

MINUTES: CITY OF DECHERD BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
DECHERD, TENNESSEE  
NOVEMBER 11, 2019

The City of Decherd Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session, November 11, 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, Dennis Doney, Susan Smith, Rickey Arnold, Dottie Smith, Justin Stubblefield, Marcella McBee, Debbie St. John, Mike Storm, Daryl B. Doney, Paula Doney, Becky Sanders, Elizabeth Meaker, Kaithyn Mestemainer, Theren Sons, Michelle Peterson, A. J. Ladd, Lauryn Fraley, Phyllis Fraley, Derrek Plattenberg, Andrea Platterberg, Jacob Morris, Caleb Tyree, Bryan Justus

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 October 14, 2019 was reviewed. Motion made by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders and Second by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley to approve Minutes as printed.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 - 0

No Financial Report for October.

The Police, Fire given by Chief Ross Peterson, Building Inspector given by Inspector Dennis Doney and Water read by the Mayor, Department reports were reviewed for the month of October 2019.

Motion by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley to accept Departmental Reports as presented and seconded by Alderman Pam Arnold.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 - 0

1. Adopted on second 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. Motion made by ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS and seconded by ALDERMAN TAMMY HOLT.

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

2. Report of Debt Obligation was presented pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 9-21-151. Mayor Gillespie asked if a vote was needed on this and City Administrator Rex Clark advised it was only necessary to acknowledge the report in public and place the acknowledgment in the minutes.
3. Adopted resolution R6-19 amending resolution R3-19 authorizing elected officials to participate in the City's Health Insurance Program. Motion was made to accept the Resolution by ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD and Seconded by ALDERMAN TAMMY HOLT. VICE MAYOR RICHARD GULLEY asked for discussion on the topic. VICE MAYOR RICHARD GULLEY discussed putting a cap on what the City would pay at \$325.00 a month, which is 50% of the present cost to the City. ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS made a motion to amend the Resolution to read the \$325.00 cap on the 50% proposal of the cost. ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD seconded the motion to amend the Resolution.

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 4 – 0

4. The resignation of Sheila Clark from the Recreation Committee was accepted. MAYOR MICHAEL GILLESPIE thanked her for her service. ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD making the motion and ALDERMAN TAMMY HOLT seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all Ayes and no Nays. Motion Passed Unanimously 4 – 0 After the vote Derrick Plattenburg and Andrea Plattenburg turned in their resignation from the Recreation Committee. MAYOR MICHAEL GILLESPIE thanked them for their service. ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS made the motion to accept their resignations and VICE MAYOR RICHARD GULLEY seconded the motion with the vote of all AYES to accept.
5. Chairman Debbie St. John of the Recreation Committee was recognized to address the Board. Mrs. St. John thanked the Street Department and the Police and Fire for the assistance at the Halloween event. Debbie St. John then gave her letter of resignation from the Recreation Committee along with John Glenn's resignation due to text she received after the Halloween event. She passed out copies some of the texts to the Board and copies of the letters of resignation.
6. A discussion not to extend Gerald Ewell's contract as Attorney for the City of Decherd begin. After several comments from the audience and discussion among the Board Members, ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS made a motion to close the discussion. Seconded by ALDERMAN TAMMY HOLT. Some questions and discussion continued. Motion was made by ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS to end Gerald Ewell's contract with the City and ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD seconded the motion.

VICE MAYOR RICHARD GULLEY - AYE  
ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD - AYE  
ALDERMAN TAMMY HOLT - NAY  
ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS - AYE

Motion passed 3 -1

7. City Administrator recommended Attorney Jerry Hood for the position of Attorney, City of Decherd. ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD made the motion to accept Jerry Hood as the City Attorney and ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS seconded the motion.

VICE MAYOR RICHARD GULLEY - AYE  
ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD - AYE  
ALDERMAN TAMMY HOLT - NAY  
ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS - AYE

Motion passed 3 -1

8. The proposed revisions to Title #8 Alcoholic Beverages to bring city codes in alignment with state codes. A motion was made by ALDERMAN TAMMY HOLT to adjust Title #8. The question was asked for a second. With no second on the motion the motion died.

The floor was opened for Citizens Concerns:

Marcella McBee spoke discussing promoting Decherd.

Dottie Smith spoke on praising Gerald Ewell as an Attorney and the job he had done for the City of Decherd.

Becky Sanders spoke about the Recreation Committee and her concerns for the Christmas Parade that is four weeks away.

Justin Stubblefield spoke on the newly appointed City Attorney.

The Mayor's Communication was to thank the Street and Sanitation Superintendent Mike St. John and his crew, Public Safety Director Ross Peterson, the Police, and Fire Departments, and all the volunteers on another successful Haunted House.

The Mayor and Board would like to salute and thank all members past and present of the Armed Forces on Veterans Day.

Mayor Michael Gillespie stated there being no additional business the meeting was adjourned 7:40 p.m. with ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS making motion to adjourn. Second by ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 - 0

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Mayor Michael Gillespie

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