

CITY OF WHITE HOUSE
Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting
Minutes
June 17, 2021
7:00pm

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 Alderman Bibb.

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

6. Approval of Minutes of the May 6th Study Session and May 20th Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings.

Motion was made by Ald. Hutson, second by Ald. Decker to adopt the minutes. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **April 15th Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting minutes were approved.**

7. Welcome Visitors

Mayor Arnold welcomed all visitors.

8. Public Hearings

- a. **Ordinance 21-04:** An ordinance to amend the Zoning Map from C-4 Office Professional Service District to NCRPUD, Neighborhood Center Residential Planned Unit Development on Sage Road. *Second Reading.*

No one spoke for or against.

- b. **Ordinance 21-05:** An ordinance amending several Articles and Sections of the Zoning Ordinance. *Second Reading.*

No one spoke for or against.

- c. **Ordinance 21-06:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code Title 18, Chapter 3 Sewer Rates, Fees and Charges, Sections 18-301 and 18-302. *Second Reading*

No one spoke for or against.

- d. **Ordinance 21-07:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code Title 17, Chapter 1 Refuse, Section 17-113. *Second Reading.*

No one spoke for or against.

- e. **Ordinance 21-08:** An ordinance establishing the tax rate for the tax year 2021. *Second Reading.*

No one spoke for or against.

- f. **Ordinance 21-09:** An ordinance adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. *Second Reading.*

No one spoke for or against.

- g. **Ordinance 21-10:** An ordinance amending the fiscal budget for the period ending June 30, 2021. *Second Reading.*

No one spoke for or against.

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

Ald. Decker mentioned that Governor Lee was in town for the announcement of Advantex Americas, LLC moving their California headquarters to the city. Ald. Decker continued that this event was big for the City's economic development for the future. Ald. Hutson echoed Ald. Decker's statements.

City Administrator Gerald Herman discussed that the City received a notice of violation from TDEC in regards to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Herman mentioned that TDEC understand that the City is doing everything in its power to get the new treatment plant under construction. Mr. Herman continued that TDEC is aware that it is difficult to meet all their requirements until the new plant is operational. Mr. Herman noted that the City is in the process of getting these requirements completed. Mr. Herman stated that there is no monetary fines related to this violation.

City Administrator Gerald Herman announced that the White House Public Library has a new sign with the Library's hours of operation at the south entrance of the building. Mr. Herman informed the Board that a local business, B&B Signs, installed the new colorful sign this week. Mr. Herman continued that the sign is visible to the public before heading into the building which is one of the State's standards for libraries of our size.

City Administrator Gerald Herman stated that the Library received a \$4,000 Governor's Literacy Foundation grant for a Storybook Trail. Mr. Herman discussed that Library Director Elizabeth Kozlowski wrote and submitted for the grant with Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Whittaker. Mr. Herman mentioned that a storybook trail is where kids can walk and learn at the same time with stopping points along the path. Mr. Herman informed the Board that the City is considering the trail to be along the greenway near Heritage Elementary school. Mr. Herman noted that this section of the greenway is close enough for teachers from Heritage and Small Wonders preschool to take their students.

City Administrator Gerald Herman discussed that the Library also received a \$3,000 grant from Dollar General to help with the Library's Summer Reading Program.

City Administrator Gerald Herman announced that the Parks and Recreation Department was just awarded a \$500,000 matching grant to finish building out the soccer complex. Mr. Herman mentioned that the Board will discuss the build out of a sixth soccer field at tonight's meeting. Mr. Herman continued that the grant will help create a large parking lot to accommodate the parking of hundreds of vehicles for soccer tournaments and for the placement of carnival rides for future Americana Celebrations.

City Administrator Gerald Herman mentioned that TDOT is in the process of writing a contract for the extension of Hester Drive. Mr. Herman continued that the State Industrial Access Grant is for nearly \$3 million. Mr. Herman stated that the City is only responsible for 50% right-of-way purchase and utility movement with a costs estimated at \$300,000.

City Administrator Gerald Herman announced that the State has awarded the City a local infrastructure grant in the amount of \$153,270 from the COVID relief second round stimulus package. Mr. Herman stated that the funds should be distributed no later than July 31, 2021.

Mayor Arnold discussed that the City’s property tax increase on the agenda has caused a lot of debate on social media, but Mayor Arnold said that the biggest complaint is that the police officers do not get paid enough for the job they are doing. Mayor Arnold mentioned that he needs to praise the citizens of White House for their continued support for the City’s police department.

10. 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. Hutson to acknowledge reports and order them filed. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

11. Consideration of the Following Resolutions:

- a. **Resolution 21-07:** A resolution authorizing and providing for the financing of the construction of a wastewater facilities project, including authorizing the execution of applications, contractual agreements, and other necessary documents, and making certain representations, certifications, and pledges of certain revenue in connection with such financing.

Motion was made by Ald. Decker, second by Ald. Bibb to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Resolution 21-07 was passed.**

- b. **Resolution 21-08:** A resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of non-profit organizations.

Motion was made by Ald. Hutson, second by Ald. Decker to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Resolution 21-08 was passed.**

- c. **Resolution 21-09:** A resolution authorizing the establishment of a wellness program.

Motion was made by Ald. Decker, second by Ald. Bibb to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Resolution 21-09 was passed.**

- d. **Resolution 21-10:** A resolution approving certain amendments and revisions to the Personnel Manual.

Motion was made by Ald. Decker, second by Ald. Bibb to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Resolution 21-10 was passed.**

- e. **Resolution 21-11:** A resolution approving certain amendments and revisions to the Internal Control Manual.

Motion was made by Ald. Decker, second by Ald. Bibb to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Resolution 21-11 was passed.**

- f. **Resolution 21-12:** A resolution to annex certain territories and incorporate same within the corporate boundaries of the City of White House. *First Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Decker, second by Ald. Bibb to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Resolution 21-12 was passed on First Reading.**

- g. **Resolution 21-13:** A resolution requesting the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to deactivate the regional planning authority of the White House Regional Planning Commission and dissolve the White House Planning Region.

Motion was made by Ald. Decker, second by Ald. Hutson to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Resolution 21-13 was passed.**

12. Consideration of the Following Ordinances:

- a. **Ordinance 21-04:** An ordinance to amend the Zoning Map from C-4 Office Professional Service District to NCRPUD, Neighborhood Center Residential Planned Unit Development on Sage Road. *Second Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Bibb, second by Ald. Hutson to approve. A roll call vote was requested by Mayor Arnold: Ald. Bibb - aye; Ald. Corbitt - no; Ald. Decker - aye; Ald. Hutson - aye; Mayor Arnold - aye. Motion was approved. **Ordinance 21-04 was approved on Second Reading.**

- b. **Ordinance 21-05:** An ordinance amending several Articles and Sections of the Zoning Ordinance. *Second Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Decker, second by Ald. Hutson to approve. A roll call vote was requested by Mayor Arnold: Ald. Bibb - aye; Ald. Corbitt - aye; Ald. Decker - aye; Ald. Hutson - aye; Mayor Arnold - aye. Motion was approved. **Ordinance 21-05 was approved on Second Reading.**

- c. **Ordinance 21-06:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code Title 18, Chapter 3 Sewer Rates, Fees and Charges, Sections 18-301 and 18-302. *Second Reading*

Motion was made by Ald. Decker, second by Ald. Bibb to approve. A roll call vote was requested by Mayor Arnold: Ald. Bibb - aye; Ald. Corbitt - aye; Ald. Decker - aye; Ald. Hutson - aye; Mayor Arnold - aye. Motion was approved. **Ordinance 21-06 was approved on Second Reading.**

- d. **Ordinance 21-07:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code Title 17, Chapter 1 Refuse, Section 17-113. *Second Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Bibb, second by Ald. Decker to approve. A roll call vote was requested by Mayor Arnold: Ald. Bibb - aye; Ald. Corbitt - aye; Ald. Decker - aye; Ald. Hutson - aye; Mayor Arnold - aye. Motion was approved. **Ordinance 21-07 was approved on Second Reading.**

- e. **Ordinance 21-08:** An ordinance establishing the tax rate for the tax year 2021. *Second Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Bibb, second by Ald. Decker to approve. A roll call vote was requested by Mayor Arnold: Ald. Bibb - aye; Ald. Corbitt - no; Ald. Decker - aye; Ald. Hutson - aye; Mayor Arnold - aye. Motion was approved. **Ordinance 21-08 was approved on Second Reading.**

- f. **Ordinance 21-09:** An ordinance adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. *Second Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Bibb, second by Ald. Decker to approve. A roll call vote was requested by Mayor Arnold: Ald. Bibb - aye; Ald. Corbitt - aye; Ald. Decker - aye; Ald. Hutson - aye; Mayor Arnold - aye. Motion was approved. **Ordinance 21-09 was approved on Second Reading.**

- g. **Ordinance 21-10:** An ordinance amending the fiscal budget for the period ending June 30, 2021. *Second Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Decker, second by Ald. Bibb to approve. A roll call vote was requested by Mayor Arnold: Ald. Bibb - aye; Ald. Corbitt - aye; Ald. Decker - aye; Ald. Hutson - aye; Mayor Arnold - aye. Motion was approved. **Ordinance 21-10 was approved on Second Reading.**

- h. **Ordinance 21-11:** An ordinance amending the Zoning Map from Robertson County Rural Residential to SRPUD, Suburban Residential Planned Unit Development on Bill Moss Road. *First Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Decker, second by Ald. Bibb to approve. A voice vote was called for with Ald. Bibb, Ald. Decker, Ald. Hutson and Mayor Arnold voting aye, and Ald. Corbitt voting no. Motion was approved. **Ordinance 21-11 was approved on First Reading.**

- i. **Ordinance 21-12:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code, Title 14, Chapter 1, Municipal Planning Commission, Section 14-103, Additional Powers. *First Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Decker, second by Ald. Hutson to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Ordinance 21-12 was approved on First Reading.**

13. Purchasing:

- a. To approve or reject City Administrator Gerald Herman to sign a five (5) year contract with The Library Corporation for circulation system services. The Library Director recommends approval.

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

- b. To approve or reject authorizing City Administrator Gerald Herman entering into a contract with FTM Contracting for \$829,000 construction of the Soccer Complex Renovation project. The Parks and Recreation Director 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.**

- c. To approve or reject authorizing the City Administrator Gerald Herman to enter into a one-year Interlocal E911 agreement between E911 Emergency Communication District of Robertson County, Robertson County, the City of Springfield, the City of White House, and other cities within Robertson County for \$228,664.78 for furnishing dispatching services for the purpose of emergency dispatch at the E911 facility. The Police 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.**

14. OtherBusiness:

- a. To approve or reject the Library Board Chair to enter into the Tennessee State Library and Public Library Service Agreement. The Library Director recommends approval.

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

- b. Board Appointments

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

15. Discussion Items:

- a. None

16. Other Information:

- a. None

17. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.



Michael Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:



Derek Watson, City Recorder