information and if he felt it was necessary could appoint a committee to bring back the information to the next board meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEM 06-141 – REHABILITATION OF THE TULLAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

Mayor Bisby read the background information. A motion was made by Mrs. Bowling and seconded by Mr. James (for discussion) that out of the \$400,000 (zero interest) loan that \$324,000 go to the School Board toward the repair of the East Middle School roof and that \$76,000 be used immediately to repair the ceiling and relocate the air condition duct work and that these funds would come from the City reserves. Mayor Bisby noted that he didn't understand why the motion wasn't for the \$400,000 to go to the roof. Mr. Trimble asked if they could suspend the rules to allow Dr. Lawson to provide information to the board rather than speculate. Mrs. Bowling said she has a motion on the floor and Mr. James agreed that there is a motion and second on the floor. He verified that the school had asked for a meeting with the Board and said that he doesn't think they should speculate and that he seconded the motion for discussion in case there was information that he was not aware of. Mrs. Bowling said that she was under the impression that the high school auditorium was the main priority. More discussion followed regarding the repairs needed for the auditorium and the proposed costs for the repairs and what the school has in their budget for these repairs. Mrs. Bowling amended her motion to provide a \$400,000 zero-interest loan to be taken from the City reserve for the school to spend on their top priority capital improvements. Mr. Trimble seconded the motion for discussion. Mr. Shasteen recommended that they meet with the School Board and allow them to lay out their definite priorities and then go from there. Mrs. Lindeman agreed with Mr. Shasteen. Discussion followed of square footage of roof and if a pitch could be put on the roof. Mrs. Bowling requested to defer action on her motion and Mr. Trimble agreed. On roll call the vote was as follows:

AYE: Bisby, Bowling, James, Lindeman, Shasteen, Trimble

NAY: Curlee

The vote being six (6) ayes and one (1) nay, the motion was so ordered.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at this time, the Board Meeting adjourned.

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**CITY RECORDER**

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**MAYOR**

