

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

June 8, 2020

The City of Dechard Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session, Monday, June 8, 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 JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS
CITY ADMINISTRATOR REX CLARK

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALDERMAN TAMMY HOLT

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dennis Doney, Ross Peterson, Gina Sims Johnson ,Shawn Sims-Johnson, Jerre M. Hood, Will Rabb(WCDT radio streamed the meeting), Billy Joe R. Anderson, Rickey Arnold, Keegan Nelson, Ross Peterson, Michelle Peterson, Lauryn Fraley (live streamed the meeting on Facebook).

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 Dechard Board of Mayor & Aldermen dated May 11, 2020 was reviewed. Motion to accept was made by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders and Seconded by Alderman Pam Arnold. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

VICE-MAYOR RICHARD GULLEY- Aye
ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD - Aye
ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS - Aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 3-0

The Financial Report for the Month of May 2020 was reviewed by the Board. Motion by Alderman Pam Arnold and Seconded by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley to approve this report as indicated. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

VICE-MAYOR RICHARD GULLEY- Aye
ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD - Aye
ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS - Aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 3-0

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. Motion to accept Department Reports by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley and seconded by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

VICE-MAYOR RICHARD GULLEY- Aye
ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD - Aye
ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS - Aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 3-0

1. Second Reading of Ordinance #426 was addressed. An Ordinance of the City of Decherd Amending Title 5 of The Municipal Code regarding the municipal procurement code. Discussion began as to why this is needed and the difference between sealed proposals and sealed bids. The Mayor requested the Second Reading to be postponed. Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders requested to continue as this was the second reading. The Mayor called for a motion. No motion was made so Ordinance # 426 died due to a lack of motion.

2. Second reading of Ordinance # 427 was addressed. An Ordinance adopting the amended budget for fiscal year 2019 – 2020. A motion to accept the amended budget was made by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders and seconded by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

VICE-MAYOR RICHARD GULLEY - Aye
ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD - Aye
ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS - Aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 3-0

3. Second reading of Ordinance # 428 was addressed. An Ordinance for New Budget for fiscal year 2020 – 2021. A small discussion on how the budget submitted came to be. City Administrator stated it was a bare bones budget to allow the Aldermen to make changes during the process. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley to pass on Second Reading and Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

VICE-MAYOR RICHARD GULLEY - Aye
ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD - Aye
ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS - Aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 3-0

4. Abatement of 2019 Personal Property uncollected taxes of closed businesses and vendors that need to be expunged from tax rolls. There are 51 businesses on the abatement report. Some discussion on the taxes took place with Attorney Jerre Hood explaining he was still working on the list. Vice Mayor Richard Gulley made a motion to abate the taxes on any of the business that had closed with the remaining taxes on businesses still open to remain until more research could take place. Alderman Pam Arnold seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

VICE-MAYOR RICHARD GULLEY - Aye
ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD - Aye
ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS - Aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 3-0

Citizens' Concerns:

Gina Sims Johnson discussed flooding issues, unpaved street, and street light issues. Items were discussed about progress on flooding issues and how the City was addressing the issues at hand. Mrs. Johnson discussed street lighting and it was addressed by the aldermen. Mrs. Johnson discussed other issues that were topics of her concern.

Mayor's Communications:

Special called meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen will be held on June 18, 2020 at 2:00 PM for the purpose of voting on Third Reading of Ordinance # 427 and Ordinance # 428 announced.

Aldermen's Communications:

None

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Pam Arnold and seconded by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley and a roll call vote taken with the following results:

VICE-MAYOR RICHARD GULLEY- Aye
ALDERMAN PAM ARNOLD - Aye
ALDERMAN JIMMY WAYNE SANDERS - Aye

Motion Passed Unanimously 3-0

Attest:

Rex Clark, City Administrator

Michael Gillespie, Mayor