

MINUTES: CITY OF DECHERD BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
DECHERD, TENNESSEE  
FEBRUARY 10, 2020

The City of Decherd Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session, February 10, 2020 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: Dennis Doney, Bryan Justus (HC), Danita Slatton, Jerre Hood, Al Tipps (WCDDT), Susan Smith, Michelle Peterson, Patrick Slatton, Mary Nell Hess, Bill Hess, Lauren Fraley, Jimmy Highers, Glenn Summers, Denis Hill, Andrea Plattenburg, Derrick Plattenburg, Andrew Sellers, Riley Townsend, Calleigh Garner, Andrew Everson, Rickey Arnold, Justin Stubblefield, David Hillstrom, Angela Hillstrom, Jason Ikard, Dottie Smith, Jacob Morris, Josiah Dollar, Kaleb Tyree, Ross Peterson, Chuck Williams, Ross Peterson

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 January 13, 2020, was reviewed. Motion made by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley and Second by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders to approve Minutes as printed.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 - 0

The Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Decherd Board of Mayor & Aldermen dated January 17, 2020, was reviewed. Motion made by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley and Second by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders to approve Minutes as printed.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 – 0

Financial Report for January 2020. Motion to accept made by Alderman Tammy Holt and second by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 - 0

Department reports for the Police and Fire by Public Safety Director Ross Peterson, Building Report given by Codes Director Dennis Doney and Water report given by the Water Superintendent Eric Bradford, Department reports were reviewed for the month of January 2020. Motion to accept Department Reports by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders. and second by Alderman Tammy Holt.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 – 0

1. Third reading and public hearing Ordinance # 424, 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. HEREIN DISCRIBED FROM CITY OF DECHERD ZONING R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO CITY OF DECHERD ZONING C – 2 HIGHWAY SERVICE DISTRICTS.

Public Hearing: 7:08 – 7:08 No comments.

Vice Mayor Richard Gulley made motion to pass on third reading Ordinance # 424 and seconded by Alderman Pam Arnold.

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

Alderman Pam Arnold left due to family illness. 7:16 p.m.

**Citizen's Concerns:**

Justin Stubblefield stated he wanted to talk grant plan for sidewalks and bicycle lanes and their importance to infrastructure and safety. Discussed the need for sidewalks and bicycle lanes. Gave his opinion on what was needed.

Danita Slatton made remarks about political problems in City of Decherd. Provided research from internet what sidewalks and bicycle lanes have done in other areas. Ask board to do more research in the future before the board votes.

Dottie Smith had question about resolution R6- 19 Authorizing elected officials to participate in the City's Health Insurance Program. Mrs. Smith was questioning if this benefit should take effect immediately or become effective the next election. Vice Mayor Richard Gulley stated the Board would investigate the matter and make corrections if needed.

Derrick Plattenburg voiced concerns about people riding on sidewalks downtown. Mr. Plattenburg is concerned about people getting hit coming out of businesses in the downtown area. Believes bicycle lane would help.

Bill Hess made statement about bicycling and thought it would be great to connect the cities throughout the state. He also stated he had been recently hit in an area that had no trails.

Susan Smith commented about people crossing roads to get over to parking lots so they can be safe. Needed make area more accessible so people could get to Kroger's to get their groceries.

**Mayor's Communications:**

Mayor Michael Gillespie stated he had contacted MTAS about incident of moving fire personnel to Annex Building. MTAS responded that Alderman did not have authority to do so. Public Safety Director should have not followed orders and turned there request over to the City Administrator. Mayor Michael Gillespie just wanted to state not authorized thing to do.

**Aldermen's Communication:**

Vice Mayor Richard Gulley thanked Rob Bennett for his help in restructuring our telephone contract resulting in a savings to the city.

Alderman Tammy Holt read a letter detailing events that happened in the moving of firemen to the Annex Building and back to Firehall #1

Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders ask if he could make a statement. Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders stated he had sat down in the Mayors office and discussed it. He also stated that he had talked to Alderman Tammy Holt. Alderman Holt stated she had misunderstood where the firemen would be. The long and short of it should not have been done. Alderman Sanders stated he had talked to Alderman Holt, Alderman Arnold, Vice Mayor Gulley, and Mayor Gillespie. Alderman Sanders stated he must have not made himself clear. Discussion continued.

Mayor Michael Gillespie stated there being no additional business the meeting was adjourned 7:37 p.m. with Alderman Tammy Holt making motion to adjourn. Second by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders.

Motion Passed Unanimously 3 - 0

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Mayor Michael Gillespie

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