

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday September 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the G. Thomas Love Boardroom at the Greeneville Energy Authority Building with Mayor C. Calvin Doty presiding.

Oath of Office for Mayor re-elect C. Calvin Doty was administered by Kevin Morrison, Mayor of Greene County.

Oath of Office for Council Member re-elect Timothy Teague was administered by David Hawk, Tennessee State Representative.

Oath of Office for Council Member elect Matthew Hensley was administered by C. Calvin Doty, Mayor of the Town of Greeneville.

Present were Council Members Matt Hensley, Ginny Kidwell, Tim Teague, and Todd Smith, City Manager. Council Member Tim Ward was absent.

At this time, City Manager, Todd Smith, presented Mayor Doty with an official gavel for opening and closing City Council meetings.

At this time, Mayor Doty's comments are as follows: 1) Today, Tuesday, September 17, 2024 was Constitution Day with several Town officials and employees participating in the reading of the United States Constitution at the Federal Courthouse in Greeneville; 2) The previous weekend, Town officials and employees participated in the dedication of the new basketball court and playground equipment at the Coach J.J. Jones Memorial Park; 3) Mayor Doty participated in the District Ruritan meeting held on Saturday, September 14; and 4) a Proclamation was read in honor of Eliza Sanders, the reigning Miss Historic Greeneville 2024 with September 17, 2024 being recognized as Eliza Sanders Day in the Town of Greeneville.

No public comments were made on the agenda for this meeting.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve the minutes from the special called joint meeting between the Greeneville City School Board and the City Council on August 29, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve a Special Event application for the Greeneville City Schools Education Foundation 2024 Turkey Trot to be held on Thanksgiving morning. Council Member Matt Hensley, Chairperson of the Education Foundation, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve a Special Event application for the Keep Greene Beautiful Halloween Hustle 3 mile walk to be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Jessie Beth Miller, Community Engagement Director with the Greene County Partnership, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Teague to approve a Special Event application to close portions of Main, Irish, Depot, Church, Summer, and College Streets for Halloween Happenings to be held on Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to

6:00 p.m. Jann Mirkov, Executive Director of Main Street Greeneville, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Todd Smith, City Manager, provided an update on the traffic signal at Serral Drive and Highway 11E. In August 2023, the City Council proposed a traffic signal at this intersection to accommodate additional traffic due to the addition of an anchor restaurant, Texas Roadhouse. The Tennessee Department of Transportation has approved the addition of the signal at the proposed intersection. The Town hired an engineering firm to design the signal. The bid for the project is \$385,000, with the developer contributing \$100,000. The City Council initially proposed tax increment financing (TIF) for this project, involving both the City and the County. Subsequently, the County Budget and Finance Committee did not approve the funding for their portion of the TIF. The City has now proposed funding from the State Street Aid fund for the traffic signal project. Lora Young, Finance Director, confirmed enough funding is available to handle the project and, if approved, will be included in a fiscal year 2025 budget amendment.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve the use of State Street Aid funds for the traffic signal project. No tax increment financing will be available. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve an increase in the local matching contribution for the State of Tennessee Property Tax Relief Program from 30% of the state payment to 50% of the state payment to eligible taxpayers. Lora Young, Finance Director, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve the sale of 5.1 acres of property on Hal Henard Road co-owned by the Town of Greeneville (1/3 ownership) and the Greene County School System (2/3 ownership) to Greene County. Todd Smith, City Manager, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve a Resolution authorizing the Town of Greeneville to participate in the James L. Richardson “Driver Training” Matching Grant offered by Public Entity Partners in the amount of \$5,000 with a \$5,000 local match. Cathy Osborne, Assistant City Manager, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve a Resolution for the Greeneville Police Department to apply for a grant with the United States Department of Justice for the Bullet Proof Vest Program, with a requested amount of \$10,250 in grant funds and \$10,250 local match. This grant provides each officer with a new bullet proof vest every five (5) years. Cathy Osborne, Assistant City Manager, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve the purchase of a replacement police cruiser for the Greeneville Police Department in the amount of \$45,372.00 for the vehicle and an additional \$13,868.24 for the mobile equipment. Insurance proceeds in the amount of \$26,590.00 will be forthcoming. The balance of the cost will be paid for by the fund balance in the General Fund and will be included in a fiscal year 2025 budget

amendment. Kevin Gass, Captain for the Greeneville Police Department, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve a bid recommendation for roll-off containers and dumpsters from Fleet Genius for Public Works in the amount of \$52,978.00. Scott Keith, Assistant Public Works Director, addressed the Council. This is a budgeted item. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve the appointment of Council Member Teague to fill a vacant seat on the Greeneville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Teague to defer item 9.12 on today's agenda: Consideration of an appointment to fill a vacant council member seat on the Greeneville/Greene County Regional Solid Waste Planning Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve the recommendation of the Greeneville/Greene County Library Board of Trustees recommendation to appoint Dr. Mia Hyde to serve for a three-year term. Erin Evans, Library Director, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve a Special Event Sign Request for the Fall Festival of Nations to be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at Notre Dame Church. Bert Seay, Chief Building Official, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve a Special Event Sign Request for "Wake Up United Way" for the week of September 23, 2024 through September 28, 2024. Bert Seay, Chief Building Official, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Teague to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Calvin Doty, Mayor

Attest:

Lora A. Young, Recorder

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