

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

February 13th, 2025

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Henderson, Tennessee met in regular session on Thursday, February 13th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the City of Henderson City Hall. Present and presiding was Mayor Terry F. Bell. City Recorder Jim E. Garland called the roll with the following being present:

Aldermen: Mark A. Barber, Donna R. Butler, Buel Maness, Michael Phelps, Jason Rhodes, and Keith Smith

Also present at the meeting were: City Recorder Jim E. Garland, City Attorney Jerry Spore, Police Chief Gary Davidson, Public Works Director Carter Scales, Building Official Brent Beshires, Utility Director Darryl Green, Fire Chief Doug Acred, and Asst. CMFO Alicia Holder.

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at the appointed time. Pastor Keith Brown from First United Methodist Church gave the invocation, and Mayor Bell led the Pledge to the Flag. The following proceedings were entered here-to-wit:

The minutes of the previous regular meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Ald. Smith to accept the minutes as presented, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

The accumulated accounts were presented for informational purposes. There were no questions about the accounts, the meeting continued.

Ald. Barber spoke about the Leadership Chester County Program. There were several participants in attendance, including Mayor Bell. The Chamber sponsors this program, and gives participants opportunities to learn about the community, businesses, and local government.

The first item on the agenda was a call for delegations to address the board.

1. Police Department Life Saving Awards. Police Chief Davidson stated at the end of each year they recognize some of their officers for their life-saving efforts. The following officers were recognized and presented a certificate for their efforts:

Officer Mary Kate Haines

Officer Josh Burns

Officer Danielle Cook

Officer Robert Heathcock

Officer Dontavious Holloway, not present due to family commitments

Officer Bobby Crumby

Captain Ron Stewart

The Chief's Life Saving Citation this year goes to Sergeant Michael Rhodes

Chief Davidson stated that on January 16th, he suffered a heart attack and until then a 911 call was a 911 call, but this night the call was made to save his life. He is grateful for them and appreciates his team more than they realize.

2. Project Graduation 2025. Senior Class President Nathan Salvador addressed the board stating that graduation was on May 19th and Project Graduation will be held the same night. He is asking the board for a donation to help provide a safe, drug-free night of fun for the graduating class. Recorder Garland stated that they budget \$500.00 each year for this cause and typically the police department will match the \$500.00. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the \$500.00 donation for project graduation from the city with an additional \$500.00 from the police department, duly 2nd by Ald. Rhodes. Motion carried. The total amount to be donated to Project Graduation for 2025 is \$1000.00 (\$500.00 each from the city and the police department).
3. Tasha Johnson about her property at 361 E. Main St at Mifflin Ave. She stated that at the new location, the access from the parking lot turning left onto East Main is very difficult. She is requesting an access point from her driveway onto Mifflin Ave. This would allow her customers to leave the parking lot and make a right hand turn onto Mifflin to get to the red light. She feels this would be a much safer exit for her customers. The previous owner had the access closed. Ald. Smith recalled that one of the reasons the previous owner closed it was due to water and flooding issues. Recorder Garland had included copies of the old minutes from 2017 when the access was closed. After further discussion, the issue was tabled until the board and Building Official Beshires could do a review and measure for ordinance compliance.

There were no further delegations, so the meeting continued.

The next item on the agenda was to consider approval of bids on installing Influent Flow Meters at the three Wastewater Lagoons. UD Green stated that this was part of the ARP Grant. This has been on the inspector's radar since he started, and this item is always discussed in their findings. Two bids were received and he is recommending we go with the low bid. Recorder Garland stated that there was enough money from the grant to cover this project. A motion was made by Ald. Butler to accept the low bid from R. Jones Underground for \$270,721.00, duly 2nd by Ald. Smith. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to consider approval of bids received on dredging the East Lagoon. UD Green stated that this is being pulled off of the agenda. He is estimating approx. 450 tons of sludge, and when the bid is based on 50 tons, there is a huge difference that could be due. UD Green is not willing to move forward with this project at this time due to the unknown real cost of the project.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider hiring an engineer to design the water main extension on Eric Bell Dr. UD Green stated that there is no water line on Eric Bell Dr. and with the new gas station that is coming they will need fire protection. He is asking for permission to get an engineer to design and draw out specs to bid out. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to move forward with hiring an engineer for this project, duly 2nd by Ald. Maness. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider converting a part-time utility staff position into a full-time position. Asst CMFO Holder stated the part-time Wastewater Lab Technician was retiring around June. This position helps UD Green with reporting, wastewater, and asset management, back flows, and other things that no one else knows how to do. In

addition, they have a lot of problems with keeping the office covered on a day-to-day basis with people out sick and people on vacation, and lots and lots of additional state reporting that needs extra attention. She stated that she still has several things that she does that should go back to the utility department, but right now they do not have anyone to give it to. If approved, they likely would not have anyone in the position until mid-April. This adds \$20,000 to the salary line item with an additional \$14,000 to \$15,000 for insurance and retirement, and other benefits. This will be split between the UT departments (gas, sewer, and water). A motion was made by Ald. Butler to allow the conversion of the position from part-time to full-time and start the recruitment process now, duly 2nd by Ald. Phelps. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to consider bids received on street materials/services for the remainder of calendar 2025. Recorder Garland stated that these were the standard items bid each year.

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| 33C Rock Gravel ----- | Wayne Co Rock----- | \$ 19.25 per ton |
| 57C Washed Rock----- | Wayne Co Rock----- | \$ 24.75 per ton |
| Red Chert Gravel ----- | Shaw Concrete ----- | \$ 20.00 per ton |
| Gabion Rip Rap----- | Wayne Co. Rock----- | \$ 24.75 per ton |
| Machine Rip Rap Stone | Wayne Co. Rock----- | \$ 24.75 per ton |
| Red Fill Sand----- | Shaw Concrete Inc ----- | \$ 13.00 per ton |
| Hot Mix Asphalt----- | Arrow Paving----- | \$ 145.00 per ton |
| Asphalt Binder----- | Arrow Paving ----- | \$ 145.00 per ton |
| Cold Mix Asphalt----- | Arrow Paving----- | \$ 110.00 per ton |
| Asphalt Milling----- | Arrow Paving----- | \$ 5.00 per sq yd |
| 3500 PSI Concrete----- | Southern Concrete----- | \$ 170.00 per yard |
| 4000 PSI Concrete----- | Southern Concrete----- | \$ 173.00 per yard |
| Flowable Fill Concrete--- | Southern Concrete----- | \$ 163.00 per yard |

A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the accept the low bids on each of the materials as listed, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to consider accepting a TN Volunteer Fire Equipment Grant in the amount of \$29,650.00 for two Air Packs (SCBA) and two sets of turn-out gear. Fire Chief Acred stated that he applied for a grant for \$188,000.00 and was awarded \$29,650.00. These grant monies will be used to buy two air packs and two sets of turn-out gear. There is no match on this grant. A motion was made by Ald. Butler to approve the grant and purchase the air packs, duly 2nd by Ald. Smith. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider changing the intersection of North Ave and Sixth St to a 4-way stop. Mayor Bell stated that there was a gentleman here to talk about this situation. Mr. Albert Springer from 621 North Avenue addressed the board stating that when folks come off White Ave they seem to accelerate. They have had several pets run over in that area. There are always joggers and walkers on this road, and it becomes very dangerous due to the speeders. His opinion is that there needs to be something there to slow the drivers down. Chief Davidson stated that they have done a study on this intersection and there had been one accident at that intersection in the last five years. He passed out the study to the board members for their review.

Ald. Smith suggested the speed wagon. Chief Davidson stated that if too close to the intersection, it picks up vehicles on White Ave.

Ald. Rhodes asked about installing a rumble strips. Recorder Garland stated that he thought that would be allowable and there are several options. Mayor Bell, PWD Scales and Recorder Garland will do more research on this item.

After further discussion, it was decided that more research would be done and results would be presented at the next meeting.

The next item on the agenda was to consider quotes received on repainting a portion of the inside of City Hall. Mayor Bell stated that City Hall has not been re-painted in 23 years. He has received two quotes to get the common areas painted on the first and second floors. There is money in city hall maintenance to pay for it. A motion was made by Ald. Smith to award the project to low bidder, Richard West Painting, LLC for \$5,500.00, duly 2nd by Ald. Rhodes. Motion carried.

Any other Business:

1. Report from the Police Department on an Undercover Alcohol Sting Operation. Chief Davidson stated that on January 17th of this year, they sent an underage officer to local businesses to attempt to purchase beer/liquor. Of seven businesses, one sold alcohol to the underage officer. Attorney Spore stated that since this is a liquor store versus a beer store, the Alcohol Beverage Commission will be the entity to issue punishment to Oden's Liquor Store.
2. Remind Board Members of the upcoming budget meeting on Tuesday, February 18th, 2025 at 6:00 pm in conference room 3.

Recorder Garland stated that due to the escalating property values in Chester County, Beverly Morton's office will do a current value adjustment for different classes of property. The certified tax rate will be lower. All properties in Chester County will be included.

Mayor Bell stated that Fire Chief Acred created a color-coded shift worksheet as requested from the previous meeting.

Police Chief Davidson thanked everyone for calls, visits, texts and prayers after his recent illness.

Building Official Beshires stated that he would be coming to the board next month regarding tiny homes.

UD Green stated that several projects were going on; Water line at Hwy 100 bridge going over the Forked Deer River (TDOT Project), Wastewater 12-inch line coming across Hwy 45, the flocculators have been received, and the pump for the Deanburg pumping station has been received.

Fire Chief Acred had several things to bring to the board. He stated that on January 28, an 18-wheeler rolled over at Eason and Trice Roads, which is outside the city, but since it was a hazmat situation, with an entrapment, the city responded. By the time they got there an officer had pulled out the trapped person.

Last week there was a fire at CCJHS from an HVAC on the roof. The 6th grade hallway was most affected.

He wanted to let the board know all the firefighters were working hard, and he would like to implement an award/recognition program for the firefighters similar to what the police department does.

The new fire engine 3 was supposed to be here last Thursday, but the dealer scratched it and is making that repair. It should be here next week without the scratch.

He stated that he would like to ask that the old engine 3 be donated to the county fire department, as they are in need, as they had an engine go down this week.

He stated that due to the tanker rollover, he would like to work with the board to come up with good guidance on mutual aid between the city and the county.

Ald. Phelps thanked Recorder Garland and his staff for the hard work that they do. He thanked the department heads for all the great things that they do. He told Chief Davidson that he used to know all the officers but there are several new ones that he has not met yet. He recognized Mayor Bell for his work and involvement.

Ald. Barber stated that he agreed with what Ald. Phelps said and could not have said it better.

Ald. Smith asked UD Green if the old Deanburg pump could be repaired. UD Green stated that they would have to install the new one before they could evaluate the old one. Recorder Garland stated that UD Green was able to find one for less than what was approved.

He then asked the fire chief about the ladder truck and if he had any better information about it. Chief Acred stated that when they took it down there, the technician had passed away, so they are waiting on a technician to look at it, but they are having issues getting parts.

He stated that with the bad weather coming in, he wanted all employees who would be out in the weather to be safe.

Ald. Butler thanked everyone and she appreciates working with everyone.

Ms. Sheila Eckart stated that she had seen on Facebook that the red light at Mifflin and Main was taking a long time to change. She is asking if something could be done to lessen the time waiting for the light to change.

Mr. James Ferguson, a student at FHU, addressed the board to let them know that Chick-fil-a will be opening on Monday and he thanked them for the work that they do.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Ald. Butler to adjourn, duly 2nd by Ald. Rhodes. Motion carried.

Signed: Terry F. Bell
APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

Signed: Jim E. Garland
ATTEST: _____, CITY RECORDER