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REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: February 27, 2020

Time: 6:30

Place: City Hall

Present: Jimmy D. Anderson, Harry Bell, Jeff Duncan, Rusty Tinnin, and Zach Young.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Russell Freeman, Tim Ellis, Gary Goodwin, Allison Baker, Julie High, Jeff McCormick, Addam McCormick, Sarah Jennings, Greg Edrington, Kimberly Lynn, Larry DiOrio, Jack Presley, Mary Laine Hucks, Jan Lanius, Marilee Tice and others.

Mayor Jeff Duncan called the meeting to order. Travis Green offered prayer. Mayor Duncan led the chambers in the pledge of allegiance.

City Recorder Allison Baker called the roll: Mayor Duncan present, Vice Mayor Tinnin present, Commissioner Anderson present, Commissioner Bell present, and Commissioner Young present.

Consider minutes of the February 13, 2020 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Vice Mayor Tinnin made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and motion passed 4-0 with Mayor Duncan abstaining due to being absent at the last meeting.

City Manager Tim Ellis announced the Spring Clean-up Day to be held on April 18, 2020. The convenience center will be opened for free drop-off from 9:00am-3:00pm and the shredding event will be from 9:00am-noon and is open for free for all Goodlettsville residents. The drop-off is limited to one pickup truck load. He also stated work for the 2020 Census is beginning and they are securing staff to go door to door. The Census is important to Goodlettsville as it is projected municipalities will get \$145 for each resident and when we take in consideration the number of homes, our population could be anywhere between 20,000 to 21,000 people. Between 2010 and 2020, that would mean an additional \$800,000 in revenue the city would receive.

City Manager Ellis asked to defer Karen Stephens presenting the audit while things were being printed off.

Mayor Duncan touched on the Census and stated this is money the city deserves and money we would not have to collect in property taxes or other taxes. He said it is very important that we become very active in the counting of our residents through this process and encouraged everyone to answer the Census documents.

Mayor Duncan thanked Vice Mayor Tinnin for his kind words at the last meeting when he was not able to be there.

Commissioner Young wanted to express his excitement that Mayor Cooper has included the complete rebuild of Goodlettsville Elementary in this year's capital spending plan. He said it is interesting because due to the amount of land the school has there should not be any temporary relocation and the projected completion date is August 2023. He said we are very far out and the

date could change. He said if we could we should take time to thank Mayor Cooper as no other schools were funded and this is the largest project in the capital spending project this year.

Mayor Duncan stated schools are a big part of our community and having a new facility with the award-winning staff at that particular location will be a great addition to our city and Nashville school system also.

Commissioner Young also announced that our wonderful corporate resident, Dollar General, announced a donation to Goodlettsville Middle School.

Consider old business.

Consider new business.

Consider Ordinance 20-968, an ordinance to amend the City of Goodlettsville Municipal Code Title 11, Chapter 8 by creating a new Section 5 entitled "Suspended or Expelled Minors.", first reading. Vice Mayor Tinnin made a motion to consider Ordinance 20-968. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Ordinance 20-968.

Consider Resolution 20-911, a resolution declaring certain property surplus to the needs of the City of Goodlettsville and calling for its disposal by online auction or any other reasonable manner. Commissioner Bell made a motion to consider Resolution 20-911. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Vote was then taken which resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution 20-911.

Karen Stephens with Blankenship CPA Group presented the audited financial report for 2019.

Commissioner Young said he did not wish us to have findings but it seems we don't which is good but asked if we didn't have any findings. Karen Stephens said that they have not recorded or identified any material weaknesses, significant deficiencies or violations of the law that would rise to the level to be recorded. She stated the City has a very good internal control structure design and they find it to be operating effectively this year. Karen Stephens said that they sit down with management and go through this report in detail.

Commissioner Young said we should be really proud and said this is exceptional and speaks to how well run the city is. City Manager Ellis credited this to Julie's ability with finance, the software program we procured in 2010, and the employees doing what's right every day. He also said that he has had many conversations with Ms. Stephens over the years and she does not hold back on anything!

Commissioner Young asked Ms. Stephens if she saw the city as having a low amount of debt. Ms. Stephens stated the city is not overly leveraged and she said our ratios are appropriate for our size and we are not failing to make debt service payments.

Mayor Duncan appreciated the pressure and amount of focus they put on our finances and thanked Ms. Stephens. City Manager Ellis stated this report will be posted on our website.

Consider and possibly take action on the appointment of a City Judge. Mayor Duncan stated they

had a number of interviews this evening and he put it out there for discussion for considering this item. He stated he did not have a plan in mind for nominations and said there had been some concern about moving forward tonight versus waiting. He said he could go either way but is concerned we have used a temporary judge for a number of months and since that particular individual being one of the candidates, he didn't want to get in a situation where we may no longer have a temporary judge in place. Commissioner Anderson said to do it tonight and asked the mayor if he wanted them to make a nomination for someone? Mayor Duncan said he would like to do this like anything else we would like to consider and said he may need to have some help. He said we can take nominations and move forward and said he would like to shortlist to two and then elect.

Commissioner Young stated he enjoyed the interview process today and said it was very beneficial. He said it was enlightening and personally thinks there are multiple candidates that are exceptional and stated he has not made a decision and respects the will of the board, but requested taking this up at the next meeting. He said he has taken a lot of notes and would like more time to put more thought into it but would move forward if the board wanted to. There was additional discussion. Mayor Duncan stated the next meeting falls four days before the next docket and is in favor of moving forward tonight due to that short window after the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Tinnin said he understood where the Mayor was coming from and respected Commissioner Young's opinion. He said he also thought we had good candidates and thought it would be easier to make a decision. He said he will go forward if the board decides to. Mayor Duncan stated that if there are that many members that do not want to do it tonight, he doesn't feel it would be fair to push it through tonight. Vice Mayor Tinnin said it's hard to listen to that many candidates and take 20 pages notes and make a decision in an hour.

Commissioner Bell stated the board had been there since 3:00, heard a lot of conversations, taken a lot of notes, and are not really pressed to make a decision tonight and would like the time to go back and review and go over the notes and wait until the next meeting. Mayor Duncan said he will not force the commission to move forward and asked to include on the next agenda an item to nominate and appoint a City Judge.

City Manager Ellis wanted to point out the verbiage in the ordinance that establishes the City Judge's salary states a 'maximum of \$20,000.' He said that with our previous judge, his salary was \$10,000 and then about \$10,000 was added in benefits. City Manager Ellis did not encourage the benefit part as we do not offer benefits to any other part-time employee. He said that because the verbiage does say 'maximum \$20,000' a decision needs to be made if it will be \$20,000 and wanted them to think about it before next meeting. There was additional discussion.

With no further business, Commissioner Young made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:06 p.m. with a 5-0 vote.

City Recorder

Mayor