

**THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS OF  
THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, WILSON COUNTY, TN  
AUGUST 16, 2022**

The Board of Mayor and Alderpersons of the City of Watertown, Wilson County, TN met in regular session on August 16, 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 publicly thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during the loss of his mother.

Mayor Jennings called meeting to order and led in prayer.

Mayor Jennings presented July 19, 2022 minutes for approval. Motion made by Laura with proper second made by Steve. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Business**

Jeff Tunks requested to council to purchase a storage building to store Football equipment. The 12'x 18' of building is 6'3" in height and includes Lofted Barn. Delivered price is \$6,500.00. Laura asked who would have access to the building? Jeff stated the football coach from the high school. Mayor Jennings requested anyone who will have a key he would like to have a list provided with names so we will know. Mayor Jennings stated he recommended purchasing the building for the equipment. Howell made motion with proper second made by Laura. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Lawless from the Wilson County Planning Office presented to the City Council the request by the City of Mt. Juliet to revise the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). The Mt. Juliet proposal does not affect the City of Watertown UGB. Per state law when any municipality in the county requests a change to the UGB all three municipalities and the county must agree. Mayor Jennings advised City Council the current UGB should be sufficient. Mayor Jennings stated he did not see a need to adjust Watertown UGB. Mayor Jennings noted City Council should also review and advise if they have any suggestions. No action taken.

**Fire Report**

Joe Decker presented fire report stating there were 54 calls with an average of 1.75 calls per day. No questions asked.

**Police Report**

Assistant Chief Henderlight presented police report. No questions asked.

Assistant Chief Henderlight stated we now have one car that was purchased from Smithville Police Department. A second car will be coming at a later date from Smithville Police

Department. Steve made motion to purchase one new car and add name to list for a total of three new cars with proper second made by Howell. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Chief Henderlight met with TBI and agreed to new software to be installed in October. The approximate cost is \$20,000.00 and an annual support cost of \$4,100.00. Mayor Jennings recommended the purchase. Laura made motion to purchase with proper second made by Steve. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Chief Henderlight requested to purchase eight (8) Safe Life Defense Tactical Uniform Style Vests. There is a five (5) year warranty with a free replacement if something happens within the warranty period. Howell made motion to purchase 8 vests with proper second by Steve and not to exceed \$8000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jennings stated there was a gentleman who grew up in the community who supplied Watertown Police Department ammunition at his expense. This is no longer available to us and now the Police Department needs to purchase. Assistant Chief Henderlight stated the approximate cost is \$3000.00 - \$3,200.00. Laura made motion to purchase ammunition but not to exceed \$3,200.00 with proper second made by Steve. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Chief Henderlight presented to City Council request to replace doors and seal the brick which will take care of the water issues. The cost is \$7,450.00 for total project. Also, replacement of the awning is \$3,900.00. Laura made motion to accept bid for \$7,450.00 with proper second made by Caleb. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Sewer Report**

Dale Smith stated another contractor came out and looked at the Commerce Ave pump station to give a price for the rehab work. Dale stated when he gets a price he will inform the Mayor and City Council.

#### **Old Business**

Mayor Jennings gave update on turntable.

#### **New Business**

Mayor Jennings gave update on budget report stating local sales tax and local beer tax were both up.

Mayor Jennings stated September 11 observance will be on Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. with Vice Mayor Laura Cromer in charge of ceremony.

Mayor Jennings stated when he attended the TML Conference in Gatlinburg he was asked to have an electric car charging station at no expense to the city installed. Mayor Jennings stated this might be something we would want to pursue. No action taken.

Mayor Jennings stated the car show will be Saturday, September 3, 2022.

Mayor Jennings stated our next City Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

**Council member comments**

Howell asked how is the oil changing ministry going?

There was not any update at this time.

Steve had questions on update on easements and turntable.

Laura – no comments

Kristie – no comments

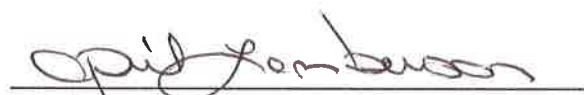
Caleb – no comments

Larry – no comments

Laura made motion to adjourn meeting with second by Steve.

Meeting adjourned.

  
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Mayor Michael R. Jennings

  
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City Recorder

