

MINUTES: CITY OF DECHERD BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
DECHERD, TENNESSEE  
OCTOBER 14, 2019

The City of Decherd Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session, October 14, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR MICHAEL GILLESPIE  
VICE MAYOR RICHARD GULLEY  
ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD  
ALDERMAN TAMMY HOLT  
ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR REX CLARK

OTHERS PRESENT: Al Tipps (WCDT), Ross Peterson, Gerald Ewell, Diane Hensley, Danita Slatten, Dennis Doney, Susan Smith, Rickey Arnold, Charles Oliver, Dottie Smith, Justin Stubblefield

Mayor Michael Gillespie called the meeting to order with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Decherd Board of Mayor & Aldermen dated September 9, 2019 was reviewed. Motion made by Alderman Pam Arnold and Second by Alderman Tammy Holt to approve Minutes as printed.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 - 0

Financial Report for the Month of September 2019 was reviewed by the Board. Motion to accept was made by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders second by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 – 0

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

Motion by Alderman Tammy Holt to accept Departmental Reports as presented and seconded by Pam Arnold.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 – 0

1. Adopted on first reading Ordinance # 423 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN UPDATED OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM PLAN, DEVISE RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A SAFETY DIRECTOR AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PROGRAM PLAN

Roll Call: VICE MAYOR RICHARD GULLEY - AYE  
ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD - AYE  
ALDERMAN TAMMY HOLT - AYE  
ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS - AYE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 4 – 0

Accepted a quote from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus and Weller Truck Parts for emergency repairs Engine 201 to repair rear end, tank to pump, and foam system. Motion to accept quote made by Alderman Tammy Holt second by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders.

Discussion followed:

Alderman Tammy Holt ask when Engine 201 becomes more trouble than worth. Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders replied that it has about reached that point.

Alderman Tammy Holt ask how close we were to paying off Ladder Truck. Public Safety Director Ross Peterson stated about a payment and a half. Which would be around \$50,042.

Alderman Tammy Holt ask if we would be eligible to use money to purchase another engine. Asked which way would be better, replace 20year old engine for better ISO score or replace 10year old truck that is junk.

Mayor Michael Gillespie ask what is ISO.

Public Service Director Ross Peterson explained ISO (Insurance Services Office) and how it effects Insurance rates and how it is derived.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 – 0

Citizen' Concerns:

Mr. Charles Oliver's question was about Decherd Serve and Protect. Mr. Oliver requested the Board to enact a curfew due to late night event in his neighborhood.

Discussion followed with Public Safety Director Ross Peterson stating his position that he is not a lawyer but a criminal justice major. The City of Decherd cannot enact an adult curfew.

Alderman Tammy Holt ask Mr. Oliver were any of the incidences reported. Mr. Oliver stated that they had not been any reports made at the time.

Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders and Alderman Tammy Holt stated that Decherd had limited personal available on each shift.

Danita Slatten ask if Decherd has an ADA Transition Plan.

City Administrator Rex Clark stated that the City was in the process of developing a plan for The City of Decherd.

Susan Smith ask about the decision on a new City Attorney.

Vice Mayor Richard Gulley stated that we had a list of attorneys but had not received all the proposals. Therefore Mr. Ewell will remain our attorney at the present time.

Danita Slatten ask if local citizens had been asked for input.

Vice Mayor Richard Gulley stated that he had some citizens express their opinions on the matter.

Dottie Smith stated that she appreciated everything Mr. Ewell had done for The City of Decherd.

Justin Stubblefield stated he had attended a Planning Commission meeting and He asked about the Five Year Plan that was discussed. Mr. Stubblefield wanted to know if we could start a program so we can catch children at an early age. There is no outreach program for young people. A program similar to mentoring.

Alderman Tammy Holt ask if Justin Stubblefield would be lead person to do research on what's available and bring back to Board.

Public Safety Director Ross Peterson stated the Board and Police Department would be supportive.

Mayor Michael Gillespie welcomed John Corak and A. J. Ladd to the Municipal Regional Planning Commission.

Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders stated that he would like to have a schedule to have the restrooms at Hank Weddington Park and John L. Sanders Park open daily. A discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Richard Gulley made a motion for City Administrator Rex Clark and Street and Sanitation Superintendent Mike St John come up with a plan and present it to the Mayor for approval. Second by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 - 0

Mayor Michael Gillespie stated there being no additional business the meeting was adjourned 8:07 p.m. with Alderman Pam Arnold making motion to adjourn. Second by Alderman Tammy Holt.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 - 0

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Mayor Michael Gillespie

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