

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF SMYRNA
ON JUNE 9, 2020**

The Town Council of the Town of Smyrna, Rutherford County, Tennessee, met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020 at Town Hall with the Honorable Mary Esther Reed, Mayor, presiding.

Mayor Reed called the meeting to order. The invocation was offered by Travis Ryan, Lifepoint Church Worship Pastor. The pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Rose, Public Works Director.

The roll was called by the Town Clerk and the following Town Council Members were present:

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

1. Approval or Correction of Minutes of the May 12, 2020 and May 28, 2020 meetings.

The Town Council first considered a motion by Vice-Mayor Marc Adkins to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 special called session of the Town Council, the May 12, 2020 regular session of the Town Council, and the May 28, 2020 worksession of the Town Council. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Tim Morrell. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Correspondence/Communications.

Town Manager Brian Hercules introduced Lou Caputo, CEO of TriStar StoneCrest Medical Center. He gave an update on what COVID-19 has looked like in the community and hospital. He thanked the Mayor and Town Council for their leadership during the pandemic.

3. Awards and Recognitions.

There were no awards and recognitions to be presented to the Town Council at this time.

4. Consent Agenda.

The following Consent Agenda items were next presented for consideration by the Town Council:

- a. Approval of the terms of, and authorization for the Mayor to execute, a development agreement with Suncrest Real Estate & Land relative to road impact fee offsets for the Cedar Hills Development.
- b. Approval of the terms of, and authorization for the Mayor to execute, a contract with Rollins Excavating relative to annual concrete work.
- c. Approval of the terms of, and authorization for the Mayor to execute, a renewal contract with Jones Bros. Contractors, LLC relative to asphalt paving.
- d. Approval of the terms of, and authorization for the Mayor to execute, a contract with Burris Thompson & Associates relative to compensation study and recommendations for adjustments.
- e. Approval of the terms of, and authorization for the Mayor to execute, a change order with United Systems and Software relative to the Itron Gas AMI Project.
- f. Approval of the terms of, and authorization for the Mayor to execute, a renewal contract with Rockwell Automation relative to technical support for the Water Treatment Plant, booster stations, and tank sites.
- g. Approval of the terms of, and authorization for the Mayor to execute, material contracts for the following:
Water and Sewer – United Systems, G & C Supply, Core & Main, Southern Pipe, Badger Meter, Fortiline, C I Thornburg, and Ferguson Waterworks
Gas – Chris George Supply, Equipment Controls, G & C Supply, United Systems, Richards Manufacturing, Experitec, Inc., EYSCO (Honeywell, Elster American, and Mercury Instruments).
- h. Approval of the terms of, and authorization for the Mayor to execute, a professional services extension agreement with Dan Weaver Service relative to water leak survey.

- i. Approval of the terms of, and authorization for the Mayor to execute, a contract with Dempsey/Dilling relative to the Risk and Resiliency/Emergency Response Plan Assessment.
- j. Approval of the terms of, and authorization for the Mayor to execute, the Fourth Amendment to the cell tower lease at Hilltop-Johnson Street.

Vice-Mayor Marc Adkins asked that Item 6a be removed from the consent agenda and considered at a later date. Following discussion, Vice-Mayor Marc Adkins made a motion to approve and adopt the remainder of the Consent Agenda and to authorize the Mayor to execute said documents. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Tim Morrell. Following further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously. A copy of said documents referenced on the Consent Agenda is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "1".

5. Old Business.

- a. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Consideration of an ordinance relative to the rezoning of property located on Tax Map 34G, Group A, Parcel 1.00 to amend the existing PRD (requested by Robert Latimer). Property contains approximately 1.45 acres and is located at 655-673 South Lowry Street. Second Reading.

At this time, Mayor Mary Esther Reed recessed the meeting without objection, and a public hearing was opened related to the agenda item. No one spoke for or against the agenda item.

At this time, the public hearing was closed without objection, and the Council meeting was resumed without objection.

The Town Council next considered on second and final reading an ordinance relative to the rezoning of property located on Tax Map 34G, Group A, Parcel 1.00 to amend the existing PRD (requested by Robert Latimer). Property contains approximately 1.45 acres and is located at 655-673 South Lowry Street. The recommendation of the Planning Commission was that the Town Council approve the request. Following discussion, Council Member Tim Morrell made a motion to approve and adopt said ordinance on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Racquel Peebles. Following further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously. A copy of said ordinance, as adopted on second and final reading, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "2". (Ordinance #20-11).

- b. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Consideration of an ordinance adopting the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. Second Reading.

At this time, Mayor Mary Esther Reed recessed the meeting without objection, and a public hearing was opened related to the agenda item. No one spoke for or against the agenda item.

At this time, the public hearing was closed without objection, and the Council meeting was resumed without objection.

The Town Council next considered on second and final reading an ordinance adopting the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. Following discussion, Council Member Steve Sullivan made a motion to approve and adopt said ordinance on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded by Vice-Mayor Marc Adkins. Following further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously. A copy of said ordinance, as adopted on second and final reading, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "3". (Ordinance #20-12).

- c. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Consideration of an ordinance adopting the property tax rate for fiscal year 2020-2021. Second Reading.

At this time, Mayor Mary Esther Reed recessed the meeting without objection, and a public hearing was opened related to the agenda item. No one spoke for or against the agenda item.

At this time, the public hearing was closed without objection, and the Council meeting was resumed without objection.

The Town Council next considered on second and final reading an ordinance adopting the property tax rate for fiscal year 2020-2021. Following discussion, Council Member Tim Morrell made a motion to approve and adopt said ordinance on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Racquel Peebles. Following further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously. A copy of said ordinance, as adopted on second and final reading, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "4". (Ordinance #20-13).

There was no further Old Business for the Town Council to consider at this time.

6. **New Business:**

- a. **Planning Commission Report:**

- i. Consideration of an easement to Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation within Paul Johns Neighborhood Park.

The Town Council next considered a motion by Vice-Mayor Marc Adkins to approve the easement to Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation within Paul Johns Neighborhood Park. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Gerry Short. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously. A copy of said document is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "5".

b. Packaged Liquor Board Report:

There were no applications for the Town Council to consider at this time.

c. Approval of the terms of, and authorization for the Mayor to execute, a Professional Services Agreement with Larry Tolbert, Esq. relative to title and closing services for the Sam Ridley and Weakley Lane Utilities Project.

The Town Council next considered a motion by Council Member Steve Sullivan to approve the terms of and authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Larry Tolbert, Esq. relative to title and closing services for the Sam Ridley and Weakley Lane Utilities Project. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Racquel Peebles. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously. A copy of said document is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "6".

d. Other.

There was no further New Business to be considered by the Town Council.

7. Status Reports.

There were no status reports for the Town Council to consider at this time.

8. Announcements.

Town Manager Brian Hercules announced that the splash pad at Gregory Mill, playgrounds in the parks, pool, and basketball courts still remain closed. He introduced Holland Schellhase, Executive Administrative Assistant, to the Town Council. The Utility Department received a voice mail from Sherry Bowen thanking them for helping locate her sewer cleanout. Also Mrs. Keesler sent a text message thanking the Police Department for their work done in the community.

Council Member Racquel Peebles wished all fathers a "Happy Father's Day". She spoke concerning racial injustice and police brutality in our country.

The Mayor and Council Members thanked Council Member Racquel Peebles for her statements.

Council Member Steve Sullivan stated he was proud of how Smyrna has handled COVID-19. He thanked Town Manager Brian Hercules for his leadership during this time.

Mayor Mary Esther Reed stated the annual 4th of July celebration is cancelled for 2020. She reported the Smyrna Depot Farmer's Market opened May 23rd and the Cedar Stone Community Park ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for June 17th. She encouraged all citizens to respond to Census 2020. She also commented on the Airport Master Plan. Mayor Mary Esther Reed thanked Town Manager Brian Hercules for his leadership during COVID-19 and for making employees a priority.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

TOWN OF SMYRNA, TENNESSEE


MARY ESTHER REED, Mayor

ATTEST:


DIANNE WALDRON, Town Clerk