

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSESSION OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF SMYRNA
ON DECEMBER 28, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Smyrna, Rutherford County, Tennessee, met in a work session at 5:00 p.m. on December 28, 2023, at Town Hall to discuss various agenda items. The following Town Council Members were present:

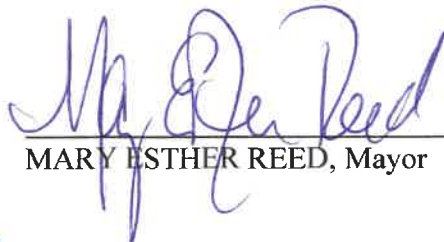
H.G. Cole
Tim Morrell
Gerry Short
Steve Sullivan
Racquel Peebles
Mayor Mary Esther Reed
Vice-Mayor Marc Adkins

In addition to the members of the Town Council, various staff members, citizens and members of the media attended.

After discussion of various agenda items and prior to adjourning the meeting, Town Attorney Jeff Peach discussed the process of seeking a firm to conduct an independent investigation into the allegations made against the Town Manager in previous meetings. After discussion, it was recommended by Attorney Jeff Peach to utilize the services of the firm Littler Mendelson, P.C., in conjunction with attorney Jesse Harbison, to conduct said investigation. Town Attorney Jeff Peach further recommended scheduling an executive session with Council and representatives from Littler Mendelson, P.C. for January 3, 2024, at 3:00p.m., at which time any questions could be answered relative to the investigative process. Council was agreeable to moving forward with Littler Mendelson, P.C., as the Town has a standing agreement for legal services with this firm.

After discussion, without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

TOWN OF SMYRNA, TENNESSEE



MARY ESTHER REED, Mayor

ATTEST:



AMBER HOBBS, Town Clerk