



City Commission Meeting Study Session Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM

The Tom Hardin Room – 100 Public Square, Mount Pleasant, TN

1. Call to Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Those in attendance were Mayor Bill White, Vice-Mayor Jacqueline Grandberry, Commissioner Mike Davis, Commissioner Willie Alderson and Commissioner Pam Johnston.

3. Awards/Presentations/Appointments

Mayor White stated they would do the Oath of Office for Mrs. Loree Knowles. Nominate and appoint a new mayor and vice mayor. Kori provided us with the updated procedures from 2020. Which we followed in 2022.

He informed Commissioner Grandberry they will do a recognition for her at the end of that.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

A. Oath of Office for new term City Commissioners

B. Nominate and appoint a new Mayor

C. Nominate and appoint a new Vice-Mayor

D. Recognize Vice Mayor Grandberry

4. Monthly report from City Manager

Mr. Grooms stated he did not have anything right now.

5. Special reports from other City Departments or Committees if applicable

Mayor White stated they would have the Wastewater Liaison Report which is the Barge Design Monthly Report and the Gas System Report.

A. Wastewater Liaison Report

B. Mount Pleasant Gas System Report

6. New Business

(Comments from citizens may or may not be included, dependent on the issues.)

- A. Resolution 2024-42 - A Resolution of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee to authorize the City to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Barge Design Solutions, Inc. for a Sewer System Analysis. Infrastructure Planning Grant

Mrs. Jones stated the City applied for and received award for a Fiscal Year 2024 Infrastructure Planning Grant (IPG). Staff proposes to use these funds to develop a sewer system analysis. The analysis will provide the City with a planning tool to determine rehabilitation needs in the inspected areas and budget for future construction improvements to the wastewater collection system. The City selected Barge Design Solutions to perform this work. The purpose of this resolution is to enter into a contract with Barge for the development of a sewer system analysis. The contract, which includes the scope of work will be in your packet. The project timeline is 5 months, and the cost of the engineering is \$208,000.

There was no action taken. Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

- B. Resolution 2024-43- A Resolution updating the City of Mount Pleasant Cross Connection Plan

Mrs. Jones stated the purpose of this resolution is to adopt a revised Cross Connection Plan. This relates to the city's water system. A cross connection is a link with the public water system and a possible source of water contamination. State law, TDEC Rules, and your ordinances already prohibit cross connections. This plan outlines a course of action to control cross connections in the area of service. The plan will be attached and in the packets. Dale will be here Tuesday, but Phillip can answer any questions you may have. The Plan is an exhibit to the resolution and will be in your packet.

There was no action taken. Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

- C. Resolution 2024-44 Barge Design Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Check List

Mrs. Jones stated the City's new Wastewater Treatment Plant includes modified and new treatment plant processes that the City staff is not familiar with. Barge will provide the City with a Maintenance Checklist that will help City staff understand the maintenance requirements for the new equipment and treatment processes. Basically, Barge will teach the City how to upkeep and maintain the new sewer plant. The purpose of this resolution is to enter into a contract with Barge for this service and the contract price is \$57,000. Phillip has a much better example.

There was no action taken. Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

- D. Resolution to Accept or Deny CDBG Grant Water Meter Replacement Bid

Mr. Grooms stated this is not a resolution. With the CDBG we are replacing every registered meter and service line. The reason it is not a resolution, we got the bid in, they will approve that bid in the minutes and the State ultimately has to approve that funding for it. They need this in the minutes from them stating that they agree with this bid. It is within the scope of the funding for the grant.

There was no action taken. Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

7. General comments from citizens (May be limited in time and/or number of comments.)

There were no comments from citizens.

8. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

Mayor White thanked Commissioner Davis.

Commissioner Davis stated sometimes things can get out of hand.

Commissioner Alderson stated she got a call asking about the one-way street sign.

Chief Hay stated it has been removed.

Commissioner Alderson stated then they asked could you not put a sign right there directing them to where they pay their water bills. Maybe a bigger sign.

Chief Hay stated they have signs up that say City Hall.

Commissioner Alderson stated what they are saying is better signage to pay the water bills.

Chief Hay stated they have signs up that say City Hall. They have two signs on Main Street saying City Hall this way and two signs at the end of Glass Street saying City Hall.

Commissioner Alderson asked about right here.

Chief Hay stated they are in the process of getting signs for that. They got with Paperweight two days ago. They are making us some.

Commissioner Alderson stated it is just confusing.

Mr. Grooms stated they talked about it this week in the Leadership meeting. We are going to put them on the pillars out there with arrows. There is going to be times this may be closed off. There will be arrows pointing to the back door and it will be unlocked during business hours. We are also going to put a sign on one of the pillars if you need assistance call this number. They had court the other day and there was someone in a wheelchair and we had to get them in here. He came up the back. We have signs already, but they are small. We are going to put on there to call this number if you need assistance.

Chief Hay stated he would check with Paperweight tomorrow. He stated he talked to the construction company today and they are just going to do one side at a time. If they tear out City Hall side, they will fix it before they tear out the Police Department side. So, we will still have handicap access.

Mr. Grooms stated he talked with them at the Museum and told them the same thing there is a sign out there to call us if they have someone that needs assistance getting in there, we will do whatever we can to help people get into the Museum.

There being no further discussion Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Alderson. All were in favor. Motion passed.