

CITY OF WHITE HOUSE
Minutes
Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting
January 16, 2020
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order by the Mayor

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Prayer by Community Pastor

Prayer was led by Pastor Mike Bond of Northridge Church

3. Pledge by Aldermen

The Pledge to the American Flag was led by Mayor Arnold

4. Roll Call

Mayor Arnold - Present; Ald. Bibb - Present; Ald. Decker - Present; Ald. Corbitt - Present; Ald. Hutson - Present; **Quorum – Present.**

5. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion was made by Ald. Bibb, second by Ald. Hutson to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

6. Approval of Minutes of the December 19th Study Session and Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings

Motion was made by Ald. Hutson, second by Ald. Decker to approve the minutes. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **October 19th Study Session and BMA Meeting Minutes were approved.**

7. Welcome Visitors

8. Proclamation Presentation

Mayor Arnold presented the White House High School Color Guard with a proclamation recognizing the team's success on becoming Division II State Champions.

9. Public Hearings

- a. **Ordinance 19-25:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code Title 4, Chapter 2 Personnel System. *Second Reading*

No one spoke for or against.

10. Communication from Mayor, Aldermen, City Attorney, and City Administrator

Alderman Decker mentioned he noticed a large number of training hours for each department while reading the monthly reports. Ald. Decker noted that this is great for employees to move up within the City and to be prepared for tasks in the future.

Alderman Bibb stated he was glad that Mayor Arnold made it back safely from his travels during the holidays.

City Administrator Gerald Herman announced that Fire Chief Bryson has decided to take a job in Memphis, and Chief Bryson's last day will be on January 30th. Mr. Herman informed the Board that Assistant Chief Patrick McLaughlin will be assigned as interim Chief at that time. Mr. Herman mentioned that his plan is to evaluate Assistant Chief McLaughlin's performance as interim Chief for a couple of months before making any decisions on filling the Chief position.

City Administrator Gerald Herman stated that the City interviewed three applicants this week for the Public Services Director position. Mr. Herman continued that an offer has been extended to one of the applicants. Mr. Herman noted that an answer should be returned within the next week if the applicant accepts the offer.

City Administrator Gerald Herman mentioned that the City interviewed six applicants for the Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation today. Mr. Herman discussed that there were over 100 applicants for this position. Mr. Herman anticipates that the City will be making an offer to one of the applicants next week.

City Administrator Gerald Herman informed that John T. Hall Construction have started the sewer line replacement at the SR76/165 intersection. Mr. Herman announced that the contractor hopes to be done in a week or two.

City Administrator Gerald Herman stated that Firestone has had their pre-construction meeting for an out-lot at the Walmart Complex. Mr. Herman continued that Firestone has not pulled their permit to start construction yet.

Mayor Arnold noted that the City will not find another Public Services Director as experienced and qualified like Director Joe Moss. Mayor Arnold expressed that the tentative candidate is very experienced in their field and is confident they can learn the multiple functions in the department quickly.

Mayor Arnold wished Chief Rico Bryson the best of luck in his future employment endeavors.

11. Acknowledge Reports

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| A. General Government | E. Fire | I. Library/Museum |
| B. Finance | F. Public Services | J. Municipal Court |
| C. Human Resources | G. Planning & Codes | |
| D. Police | H. Parks & Recreation | |

Motion was made by Ald. Bibb, second by Ald. Decker to acknowledge reports and order them filed. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

12. Consideration of the Following Resolutions:

- a. None

13. Consideration of the Following Ordinances:

- a. **Ordinance 19-25:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code Title 4, Chapter 2 Personnel System. *Second Reading*

Motion was made by Ald. Bibb, second by Ald. Decker to approve. A roll call vote was requested by Mayor Arnold: Bibb - aye; Ald. Corbitt - aye; Ald. Decker - aye; Ald. Hutson - aye; Mayor Arnold - aye. Motion was approved. **Ordinance 19-25 was approved on Second Reading.**

- b. **Ordinance 20-01:** An ordinance amending the Zoning Map from Robertson County C-1 Light Industrial to C-6 Town Center Residential for property located at 301 and 307 Hwy 76 and Elementary Drive Parcel 049.01. *First Reading*

Motion was made by Ald. Hutson, second by Ald. Bibb to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Ordinance 20-01 was passed on First Reading.**

14. Purchasing:

- a. To approve or reject authorizing the City Administrator Gerald Herman, to enter into a four (4) year agreement with Regions Financial Corporation for banking services. The Finance Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Bibb, second by Ald. Decker to deny. Mayor Arnold called for a voice vote with Ald. Bibb, Ald. Decker, and Mayor Arnold voting aye, Ald. Corbitt voting nay, and Ald. Hutson abstaining. Motion to approve the proposal for banking services and to enter into a four (4) year agreement with Farmers Bank was made by Ald. Bibb, second by Ald. Decker. Mayor Arnold called for a voice vote with Ald. Bibb, Ald. Decker, and Mayor Arnold voting aye, Ald. Corbitt voting nay, and Ald. Hutson abstaining. **Motion to deny Regions Bank and to approve Farmers Bank was passed.**

- b. To approve or reject the purchase of a 2020 Ford Explorer 4WD in the amount \$42,500 from the Statewide Contract #209-64470. The Fire Chief recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Decker, second by Ald. Bibb to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

15. Other Business:

- a. None

16. Discussion Items:

- a. None

17. Other Information:

- a. None

18. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm



Michael Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:



Derek Watson, City Recorder