

MINUTES: CITY OF DECHERD BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
DECHERD, TENNESSEE  
JULY 8, 2019

The City of Decherd Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session, Monday July 8, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR ROBIN B. SMITH  
VICE MAYOR TAMMY HOLT  
ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD  
ALDERMAN ROY PARTIN  
ALDERMAN KARL SMITH  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR REX CLARK

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Isbell, Al Tipps (WCDDT), Ross Peterson, Gerald Ewell, Dottie Smith, Mary Nell Hess, Justin Stubblefield, David Alexander, Michelle Peterson, Tina Kirk, Krystal Valencia, Michael Gillespie, Diane Hensley, Darnell

Mayor Robin Smith called the meeting to order with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Decherd Board of Mayor & Aldermen dated June 4, 2019 was reviewed. Minutes approved as printed.

The Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Decherd Board of Mayor & Aldermen dated June 19, 2019 was reviewed. Minutes approved as printed.

The Financial Report for the Month of June 2019 was reviewed by the Board.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Tammy Holt to accept as printed. Alderman Pam Arnold seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 – 0

The Police, Fire, and Water Departments reports were reviewed for the month of June 2019.

Motion by Alderman Pam Arnold to accept Departmental Reports as presented and seconded by Alderman Karl Smith.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 - 0

Second reading Ordinance # 419 an Ordinance TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY AND TO INCORPORATE THE SAME WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF DECHERD, FRANKLIN COUNTY, TENNESSEE AS PER WRITTEN REQUEST FROM THE OWNER (JAMES BAKER) OF THE PROPERTIES INVOLVED.

Motion to pass Ordinance # 419 on first second by Alderman Pam Arnold second by Vice Mayor Tammy Holt.

Roll Call: Mayor Robin Smith \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice Mayor Tammy Holt – Aye  
Alderman Pam Arnold – Aye  
Alderman Karl Smith – Aye  
Alderman Roy Partin – Aye

Motion Passes Unanimously 4 – 0

Second Reading Ordinance # 420 an ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF DECHERD, TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 14-204(2), THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF DECHERD, TENNESSEE TO SET THE ZONING FOR A PARCEL OF LAND THE PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF DECHERD, TENNESSEE, HEREIN DESCRIBED FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY ZONING R-2 (GENERAL RESIDENTIAL) TO CITY OF DECHERD ZONING R-1 Low Density Residential District.

Motion to pass Ordinance # 420 on second reading by Vice Mayor Tammy Holt second by Alderman Roy Partin.

Roll Call: Mayor Robin Smith \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice Mayor Tammy Holt – Aye  
Alderman Pam Arnold – Aye  
Alderman Karl Smith – Aye  
Alderman Roy Partin – Aye

Motion Passes Unanimously 4 – 0

Second reading Ordinance #421 an ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF DECHERD, TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 14-204(2), THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF DECHERD, TENNESSEE TO CHANGE THE ZONING FOR TWO PARCELS OF LAND BELONGING TO ROGER ROSE IN THE CITY OF DECHERD, TENNESSEE, HEREIN DESCRIBED FROM R-1 (Single Family Residential District) and C-3 (Restrictive business/highway service district) to C-2 (Highway Service District).

Alderman Roy Partin if his was for Rose Property only. Mayor Robin Smith commented Yes.

Vice Mayor Tammy Holt ask if Mr. Rose requested the rezoning. Mayor Robin Smith stated yes.

Vice Mayor Tammy Smith stated she had several residences concerned to changing to C2 because it could open property up to businesses such as convenience stores etc.

Vice Mayor Tammy Holt ask again if this request was made by Mr. Rose. Mayor Robin Smith stated yes.

Mayor Robin Smith stated that this was found and hasn't been changed in tax records from 2001 – 2003. Mr. Rose has been paying taxes at a C2 rate and the city might have to pay back some taxes if not corrected.

Vice Mayor Tammy Smith ask what difference is there between Zone C2 and Zone C3.

Planning Board member Mary Nell Hess stated Zone C2 is open to all commercial development and Zone C3 is restrictive. Further discussion pursued.

Mayor Smith recommended passage of Ordinance #421 and further discussion and changes could be made on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

Vice Mayor Tammy Holt stated she was voicing concerns of residence of that area of turning a highly residential area into wide open commercial.

Motion to pass Ordinance # 421 on second reading by Alderman Pam Arnold. Motion died for lack of second.

Alderman Roy Partin stated he had a citizen ask if Mayor Smith was getting insurance at City Hall.

Mayor Robin Smith stated that former City Administrator Mike Foster (He could add employees to insurance roll) added Mayor Smith to the insurance four or five years ago. He thought that I was eligible due to the Affordable Care Act. When I was informed, I might not be I ask the Bookkeeper Tammie Allen to drop me as soon as she could. If there are any other thing to discuss Mr. Ewell can contact my attorney. Was not on agenda so that is all that can be said.

Vice Mayor Tammy Holt asked Mayor Robin Smith that due to alderman concerns Vice Mayor Tammy Holt wanted to know when Mayor Smith was dropped.

Mayor Robin Smith replied that it was not an alderman concern but that the Bookkeeper was advised to drop him as soon as she can. Mayor Smith advised that Mr. Ewell can talk to his attorneys about it because Former City Administrator Mike Foster added him 5 years ago.

Vice Mayor Tammy Holt ask where was paperwork.

Mayor Robin Smith stated there was no paperwork done by voice. Former City Administrator Mike Foster thought he could add people to insurance roll.

Vice Mayor Tammy Holt stated the way she sees you owe the city \$26,000.

Mayor Robin Smith stated any concerns can be brought to his attorneys.

Alderman Roy Partin ask who are your attorneys.

Mayor Robin Smith replied Mr. Bob Peters and Mr. Floyd Davis.

Vice Mayor Tammy Holt asked what is the boards will. Do you want to pursue this?

Mayor Robin Smith stated that it would have to be brought up at next board meeting and put on agenda.

Vice Mayor Tammy Holt replied let's make sure it gets on agenda. The way I see it you been getting free insurance 2 ½ years that you owe the city.

Mayor Robin Smith stated the Former City Administrator Mike Foster had the power to add him.

Vice Mayor Tammy Holt asked under what law?

Mayor Robin Smith stated he was the City Administrator at the time.

Alderman Roy Partin stated the way he reads it, it is to go before the board.

Mayor Robin Smith stated does every employee (getting insurance go before the board), no it doesn't.

Vice Mayor Tammy Holt and Alderman Roy Partin both stated the Mayor Robin Smith is not an employee, he is an elected official.

Mayor Robin Smith stated he was not going to argue anymore.

Vice Mayor Tammy Holt said it isn't an argument.

Mayor Robin Smith stated he did what he was told to do and asked if there were any other concerns.

Mayor Robin Smith stated there being no additional business the meeting was adjourned 7:14 p.m. with Alderman Pam Arnold making motion. Due to lack of second of motion, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Robin Smith.

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Mayor Robin Smith

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rex Clark City Administrator