

CITY OF WHITE HOUSE
Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting
Minutes
September 21, 2023
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 Maury Davis of Stone Chapel Church.

- 3. Pledge by Aldermen

The Pledge to the American Flag was led by Mayor Corbitt.

- 4. Roll Call

Mayor Corbitt – Present; Ald. Matthews - Absent; Ald. Silver – Present; Ald. Spicer– Present; Ald. Wall – Present;
Quorum – Present.

- 5. Adoption of the Agenda

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

- 6. Approval of the Minutes from the August 14th Joint Study Session and August 17th Special Called Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Wall to approve the minutes with a correction to the Joint Study Session and no changes to the Special Called meeting. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **The August 14th Joint Study Session with correction and the August 17th Special Called Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting minutes were approved.**

- 7. Welcome Visitors

Mayor Corbitt welcomed all visitors.

- 8. Proclamation

Mayor Corbitt presented to the members of the local Charlotte Reeves Robertson and General Jethro Sumner Chapters of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution a proclamation declaring September 17th – 23rd, 2023 as Constitution Week in the City of White House.

- 9. Public Comment

Ms. Linda Fore of White House spoke regarding the Board to change the name of the Michael L. Arnold Park. Ms. Fore recommended that the Board change the name to someone who can be looked up to.

Ms. Kathy Clough of White House spoke against allowing chickens for properties under an acre. Ms. Clough discussed an increase in Salmonella and predators when there is an increase in chickens. Ms. Clough is for allowing chickens, but regulations should be for properties an acre and above.

Ms. Nicole Taylor of the White House area read a statement from Ms. Tracy Herdman of White House regarding changing the name of the Michael L. Arnold Park.

Ms. Debbie Martin of White House spoke regarding changing the name of the Michael L. Arnold Park. Ms. Martin also discussed the need for outdoor pickleball courts.

10. Public Hearings

- a. **Ordinance 23-13:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code Title 2, Chapter 2 Library Board, Section 2-201.

No one spoke for or against.

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

City Attorney Valerie Webb stated that she has an update for the Board regarding the Days Inn property maintenance lawsuit, but the information was client-attorney privilege. Attorney Webb suggested the Board move into executive session for the update. Motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Wall to move into executive session. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Executive Session started at 7:10 pm.**

After the Executive Session, a motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Wall to resume the meeting. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Mayor Corbitt called the meeting back to order at 7:13pm.** A roll call was called for.

Mayor Corbitt – Present; Ald. Matthews - Absent; Ald. Silver – Present; Ald. Spicer– Present; Ald. Wall – Present; **Quorum – Present.**

City Administrator Gerald Herman updated the Board on the progress of the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion project. Mr. Herman noted that substantial completion should be made by January 31, 2024.

City Administrator Gerald Herman stated that phase 3 of 5 on the Southern Force Main collection line project is in progress. Mr. Herman continued that the pipe is in the ground from SCT Drive at Dee Cee Road to the treatment plant. Mr. Herman mentioned that connections at both ends and repaving SCT Drive and Industrial Drive are still needed to finish the project.

City Administrator Gerald Herman discussed that the development behind Kroger has connected a water line to Stadium Drive at Indian Ridge Blvd. Mr. Herman continued that they have started to cut the road in that will connect Indian Ridge Blvd. to Byrum Drive. Mr. Herman noted that the ribbon cutting and dedication is scheduled for October 16th at 4:00 pm for the new tennis courts complex that was relocated due to this road connection.

City Administrator Gerald Herman showed recent pictures of the progress on the Recreation Center construction. Mr. Herman mentioned that rain has caused construction delays, but the recent weather has been dry for work to continue.

City Administrator Gerald Herman discussed the bids for the Soccer Complex Parking Lot Expansion project came in very high. Mr. Herman continued that the projected cost for the project was approximately \$1.3 million; however, the lowest bid came in just under \$3 million. Mr. Herman mentioned that TDEC, which was initially funding half the project, reached out and offered three possible solutions. Mr. Herman stated that the first option was to see if TDEC could get additional funding to cover half the overage cost. Mr. Herman said that the second option was to reduce the size of the scope of the project. Mr. Herman stated that the third option was to cancel the project all together. Mr. Herman discussed that the City is pursuing the first option and that Mayor Corbitt has signed a letter to TDEC requesting additional funding. Mr. Herman continued that if the additional funding gets approved by TDEC, the City will still need to fund the other half of the project. Mr. Herman noted that he is looking at the funds in both Parks Sales Tax and Parks Impact Fee to see if they can provide the extra funding. Mr. Herman mentioned that more information regarding any budget amendments will be available at the October Board meeting. Mr. Herman commented that there is still time to get funding in place since the grant is good until 2025. Mr. Herman continued that the lowest bidder was notified about the situation and to hold their price until funding was secured.

City Administrator Gerald Herman mentioned that the City is hosting the Sumner County Council of Governments Awards banquet on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:00pm. Mr. Herman noted that staff is working hard to prepare for the event.

12. Acknowledge Reports

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

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

13. Consideration of the Following Resolutions:

- a. Resolution 23-11: A resolution to adopt the property tax freeze program as provided in the 2007 Public Chapter 581, as amended.

Motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Spicer to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. Motion passed. **Resolution 23-11 was approved.**

14. Consideration of the Following Ordinances:

- a. **Ordinance 23-13:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code Title 2, Chapter 2 Library Board, Section 2-201. *Second Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Spicer to discuss. After discussion, motion was made by Ald. Wall, second by Ald. Silver to approve. A roll call vote was requested by Mayor Corbitt; Ald. Silver – aye; Ald. Spicer – aye; Ald. Wall – aye; Mayor Corbitt - aye. Motion passed. **Ordinance 23-13 was approved on Second Reading.**

- b. **Ordinance 23-14:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code Title 12, Chapter 5 Housing Code and Chapter 6 International Energy Code. *First Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Silver to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Wall to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. Motion passed. **Ordinance 23-14 was approved on First Reading.**

- c. **Ordinance 23-15:** An ordinance to amend the Zoning Map and re-subdivide land from R-20 Low Density Residential and C-1 Central Business to CPUD Commercial Planned Unit Development on Raymond Hirsch Parkway. *First Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Silver to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Silver to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. Motion passed. **Ordinance 23-15 was approved on First Reading.**

- d. **Ordinance 23-16:** An ordinance amending the fiscal budget for the period ending June 30, 2024. *First Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Silver to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Wall to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. Motion passed. **Ordinance 23-16 was approved on First Reading.**

15. Purchasing:

- a. To approve or reject the bid from Rogers Group and allow City Administrator Gerald Herman to enter into a five-year agreement for Paving and Milling Services. The Public Services Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Silver to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Wall to approve. A voice vote was called for by Mayor Corbitt with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- b. To approve or reject the purchase of a 2023 Nissan Frontier truck from Alan Jay Automotive off State Contract #76657 in the amount of \$35,575. The Public Services Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Silver to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Silver to approve. A voice vote was called for by Mayor Corbitt with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- c. To approve or reject the purchase of a 2023 Ford Maverick AWD SuperCrew truck from Lonnie Cobb Ford off State Contract #75347 in the amount of \$27,212. The Planning and Codes Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Silver to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Wall to approve. A voice vote was called for by Mayor Corbitt with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- d. To approve or reject the purchase of a 34-foot Christmas Tree with a star tree topper and various sized ornaments from Season Lights Design in the total amount of \$34,605. The Administrative Services Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Silver to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Silver to approve. A voice vote was called for by Mayor Corbitt with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- e. To approve or reject the proposal from Kimley-Horn and allow City Administrator Gerald Herman to enter into an agreement for design and consulting services for the Parks Master Plan project. The Parks and Recreation Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Silver to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Wall, second by Ald. Silver to approve. A voice vote was called for by Mayor Corbitt with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- f. To approve or reject the bid from Rogers Group and allow City Administrator Gerald Herman to enter into an agreement for the Sage Road Widening project in the amount of \$892,287.20. City Administrator Gerald Herman recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Spicer to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Spicer to approve. A voice vote was called for by Mayor Corbitt with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

16. Other Business:

- a. To approve or reject subdivision infrastructures and street acceptance for Concord Springs Phase 1. The Planning and Codes Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Silver to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Spicer to approve. A voice vote was called for by Mayor Corbitt with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- b. To approve or reject subdivision infrastructures and street acceptance for The Parks Phases 1, 2, and 3. The Planning and Codes Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Wall to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Spicer to approve. A voice vote was called for by Mayor Corbitt with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- c. To approve or reject appointment of Mr. Daniel Whited to serve on the Planning Commission to fill vacancy.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Wall to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Silver, second by Ald. Spicer to approve. A voice vote was called for by Mayor Corbitt with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

17. Discussion Items:

- a. Changing the name of the Michael L. Arnold Municipal Park.


Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Silver to discuss. Alderman Spicer stated that she has had several citizens contact her regarding the name of the park and wanted to have the item on the agenda to have open discussion. Alderman Wall stated that he has also gotten several emails from citizens requesting to change the name. Alderman Silver mentioned that she also received emails with name suggestions such as Jim Varney and Wilkes. Ald. Silver continued that she is not opposed to the changing the name, but the name should not be from someone who is still alive unless there is a substantial donation to fund the purchase of the property or construction of a building. City Administrator Gerald Herman noted that the dedication was through the proclamation of the Mayor process which is easier to change than ordinances and resolutions. Mr. Herman continued that land may have stipulations during the purchasing process that require a specific name such as the Byrum Family Park on N. Palmers Chapel. Mayor Corbitt mentioned that the communications he has received has been for changing the name, but he thinks some people could be so impactful enough to have a building named after them while still alive such as the old City Hall and new Community Center buildings being named after Dr. Billy S. Hobbs. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Wall to change the name of the park. A voice vote was called for by Mayor Corbitt with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.** A study session will be scheduled in October to discuss potential names for the park.

18. Other Information:

- a. None

19. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.



 John Corbitt, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Derek Watson, City Recorder