

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
AUGUST 14th, 2025

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Henderson, Tennessee, met in regular session on Thursday, August 14th, 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, Michael Phelps, Jason Rhodes,
and Keith Smith
Absent: Buel Maness

Also present at the meeting were: City Recorder Jim E. Garland, Police Captain Ricky Hardy, Public Works Director Carter Scales, Building Official Brent Beshires, Utility Director Darryl Green, Fire Chief Doug Acred, and Assistant CMFO Alicia Holder

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at the appointed time. Ald. Phelps 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 approve the minutes as presented, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

The accumulated accounts were presented for informational purposes. Ald. Barber referred to B-1, item 23, a payment to Grinder Taber and Grinder Inc., for \$24,023.43. Recorder Garland stated that it was for some of the groundwork and sod around the playground. We are still holding payment for the restroom until it is delivered and set up. Ship date is August 18. There were no further questions about the accounts, and the meeting continued.

The first item on the agenda was a call for delegations to address the board. Ms. DJ Jakala, a Public Affairs Specialist with the Disaster Recovery Team, addressed the board, stating that she was here to inform the small businesses in Chester County and surrounding areas that they are eligible for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL). The deadline to apply is Spring 2026, and they recommend businesses contact them for assistance in applying for the loan. She recommends that even if waiting for insurance to pay a claim, the company apply for the loan and then pay it off once the claim is settled. There is no penalty for early payment. The loans are at fixed rates. There were no further delegations, so the meeting continued.

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider awarding the East Lagoon Dredging Project to the low bidder, Ohio Dredge, LLC. UD Green stated that when they originally started this project, the bids came in extremely high. So he reviewed the bids and estimated the amount of sludge to be removed. He received five (5) bids, and he is recommending we accept the low bid of \$865,000.000. UD Green checked references and received good recommendations. There are ARPA funds available to help pay for this. After further discussion, a motion was made

by Ald. Smith to award the project to Ohio Dredge, LLC for \$865,000.00, duly 2nd by Ald. Rhodes. Motion carried

The next item on the agenda was to consider accepting bids on a Flocculator and a Flash Mixer for the Water Treatment Plant. UD Green stated that last year they purchased two (2) flocculators and priced a flash mixer, but the mixer would have put this over budget last year. He is requesting that we go bid by advertising in the paper. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Butler to go to bid for two flocculators and a flash mixer, duly 2nd by Ald. Barber. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider the purchase of additional fire department equipment to be purchased with the remaining funds on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Chief Acred stated there is grant money remaining from the purchase of Engine #3, and that they will use it to request additional equipment. There is a 15% match for the city, estimated to be around \$8,000.00. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the purchase, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to consider a resolution approving the use of Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the CDBG Fire Truck Equipment. Recorder Garland stated that although we have been buying from them for 15 years, CDBG is requiring a resolution. A motion was made by Ald. Smith to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of goods and services under the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, duly 2nd by Ald. Rhodes. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast:

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

Absent and not voting: Buel Maness

Noes: None

Mayor Bell declared Resolution No. 2025-007 to be duly adopted.

The next item on the agenda was to consider a Resolution on NASPO Valuepoint Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for CDBG Fire Truck equipment. Recorder Garland stated that although we have been buying from them for 15 years, CDBG is requiring a resolution. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of goods and services under the NASPO Valuepoint Cooperative Purchasing Program, duly 2nd by Ald. Phelps. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast:

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

Absent and not voting: Buel Maness

Noes: None

Mayor King declared Resolution No. 2025-008 to be duly adopted.

The next item on the agenda was to consider a Resolution to approve the application for a Public Entity Partners (the city's insurance carrier) Property Conservation Grant. The program has a 50% local match, with a maximum grant amount of \$2,000. Recorder Garland stated that this grant is to protect our insured properties. They will use it to install security cameras at City

Hall. Our GIS/IT Technician, Kevin Bailey, will do the installation. They plan on installing ten cameras and will need a hard drive, a TV viewer, and an extra switch. They have received three (3) quotes ranging from \$3,500.00 to \$4,900.00. A motion was made by Ald. Butler to authorize the City of Henderson to participate in the Public Entity Partners “Property Conservation” Matching Grant Program, duly 2nd by Ald. Rhodes. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast:

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

Absent and not voting: Buel Maness

Noes: None

Mayor Bell declared Resolution No. 2025-009 to be duly adopted.

Any other Business:

Mayor Bell thanked Kevin Bailey for the money he is saving the city by doing the camera installation.

Mayor Bell provided a picture of the master plan of Gene Record Park and stated that there is a parking lot in front of Public Works that he is in the process of asking for a Blue Cross Healthy Places Grant to put in tennis courts and pickleball courts, along with more parking. We would prepare the land, and Blue Cross would build it. It also had a 10-year endowment where they come fix any issues. This is a very competitive process, and if not granted, it will be a learning experience. He is asking for approval to use the land as intended in the proposed master plan. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve application for Blue Cross Healthy Places Grant, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast:

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

Absent and not voting: Buel Maness

Noes: None

Mayor Bell declared Resolution No. 2025-010 to be duly adopted.

Mayor Bell then spoke to the board about banners over the streets. He would like to discontinue the banners across the city streets. There are significant safety issues for our team members. There is also possible liability for drivers and vehicles. As an alternative, we would allow banners on our property at the water tower by the armory. There is potential at Centennial Bank or any place to put it up on property, but not above a street. He is looking for feedback from the board for discussion at next month’s meeting.

UD Green wanted to make the board aware of a situation at Jacks Creek Cove, where STEMC is building a substation. There is a high-pressure gas line that STEMC will need to move to have better access to the property. The estimate to move the gas line is approximately \$120,000.00. STEMC is contracting R Jones Underground to move the gas line at their expense.

UD Green stated that there was a leak in the Deanburg tank that was in the seam of the bowl. It has been fixed, cleaned, water tested, and back in service for \$3,900.00.

He then stated that the sewer line project at US HWY 45 is completed, and there is future capacity for growth now.

Ald. Butler asked that they communicate to the schools and nearby residents in that area as the gas lines are being replaced.

PWD Scales stated that they have been paving several streets in town and that the concrete replacement of the steps at City Hall, along with some sidewalk replacement, has been completed.

Mayor Bell added that the pressure washing of City Hall is approximately half complete and he should finish next week.

Ald. Phelps stated that it is hot again, and we need to be sure that we are providing water and drinks for our team members. Be careful.

Ald. Smith requested an update on the power backup that was discussed at the last meeting for a backup for the red light at US Hwy 45 and Hwy 100. Mayor Bell responded that the siren activation issue will need to be tested further by Wade Electric to determine what the siren tone needs to be to 'set it off'.

Mayor Bell spoke with Wade Electric about an alternate power source, and they mentioned that Lexington installed a pigtail switch. He spoke with Lee Miller from West TN Air Compressor, and an anonymous donor donated a lithium inverter. We still need to get a switch and pigtail, and it needs to be secured.

Ald. Smith then noted that the number of fire calls on the July list was the longest he recalls seeing. Chief Acred stated that they are being as transparent as possible to let them know that their calls for service are well beyond what is listed. For multiple false calls at the same location, the first one is not charged, but any thereafter are billed via invoice. Chief Acred also stated that he would like to revisit the fire call rate and possibly raise the rates. Recorder Garland stated that we need to revisit the whole policy. Mayor Bell stated that he spoke with Mr. Sewell briefly and mentioned the rate of calls and how we can figure out how to get the call rate down.

Ald. Smith spoke about Ms. Elizabeth Saunders' passing and her service as a board member for 14 years. Mayor Bell asked that we recognize her in prayer after the meeting.

Recorder Garland stated that there is a 1-hour Zoom utility training available on August 21st at two different times. It is an ethics class that they are allowing for utility training.

Mayor Bell stated that this weekend is the welcome weekend for incoming FHU students on Saturday, and if any of the board members want to participate, they are more than welcome to.

He mentioned the mayor's lunch on Friday, September 26, from 11:30 to 2:00, and stated they were all invited.

He then mentioned that on October 16th, from 4:00 to 5:00, there is the opening ceremony for the West TN Fair.

Ald. Butler stated that there is a meeting for volunteers on August 19th from 6:00 to 8:00. She stated that there is a need for lots of volunteers.

Ald. Phelps added that Ms. Saunders' father was a board member before she was. He called her Sister Saunders because she was a strong Christian and a true mother of the church, and she will be greatly missed.

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

APPROVED: _____
Signed: Terry F. Bell
MAYOR

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