

ORDINANCE 20-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE, TENNESSEE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN, SECTIONS 1-104 AND 1-108.

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen desire to update the Municipal Code regarding the Order of Business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that the White House Municipal Code Title 1, Chapter 1 Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Sections 1-104 AND 1-108 be amended from the Municipal Code as follows:

TITLE 1: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
CHAPTER 3: BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
SECTIONS: 1-104 and 1-108
**Amends are made in bold, italics, and underlined text.*

Section 1-104. Order of Business. At each meeting of the board of mayor and aldermen, the following regular order of business shall be observed unless dispensed with by a majority vote of the members present:

- (1) Call to order by the mayor.
- (2) Prayer.
- (3) *Pledge of Allegiance*
- (4) Roll Call by the recorder
- (5) Adoption of agenda
- (6) Approval of minutes of the previous meeting(s).
- (7) Welcome visitors.
- (8) Public hearings or delegations.
- (9) Communications from the mayor, *aldermen, city attorney, and city administrator.*
- (10) Acknowledge reports and/or appointments made by the mayor.
- (11) ~~New business.~~ *Consideration of Resolutions*
- (12) *Consideration of Ordinances*
- (13) *Purchasing*
- (14) *Other business*
- (15) *Discussion items*
- (16) *Other information*
- (17) Adjournment.

Section 1-108. Community meetings. (1) The board of mayor and aldermen shall periodically ~~by resolution~~ establish a time for community meetings to allow time to hear from the public on their views of the city government and its activities.

(2) ~~The community meetings shall be properly advertised at least (10) days in advance and shall be held in the auditorium located in the city municipal building or other community venues deemed appropriate by the board of mayor and aldermen.~~

(3) ~~2) Citizens wishing to speak at the public forum meeting must sign in prior to the commencement of the community meeting, stating their name, address, and subject to which they would like to speak.~~

(4) ~~3) Every citizen of the city shall be entitled to speak for (3) three minutes concerning any item in city government. Citizens making presentations or reports requiring more than (3) minutes shall obtain approval in advance from the city administrator and in no event shall any speech, comments, or report be allowed to exceed seven (7) minutes unless the board votes to allow additional time. After citizen speaks or time runs out, citizen shall step away from the podium to allow for the next speaker. Board member may or may not respond to a speaker for further clarification. Citizens are not allowed to debate board members. While it is the intent of this section that every citizen be allowed and given the opportunity to speak on matters of concern to them, if they have questions about certain issues, they are to be put in written form and submitted to the mayor or such other person having charge of the public meeting.~~

(5) ~~4) All public meetings shall be orderly and conducted with proper decorum.~~

First Reading: September 17, 2020

PASSED

Second Reading: October 15, 2020

PASSED



Michael Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Derek Watson, City Recorder