

September 14th, 2021

Mayor Samantha Rector	P
Commissioner Ronnie Lancaster	P
Commissioner Matt Stone	P
Commissioner Cheryl Kellermann	P
Commissioner Allison Buchanan	P

The Board of Mayor and City Commissioners met in a regularly City Meeting on September 14th, 2021.

A **Motion** was made Commissioner Stone, **seconded** by Mayor Rector, to **approve the minutes of the meetings on August 10th, 2021 and August 17th, 2021**. Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

Comments from Mayor:

After a request from Mayor Rector, Commissioner Stone made a motion, seconded by Mayor Rector to have a **Request for Proposal put out for renovations and improvements for the Princess Theatre Annex Building**. Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

Mayor Rector asked the citizens after using Loyd Park to please make sure to turn off the lights when finished.

Comments from Vice Mayor Lancaster:

n/a

Comments from Commissioner Kellermann:

Commissioner Kellermann advised that the fountain downtown is now working.

Commissioner Kellermann advised that the Grant application to Blue Cross BlueShield for Moore Park has been submitted.

Comments from Commissioner Buchanan:

Commissioner Buchanan advised that Playground Paradise had been vandalized and that cameras and more lighting are desperately needed.

Commissioner Buchanan also advised that the bathrooms at Playground Paradise need to be repaired and opened for use.

Comments from Commissioner Stone:

Commissioner Stone advised that Mark Hisner is revising a proposal of contract.

Commissioner Stone also checked on the status of paying in District 4. City Administrator Gene Vess advised that Jim Hawk is finishing a project in Monteagle, TN and will be starting District 4 following that.

City Administrator Gene Vess:

A recommendation from City Administrator Vess, a motion was made by Mayor Rector, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, **to purchase (25) "Presidential Snowflakes" from Temple Display for \$17,000 plus shipping fees.** Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

After a recommendation from City Administrator Gene Vess, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Lancaster, seconded by Commissioner Stone to submit a **Request for Proposal for (2) 2022 Police SUVs.** Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

City Administrator Gene requested from the board to sell Equipment on Govdeals.com, Attorney Billy Gouger advised that City Administrator would need to compile a list of items for the Board review, the Board would then need to declare those items as Surplus before selling on Govdeals.com.

After a recommendation from City Administrator Gene Vess, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Lancaster, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to accept the resignation of Police Officer Jacob Kilgore. **Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.**

After a recommendation from City Administrator Gene Vess, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Lancaster, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to hire Terry Wallace as a full time Police Officer. **Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.**

After a recommendation from City Administrator Gene Vess, a motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Vice Mayor Lancaster **to hire Justin Rorex to fill the position of parks and Recreation Laborer.** Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

After a request from City Administrator Gene Vess to purchase a Tile for S Cedar Ave for 13th – Tabled for further discussion.

City Administrator Gene Vess, advised that TDOT- Railroad Grant for Marking and signage is currently being completed right now by the Railroad. The City's portion of the Grant is \$5,437.00.

After a request from City Administrator Gene Vess, a motion was made by Mayor Rector, seconded by Commissioner Stone **to purchase software BIS, to have Property Taxes online as an option for citizens to Pay Property Taxes online.** Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

Reports were given from Street Dep't, Police Dep't, Fire Dep't, MNG, Library, Building Inspector, Princess Theatre

New Business

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lancaster, seconded by Mayor Rector to approve 2nd Reading- **Ordinance 821 – An Ordinance to Amend South Pittsburg Municipal Code Title 7 Chapter 2 To Require A Fire Prevention and Evacuation Plan Prior To The Issuance Of A Certificate Of Occupancy For Commercial And Multi-Family Structures. Roll call vote:** Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

A motion was made by Mayor Rector, seconded by Vice Mayor to approve the 2nd Reading - **Ordinance 822- Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for The City of South Pittsburg, Tennessee For Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Roll call vote:** Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

A motion was made by Mayor Rector, seconded by Vice Mayor to approve the 2nd Reading -**Ordinance 823- An Ordinance Of The City Of South Pittsburg To Amend The Zoning Map For The City Of South Pittsburg, Tennessee To Rezone A Portion Of The Property At 220 East Third Street From I-2 Heavy Industrial District To C-1 Local Highway Commercial District . Roll call vote:** Commissioner Kellermann, abstain; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Four voted ayes.

After a request from Parks and Recreation Director, McKenzie Morgan, a motion was made by Mayor Rector, seconded by Commissioner Kellermann, to **Close Cedar Ave. between 4 and 5th Street on October 2nd, 2021 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, for the City-Wide Yard Sale.** Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lancaster, seconded by Commissioner Kellermann to approve Resolution 1017 – **A Resolution Authorizing The City of South Pittsburg, TN To Participate in Public entity Partners “Safety Partners” Matching Grant Program.** Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

A motion was made by Mayor Rector, seconded by Vice Mayor Lancaster to **approve the change of ownership of Tobacco for Less to Rushi Inc. for an Off-Premises Permit.** Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

A motion was made Commissioner Stone, seconded by Mayor Rector to approve a **Special event Beer Permit for Lodgetober Fest Oct. 1st thru Oct 3rd, 2021.** Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Kellermann, abstain; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Four voted ayes.

A Motion Was Made By Vice Mayor Lancaster, Seconded By Mayor **Rector, To Approve 1st Reading Of Ordinance 824 - An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Map For The City Of South Pittsburg, Tennessee To Rezone Parcel Located Along U.S. Highway 72 At The Tennessee And Alabama State Line, Tax Map 155 Parcel Number 020.01, From C-1 Local Highway Commercial To R-1 Low Density Residential District.** Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Kellermann, abstain;

Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Four voted ayes.

A motion was made by Mayor Rector, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 825 - **Reading Of Ordinance 825 - An Ordinance To Abandon A Portion Of Right Of Way Described Within The Body Of This Ordinance And Shown On The Attached Graphic Within The Corporate Limits Of The City Of South Pittsburg, Tennessee.** Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Kellermann, abstain; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Four voted ayes.

Citizens Comments

After a request from Adam Dix with Busy Bee Laundry, a motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Kellermann to **approve for (2) temporary – 15 minute parking spots for Laundry Drop Offs.** Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

A motion was made by Mayor Rector, seconded by Commissioner Kellermann, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Four voted ayes.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Samantha Rector

Heather Pickett, City Recorder