

MINUTES: CITY OF DECHERD BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
DECHERD, TENNESSEE
March 9, 2020

The City of Decherd Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session, Monday, March 9, 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, Ross Peterson, Glenn T. Summers, Rickey Arnold, Keoghan Nelson, Gina Sims Johnson, Michelle Peterson, Danita Slatton, Patrick Slatton, Brian Justus (HC), Denise Hill, Jerry Hill, Dianne Hensley, Daniel Meaker, Richard Axe, Peyton Cornett, Christian Steele, Bill Anderson, Frank Brown, Jerre M. Hood, Shann Sims Johnson, Kaleb Tyree, Susan Gordon

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 February 10, 2020 was reviewed. Mayor Michael Gillespie stated that there should be a correction to the fact that he knew about the Firemen move. Objection from Aldermen Jimmy Wayne Sanders that he did know. Motion to accept was made by Alderman Tammy Holt and Seconded by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4-0

The Financial Report for the Month of February 2020 was reviewed by the Board. Motion by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders and Seconded by Alderman Tammy Holt to approve this report as indicated.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4-0

Department reports for the Police and Fire were given by Public Safety Director Ross Peterson, Building Inspection Report was given by Codes Director Dennis Doney, and the Water Report was read by Mayor Michael Gillespie. The reports for February were reviewed. Motion to accept Department Reports by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley and seconded by Alderman Tammy Holt.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4-0

1. Adopt Resolution R2-20, a resolution accepting The Franklin County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Codes Director Dennis Doney explained the Plan to the Board briefly and answered questions from the Board.
Alderman Pam Arnold made the motion to accept The Franklin County Hazard Mitigation Plan with Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders seconding the motion. A roll call vote was called for, with the following results:

VICE-MAYOR RICHARD GULLEY- AYE
ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD-AYE

ALDERMAN TAMMY HOLT-AYE
ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS-AYE

Motion Passed Unanimously 4-0

2. A bid from Tinsley Asphalt to pave downtown parking lot located between Front Street and 2nd. Street was addressed. The bid was \$23,227.00 plus \$4239.00 for paving the alleyway.

After objections and discussion from the Board Members, the item was tabled to look at streets that need to be addressed.

Citizens Concerns:

Denise Hill discussed the cleaning out of the sink hole and the flooding that is continuing to occur in the Floyd Street area. She felt a detention pond should be dug to eliminate the flooding problem.

Gina Sims Johnson discussed the flooding on Darwin Street and the condition of the ditches and the cleaning of the sink hole. She also discussed the proprietorship of the Acklen Memorial Cemetery. Discussion followed Mrs. Johnson's discussion about the roadway and the Cemetery.

Danita Slatton discussed the flooding on Floyd Street and in the Darwin Street area. She was concerned about the flooding on the back of their property. Mrs. Slatton discussed ditches and additional flooding outside the City Limits.

Mrs. Gordon spoke about flooding and stated that she thought some dynamics has changed as the flooding has increased in the past two years and feels the City needs to find out what has taken place and address it.

B. J. Anderson spoke about the flooding in the Floyd Street area and his opinion of the situation. He also spoke about the Acklen Memorial Cemetery. Mayor Gillespie advised he had contacted the Army Corp of Engineers to assist in what might be done on the flooding issue.

Aldermen's Communications:

Alderman Pam Arnold was recognized, and she read a statement concerning the Fire Department and the location of the firemen. She addressed other issues in her statement about the City and buildings within the City.

Discussion followed about the Fire Department and the placement of the Firemen. Public Safety Director Ross Peterson addressed the question as asked by Vice Mayor Richard Gully. Discussion continued among Aldermen.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders and seconded by Vice Mayor Richard Gully and the vote taken was a 4 – 0 to adjourn at 08:06 P.M..

Michael Gillespie, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rex Clark, City Administrator