

MINUTES: CITY OF DECHERD BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
DECHERD, TENNESSEE

The City of Decherd Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in Regular Session, Monday August 14, 2006, at 7:00 P. M. in the City Hall Council Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT:       MAYOR BETTY DON HENSHAW  
                                  VICE-MAYOR JOHNNIE ETHERIDGE  
                                  ALDERMAN JACK POWERS  
                                  ALDERMAN ROBIN SMITH  
                                  ALDERMAN KENNETH HUGHES  
                                  CITY ADMINISTRATOR RAYMOND FERGUSON

ABSENT:                    NONE

OTHERS PRESENT:        Pat Sanders, Lynette House, Harold Perry, Rita Isbell, Kay Etheridge, John Millar, Margo Smith, Dennis Doney, Chuck Williams, Shanna Relford (The Herald-Chronicle), Jack Wiseman, Vivian Wiseman, Jimmy Highers, Clifford Blankenship, Joe Edd Barnes, Jan Tavlin (WCDT), Robert Gipson, Jimmy Daniel, Judy Taylor, Trellis Sinclair, Wallace Sweeton.

Mayor Henshaw called the meeting to order,

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting Dated: July 10, 2006 were approved as presented.

The financial statement was accepted as presented.

The Police, Fire, and Building Inspector report(s) were approved as presented.

John Millar addressed the board concerning drugs in Decherd although he said that he now lived in Winchester but owned property on Diagonal Street. He suggested that Decherd look into getting a K-9 to help with the drug problem. He also discussed the grass in his neighbor's yard and although the city cuts it from time to time, the people not paying their bill.

Don Zulpher complained about cars and garbage on the sidewalk at 205 S. Bratton Street.

Judy Taylor addressed the board concerning a consultant for the retail development for the county. The cost is \$18,000 and the Chamber is asking different ones to help with the cost. Vice Mayor Etheridge made a motion for the City of Decherd to contribute \$1,000. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Administrator reported that Janet Barton had offered the property next to the Little League Fields to the city for \$25,000. This seemed rather high and Alderman Hughes made a motion to table this and have the City Administrator contact Ms Barton about the exact amount she would accept. Vice-Mayor Etheridge seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Third Reading and Public hearing on Ordinance # 320 Amended Budget for 2005-2006. Alderman Smith made a motion to pass Ordinance #320 on Third Reading. Vice-Mayor Etheridge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Second Reading of Ordinance # 324 vicious dogs. Vice-Mayor made the motion to pass Ordinance # 324 on second reading. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Vice-Mayor Etheridge - Aye, Alderman Powers - Aye, Alderman Smith – Aye.

Alderman Smith made a motion to send the following people to different schools. Vice-Mayor Etheridge seconded the motion. The motion passed. Administrator Ferguson Public Safety: TOSHA in Smyrna at \$25.00. Fireman Hodosi and Meaker pumper school at cost of \$98.00 each from September 11-15 – also one in October and November, Ricky Malone test November 2 at a cost of \$65.00, Travis Stephens cram session November 2 at cost of \$195, and JoAnn Lowman

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waste water collection schools.

Lanny Speights 90 days probation is up August 14, Drew Ivey 90 days probation was up July 24, and Lanny Payne 90 days probation was up July 26. Request to give Chris Hobbs 25 cent raise as

Dare Officer, request from City Administrator to give bookkeeper Norma Foster a dollar raise retro-active to July 1 Alderman Powers made a motion to grant benefits and pay raises.

Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ross Brownell requested that he rent part of the old city hall for his glass business. Alderman Powers made a motion for Brownell to rent part of the old city hall at \$350 a month and pay half the utilities. Alderman Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With the closing of Heikens Drive, one section will have to be renamed according the to 911. Several names were mentioned. Vice-Mayor Etheridge made the motion to name the part next to the Co-op East Heikiens, Alderman Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Mayor reported that she and other mayors had met with the county mayor concerning the road scapes grant. Vice-Mayor Etheridge made a motion for Decherd to participate in the road scapes program. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Mayor read a letter from Russell Walton who is working on his eagle scout badge. He suggested doing some work at the Hank Weddington Park. Vice-Mayor Etheridge made a motion to permit him to do a project. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chief Daniel reported that the state had given permission to raise the speed limit at North Middle School to 30 miles and hour and Good Shepherd to 25 miles an hour. Vice-Mayor Etheridge made a motion to change the speed limits. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. City Administrator stated that he would need to check with MTAS since it is a part of the codes.

Dennis Doney reported that he was having a hard time enforcing the fire codes. The city had adopted the 1999 codes and there is now a 2003. Doney also asked for power to cite people in court who refused to correct violations. Alderman Hughes made a motion to table the request until next board meeting. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:58 P. M.

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BETTY DON HENSHAW, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
RAYMOND FERGUSON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR