

MINUTES: CITY OF DECHERD BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

DECHERD, TENNESSEE

July 12, 2021

The City of Decherd Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session, June 14, 2021 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
 ALDERMAN TAMMY HOLT
 CITY ADMINISTRATOR REX CLARK

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Doney, Jerre Hood, Glenn T. Summers, Ross Peterson, Mary Nell Hess, Eric Bradford, Stephanie Brandon, Derrick Young, Dottie Smith, Dianne Hensley, Ben Duwall, Kenneth Hughes, Elaine Hughes, Michelle Peterson, Justin Stubblefield, Mike St. John, Sherrie Sons, Amy Burton, Chris Burton, Stone Smith, Ilya Kvalchuk, B.J. Anderson, Chris Isbell (WCDDT), Brian Justice (HC), Shannon Beebe, Justin Stubblefield, Jennifer Colen, Michael Philipot, Mike Stubblefield, Tom Gipson, Terry Hopkins, Lora Hopkins, Jason Lamb (WTVF) and his cameraman

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 June 14, 2021, was reviewed. Motion made by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley and Second by Alderman Pam Arnold to approve Minutes as printed.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 – 0

The Minutes of the Special Called Board Meeting of the Decherd Board of Mayor & Aldermen dated June 22, 2021, was reviewed. Motion made by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders and Second by Alderman Tammy Holt to approve Minutes as printed.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 – 0

Financial Report for the Month of June 2021 was reviewed by the Board. Vice Mayor Richard Gulley commended the Street Department for coming in under budget. Motion to accept was made by Alderman Tammy Holt second by Alderman Pam Arnold.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 – 0

The Police, Fire, Building Inspector reports were reviewed for the month of June 2021.

Motion by Alderman Pam Arnold to accept Departmental Reports as presented and seconded by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 4 – 0

1. Mayor Gillespie addressed Resolution R6-21, a Resolution to declare undeveloped street right of ways as surplus. Some discussion and directions as to location continued.

Motion to accept was made by Alderman Pam Arnold and second by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley.

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. Third reading and public hearing Ordinance #434, 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.

The Ordinance was read, and a public hearing was held at 7:12 with no comments on the reading. The public hearing was closed at 7:14. Vice Mayor Richard Gulley made the recommendation to remove the name on the Safety Director and to use the job title for the Codes Official.

Motion to pass with the recommendation made by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders 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

3. Third reading and public hearing of Ordinance # 435, an Ordinance to Amend Section 7-701, which adopts and amended version of The International Fire Code 2018 Edition, and Sections 7-201, 12-201, 12-301, 12-402 of the Decherd Municipal Code which adopt The International Building Code 2018 Edition, The International Residential Building Code 2018 Edition, International Plumbing Code 2018 Edition, International Fire Code 2018 Edition.

The Ordinance was read, and a public hearing was held at 7:27 with no comments on the reading. The public hearing was closed at 7:27.

Motion made to pass was made by Alderman Pam Arnold 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

4. First reading Ordinance # 436, an Ordinance for the City of Decherd to adopt by reference state traffic offenses and rules of the road and amend Title 15, Chapter 1 of the Decherd Municipal Code.

Motion made to adopt by Vice Mayor Richard Gulley and seconded by Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders.

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

Citizen' Concerns:

Ilya Kovalcuk (Franklin, Tn.) spoke on the incident that happened in Murfreesboro with off duty Officer. He spoke on his main concern was hiring practices and training for the Police Department. His presentation lasted approx. the three minutes he was given to speak.

Alderman Pam Arnold asked questions to Public Safety Director Ross Peterson and responses were given.

Alderman Tammy Holt addressed Mr. Kovalcuk some questions concerning his concerns. Mr. Kovalcuk responded to the questions.

Derrick Young (502 E. Market St., Decherd) presented a book entitled "The Case for the Termination of Ross Peterson" to the Board and City Administrator. He then spoke addressing complaints he was lodging against Public Safety Director Ross Peterson. He was interrupted due to the past allegations and comments from the audience. Questions were also addressed by Alderman Tammy Holt. Mayor Gillespie extended the speakers time 2 minutes due to the interruptions.

Mayor's Communication: None

Alderman's Communication:

Alderman Tammy Holt addressed some text messages that she had received. Ben Duvall and others responded to Alderman Holt. Other questions were addressed, and multiple comments resulted.

Public Safety Director Ross Peterson addressed the Board and the audience about the allegations that had been spoken about.

There were other public comments made by the audience. Alderman Tammy Holt addressed other questions. Heated comments came from the audience. Some disruption of the meeting continued.

B. J. Anderson (914 W. Market St., Decherd) addressed the meeting. He spoke on issues from 2009 and issues concerning Public Safety Director Ross Peterson.

Mayor Michael Gillespie stated there being no additional business the meeting was adjourned 8:01 p.m. with Alderman Jimmy Wayne Sanders making motion to adjourn.
Second by Alderman Pam Arnold.

Motion Passed Unanimously 4 - 0


Mayor Michael Gillespie

Attest: 
Rex Clark City Administrator