

**THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS OF
THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, WILSON COUNTY, TN
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

The Board of Mayor and Alderpersons of the City of Watertown, Wilson County, TN met in regular session on September 20, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Watertown Community Center.

Alderpersons Present: Howell Roberts, Steve Casey, Laura Cromer, Larry Byrd, Caleb Barrett, Kristie Cantrell and Mayor Mike Jennings.

Mayor Jennings called meeting to order and led in prayer.

Mayor Jennings presented August 16, 2022 minutes for approval. Caleb made motion to approve with proper second made by Laura. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jennings called a Public Hearing to order regarding Ordinance No.2022-03. This ordinance updates the current Sewer Use Ordinance. Public Hearing is required to satisfy TDEC requirements in regard to the State Revolving Fund Loan Program (SRF). No comments from the public. Mayor Jennings closed meeting. Caleb made motion to approve on second and final reading with proper second made by Howell. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Business

Debbie Robertson resides at 313 West Main requesting update with the drain and ditch issue in front of house. Mayor Jennings stated they have not discussed but will get back with her with an answer.

Sewer Report

Dale Smith proposed a quote from Scott Ritter for the sewer rehab for \$230,000.00. Dale stated this was the only bid he has received at this time but will be contacting companies for a quote. After discussion the council requested more quotes and will bring back to next meeting.

Fire Department

Chief Blake Haun presented fire report stating there were 57 calls with an average of 1.83 calls per day. Chief Haun stated the Barbeque sale and Car Show went well. No questions asked.

Police Report

Assistant Chief Henderlight stated they have received the police car from Smithville. The other three (3) new cars are on order and could be in anytime between December and February.

Henderlight stated the police department would like to do a trunk or treat on October 29, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. behind the City Hall building. Mayor Jennings recommends the trunk or treat. Steve made motion to approve with proper second made by Howell. Motion carried unanimously.

Henderlight stated the police department wanted to do their first annual meals on wheels for Thanksgiving. The officers will be furnishing and preparing the food. Laura recommended reaching out to the churches in the community because they will probably want to get involved in any way they can since this is a ministry they are accustomed too. Henderlight stated he would get more information and bring back to next city council meeting.

Henderlight stated the police department has received their protective vests. Mayor Jennings stated the approved bid was \$8,000.00 and the cost went over \$80.00. Mayor Jennings stated this needs to be approved. Laura made motion to approve bid not to exceed \$100.00 with proper second made by Howell. Motion carried unanimously.

Henderlight stated the old police cars are ready to be declared surplus with sealed bids. Mayor Jennings asked for description and advertise in gazette and social media. Steve Casey made motion with proper second made by Larry Bryd. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Urban Growth Boundary

Chris Lawless with Wilson County Planning Office presented a revised map of the Wilson County Urban Growth Boundary. The new map proposes several areas to be considered to be added to City of Watertown. Urban Growth area see attached map. After some discussion Mayor Jennings recommends that we request that our Urban Growth Boundary be extended in the area in the light blue and everything north of Patton Hollow and west of the light blue as indicated on the proposal. Steve made motion to approve with proper second made by Howell. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry asked does this give the city the opportunity at some point in the future to annex to those boundaries? Mayor Jennings stated the people who live within those boundaries have the right first to ask the city to be annexed. That is the first step.

Howell mentioned property owners on Parkerson Road are interested in annexing to sell property. Chris stated he was working on this project and will be talking with the property owners for further guidance.

Mayor Jennings stated the storage building for the football equipment has been delivered and installed.

Mayor Jennings stated the 911 ceremony was a great turn out and success. Mayor Jennings thanked Vice Mayor Laura Cromer for conducting the ceremony during his absence. Also, Mayor Jennings would like to thank Cash Express for donating the cake, all the city employees for set up, Jeff Tunks for sound system and everyone involved in making this a time to remember.

New Business

Mayor Jennings stated Burke Russell has resigned and taken a position with WEMA. We have hired a new employee Austin Mobley.

Mayor Jennings recommended proposal to City Council on the Interlocal Agreement for School Crossing Guards between Watertown Police Department and Wilson County Board of Education to pay two (2) Watertown Police Officers seventy dollars (\$70) per day for any crossing guard positions covered. The term of this agreement shall be for a period of one year beginning the 13th day of September 2022, and ending the 30th day of September 2023. This agreement will automatically renew on October 1st of each year, for subsequent twelve (12) month periods.

Laura made motion to approve with proper second made by Steve. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jennings stated the Department of Environment and Conservation has issued a Directors Order No.DWS22-0054 and Mayor Jennings has responded with an appeal.

Mayor Jennings stated the city hired certified water operators to manage the water plant and have been doing a good job. They have straightened out things with the state and brought recommendations on the tank and the scada system.

Larry asked aside from appealing the fines is it inevitable that there will be a fine? Is it just the size of the fine that is the question? Mayor Jennings responded he thought so.

Steve asked should we be getting a monthly or quarterly report from the guys from the water plant. Mayor Jennings stated he did not have a problem asking J.C. York for something monthly.

Mayor Jennings asked council to approve the appeal. Howell made motion to approve the appeal with proper second made by Laura. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jennings stated the Mile Long Yard Sale is Saturday, October 8, 2022.

Mayor Jennings stated Congressman John Rose is having a Military Appreciation Service Academy Saturday, September 24, 2022 at Wilson Central High School at 9:30.

Mayor Jennings stated next council meeting will be Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

Council member comments

Howell asked about the electric car charging station. Mayor Jennings stated the salesman has not called him yet.

Steve asked about the remodeling of the bathrooms. Mayor Jennings stated he doesn't have any updated information.

Steve also asked about the sign to be placed out front of City Hall. Steve mentioned the First Baptist Church is going to be redoing their sign and thought we could contract with the same vendor.

Laura – none
Kristie – none
Caleb – none
Byrd – none

Laura made motion to adjourn meeting with proper second made by Steve.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor, Michael R. Jennings

City Recorder