

Minutes Of The Meeting Of
City Council
City Of Elizabethton, Tennessee
Regular Session

August 11, 2016

The City Council Of The City Of Elizabethton Met At City Hall on Thursday,
August 11, 2016 At 6:00 P.M. In Regular Session.

Invocation Was Led By Pastor Scott Fisher, Borderview Christian Church
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; Robert W. (Bob) Cable, Jr., Wes Frazier, Samuel B. Shipley,
D. Richard Tester, And Jeffrey C. Treadway, Councilmen; Roger G. Day, City Attorney;
Deborah B. Kessler, Finance Director / City Clerk And Jerome D. Kitchens, City Manager.

Minutes
Motion By Mr. Shipley, Second By Mr. Cable, That Minutes Of July 14, 2016
Regular Session Be Approved As Distributed.

Passed By Unanimous Voice Vote.

Letter of Appreciation – Pal’s Sudden Service
City Attorney Day read a Letter of Appreciation signed by Mayor Alexander And
Addressed To Randy Gibson, Manager of Pal’s Sudden Service No. 9, 413 West Elk Avenue,
Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Mayor Alexander Presented Mr. Gibson With The Letter Of Appreciation And
Extended A Thank You To Mr. Gibson’s Staff And Other Associated Representatives Of
Pal’s For Working Diligently With City Officials In Regards To The City’s Regulations
For Compliance With The Ongoing Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG) Program.

Mr. Gibson Accepted The Letter Of Appreciation And Thanked Mayor Alexander
For The Recognition.

WWTP Operational Excellence Award
Mayor Alexander Recognized Ed Mullins, Wastewater Facilities Manager And
Mike Phillips, Lead Operator On Behalf Of The Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mayor Alexander Stated That The City Of Elizabethton Wastewater Plant Won
The Operational Excellence Award At The Kentucky – Tennessee Water Environment
Association Meeting For The Ninth (9) Consecutive Year Which Is An Award For
Operational Excellence Of The Elizabethton Wastewater Treatment Plant During The
Period Of January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

Mr. Mullins And Mr. Phillips Accepted The Award On Behalf Of The Wastewater
Treatment Plant Staff And Thanked Mayor Alexander For The Honor.

Citizens Comments
Floyd Storie, No Address Given, Thanked City Councilmembers For Working
With John Huber On The Bonnie Kate Theatre Restoration Project.

Janette Morgan, East B Street, Spoke Regarding Employee Pay Raises And The
One (1) Percent Bonus. Ms. Morgan Asked City Manager Kitchens If Any Employees
Received More Than A One (1) Percent Raise.

City Manager Kitchens Stated That He Had Given One (1) Employee A Merit Raise.

Ms. Morgan Asked City Manager Kitchens The Name Of The Employee That Had
Received The Pay Raise.

City Manager Kitchens Stated That He Had Given A Merit Raise To Jon Hartman, Planning & Development Director.

Communications & Reports By The City Manager & Special Events/Parade Requests
City Manager Kitchens Presented Monthly Departmental Reports For Review:

- Local Option Sales Tax Report From The Tennessee Department Of Revenue For The Month Of June 2016 And Local Option Sales Tax Graphs For The Month Of July 2016
- Police, Fire, Streets And Sanitation, Code Enforcement, Building Project Valuation & Fee Report, Electric, Water Resources Construction and Water Resources Facilities, Parks & Recreation And Library Monthly Departmental Reports For The Month Of July 2016
- Litigation Tax Return For The Month Of July 2016
- Watauga River Regional Water Authority Board Of Directors Meeting Agenda For July 2016

3k Run/Walk Race For Wandell
City Manager Kitchens Presented A Special Event Request For Consideration And Action To Hold The Annual 3k Race For Wandell For ALS Awareness.

City Manager Kitchens Stated That This Year's Event Is The Fourth (4th) Annual Race And He Recommended Approval.

Motion Made By Mr. Carter, Second By Mr. Frazier, Approving The 4th Annual 3k Walk/Run Race For Wandell Beginning at 10:00 AM At East Side Elementary School On Saturday, September 17, 2016.

Passed By Unanimous Voice Vote.

Happy Valley High School Homecoming Parade
City Manager Kitchens Presented A Parade Permit Request For Consideration And Action On The Annual Homecoming Parade For Happy Valley High School.

City Manager Kitchens Stated That The Parade Is An Annual Event And He Recommended Approval.

Motion By Mr. Shipley, Second By Mr. Frazier, Approving The Happy Valley High School Homecoming Parade On Friday, September 16, 2016 With Street Closure Assistance By The Elizabethton Police Department.

Passed By Unanimous Voice Vote.

Milligan College Homecoming Parade
City Manager Kitchens Presented A Parade Permit Request For Consideration And Action On The Annual Homecoming Parade For Milligan College.

City Manager Kitchens Stated That The Parade Is An Annual Event For Milligan College And He Recommended Approval.

Motion By Mr. Treadway, Second By Mr. Shipley, Approving The Parade Request By Milligan College For The Schools Annual Homecoming Parade Beginning At 2:00 PM On October 22, 2016.

Passed By Unanimous Voice Vote.

Cannon's Furniture Tent Sale
City Manager Kitchens Presented A Special Event Request By Cannon's Fine Furniture, 424 East Elk Avenue, For Consideration And Action To Hold A Tent Sale In The Municipal Parking Lot Behind The Business.

City Manager Kitchens Recommended Approval Of The Request.

Motion By Mr. Carter, Second By Mr. Shipley, Approving The Request By Cannon's Fine Furniture, 424 East Elk Avenue For A Tent Sale From August 31, 2016 Through September 12, 2016 In The Municipal Parking Lot Behind The Furniture Store Business.

Passed By Unanimous Voice Vote.

Board & Committees & Commissions
Mayor Alexander Recommended Reappointment Of John Seward, Jr. To The Airport Commission For A Five Year Regular Term And Deferral Of The Animal Shelter Advisory Board Unexpired Term Appointment And The New Appointments To The New Golf Course Board.

Motion By Mr. Shipley, Second By Mr. Frazier, Approving The Reappointment Of John Seward, Jr. To The Airport Commission For A Five Year Regular Term And Deferral Of The Animal Shelter Advisory Board Unexpired Term Appointment And New Appointments To The Golf Course Board.

Passed By Unanimous Voice Vote.

Bonnie Kate Theatre Board Creation
City Attorney Day Caption Read A Resolution For Consideration And Action On Creation Of A New Five (5) Member Board For The Bonnie Kate Theatre Restoration And Renovation Project.

Mayor Alexander Stated That There Was One Change On Nominations For Appointments To Establish The Board Before Voting On The Board.

Mayor Alexander Requested That The Nomination Of Bill Crawford Be Changed Due To Mr. Crawford Not Being Able To Serve On The Board Because Of Health Issues.

Mayor Alexander Recommended Randy Payne, Carter County Car Club President, And A Retired Builder, To Serve On The Board In Place Of Bill Crawford.

Mayor Alexander Stated That Mr. Payne Is Currently Constructing The Downtown Bathroom Building Project.

Motion By Mr. Shipley, Second By Mr. Frazier That, A Resolution Creating The Bonnie Kate Theatre Board To Oversee The Restoration And Renovation Of The Bonnie Kate Theatre Building In Elizabethton, Tennessee, Be Passed.

Roll Call Was Unanimous And The Motion Carried.

Next, John Huber Introduced Each New Board Member And Spoke On Individual Member's Background Expertise And Also Their Dedication To The Community.

City Manager Kitchens And Mayor Alexander Thanked Mr. Huber For His Hard Work And Service On The Project And The Dedication He And His Wife Have Given To The City Of Elizabethton Since Their Move To The City From California.

Mr. Huber Thanked The Mayor And Councilmembers.

Beer Ordinance Amendment
City Attorney Day Caption Read An Ordinance For Consideration And Action On An Amendment To The Municipal Code Regarding Alcoholic Beverages To Delete A Section In Title 11, Chapter 1.

Motion By Mr. Shipley, Second By Mr. Treadway, Approving An Ordinance To Amend The Elizabethton Municipal Code, Elizabethton, Tennessee, 2015, As Amended, By Revising Title 11, Chapter 1, Section 11-102, To Delete Section 11-102 Entitled "Minors In Beer Places" In That This Municipal Code Section Is No Longer Necessary As Individuals Under Twenty-One (21) Years Of Age Are Currently Working

At Restaurants Where Beer Is Sold At Retail For Consumption On The Premises, Be Passed On First Reading.

Roll Call Was Unanimous And The Motion Carried.

City Schools Budget Amendment
City Attorney Day Caption Read An Ordinance For Consideration And Action On An Amendment To The Elizabethton City Schools Budget For Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Motion By Mr. Treadway, Second By Mr. Shipley, Approving An Ordinance To Amend The Elizabethton City Schools Budget Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2015 And Ending June 30, 2016 And Further Referenced As Fiscal Year 2015/16 Elizabethton City School System Budget Appropriation Ordinance Amendment Number 2 For General Purpose Fund, Amendment 2 For Federal Projects Fund And Amendment 1 For Nutrition Fund, Be Passed On First Reading.

Roll Call Was Unanimous And The Motion Carried.

Initial Resolution – FY 17 Capital Funding
City Attorney Day Caption Read A Resolution For Consideration And Action On An Initial Resolution For The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds.

Motion By Mr. Shipley, Second By Mr. Frazier That, An Initial Resolution Determining To Issue Not To Exceed \$3,650,000 General Obligation Bonds Of The City Of Elizabethton, Tennessee, Be Passed.

Roll Call Was Unanimous And The Motion Carried.

Bonnie Kate Operating Fund Bank Account
City Attorney Day Caption Read A Resolution For Consideration And Action On Authorization To Open An Operating Account For The Bonnie Kate Building.

Motion By Mr. Shipley, Second By Mr. Treadway That, A Resolution Authorizing A Bank Account To Be Opened And Named The “*City Of Elizabethton Bonnie Kate Operating Fund*”, Be Passed.

Roll Call Was Unanimous And The Motion Carried.

Revised LIHEAP Agreement
City Attorney Day Caption Read A Resolution For Consideration And Action On A Revised Agreement For Energy Assistance For Electric Department Customers.

Motion By Mr. Carter, Second By Mr. Shipley That, A Resolution Approving A Revised Vendor (Benefit Check/Voucher) Agreement For Participation In The 2016-2017 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Between The City Of Elizabethton, Elizabethton Electric Department, And The Upper East Tennessee Human Development Agency, Inc., A Local LIHEAP Agency, For The Period From July 1, 2016, Through June 30, 2017, Be Passed.

Roll Call Was Unanimous And The Motion Carried.

Safety Partners Grant
City Attorney Day Caption Read A Resolution For Consideration And Action On Authorization To Participate In The Tennessee Municipal (TML) League’s Safety Partner’s Matching Grant Program.

Motion By Mr. Shipley, Second By Mr. Frazier That, A Resolution Authorizing The City Of Elizabethton To Participate In The Pool’s Safety Partners Matching Grant Program, Be Passed.

Roll Call Was Unanimous And The Motion Carried.

Electric Department Safety Partners Grant
City Attorney Day Caption Read A Resolution For Consideration And Action
On Authorization For The Electric Department To Participate In The Tennessee Municipal
(TML) League's Safety Partner's Matching Grant Program.

Motion By Mr. Shipley, Second By Mr. Frazier That, A Resolution Authorizing
The City Of Elizabethton, Electric Department, To Participate In The Pool's 2016 – 2017
“Safety Partners” Matching Grant Program, Be Passed.

Roll Call Was Unanimous And The Motion Carried.

S&ME Service Agreement
City Attorney Day Caption Read A Resolution For Consideration And Action
On An Agreement For Biological Stream Studies Of Gap Creek.

Motion By Mr. Shipley, Second By Mr. Treadway That, A Resolution Approving
An Agreement For Services With S&ME To Provide A Visual Stream Assessment (VSA)
And E. Coli Sampling For 8400 Feet Of Gap Creek At A Total Contract Price Of Seven
Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$7,200.00), Be Passed.

Roll Call Was Unanimous And The Motion Carried.

Purchases, Expenses & Bids
Purchasing Director Gerald Harrell Requested Approval Of Purchases, Expenses
& Bids In The Total Amount Of \$641,792.20.

Motion By Mr. Shipley, Second By Mr. Treadway, Approving The Following:
Purchases: (a) Gasoline And Diesel Fuel For City Garage; \$12,240.00 and \$10,112.10
(b) Wavetronix Radar Equipment – Engineering \$24,102.50 (c) Gearbox Purchase –
WW \$13,907.20. **Expenses:** (a) Tree Trimming – EED - \$14,289.10 (b) General Liability
– EED - \$72,857.00 (c) Workers Comp – EED - \$64,787.00 (d) Property Ins – EED -
\$106,089.00 (e) Water Fee – Water \$16,121.30 (f) Workers Comp – City \$272,943.00
Bids: (a) Road Salt – Street \$34,344.00; All From The Recommended Sources Not
To Exceed \$641,792.20

Roll Call Was Unanimous And The Motion Carried.

Twins Baseball Letter From The President
Mayor Alexander Stated That Before The Meeting He Had Passed Out A Hard
Copy Of A Letter To Each Councilmember That He Had Received From The Minnesota
Twins Baseball Club President Dave St. Peter.

Mayor Alexander Read The Letter Aloud Which Stated That The Purpose Of
The Letter Was To Inform The City Of Elizabethton And Councilmembers Of The
Recent Changes In Baseball Leadership Within The Minnesota Twins Organization And
The Present Status Of The Renovation Project At Joe O'Brien Field For The Elizabethton
Twins Baseball Team.

Mayor Alexander Explained That The Letter States That The Minnesota Twins
Baseball Club Is Conditionally Withdrawing The Team's Monetary Contribution For The
Proposed Renovations To The Elizabethton Twins Stadium Previously Proposed Earlier
This Year In A Letter Dated March 21, 2016.

Next, Mayor Alexander Asked Richard Barker To Speak Regarding The Elizabethton
Twins Baseball Team.

Mr. Barker Stated That Twins Baseball In Elizabethton Was Established Many Years
Ago And His Father Was Part Of The Group Of Local Individuals That Successfully Helped
Start The Rookie Twins Team. Therefore, He Encouraged City Council To Continue To
Maintain The Long Standing Relationship With The Minnesota Twins Organization.

Mayor Alexander Stated That The Elizabethton Twins Baseball Team Was An Asset
To Elizabethton And Talks With Minnesota Twins Would Continue.

There Being No Other Business To Come Before Council, Mayor Alexander
Declared The Meeting Adjourned.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK