

September 23, 2024

The Lenoir City Council met in a Public Hearing on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 5:50 P.M. The purpose of the Public Hearing was for Ordinance to amend Title 12 of the Lenoir City Municipal Code regarding Building Codes and removing all attachments. Following the Public Hearing, City Council met in its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Tony Aikens and the following Council Members were present: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson. Walter Johnson, Amber Scott Kelso, Maggie Hunt, Shawn Bunch, and LaVonne Barbour were also present.

Mayor Aikens asked for comments from citizens regarding an item/items on the agenda.

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Simpson to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024 meeting. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

Mayor Aikens requested adding an item to the Agenda as Agenda Item #7 for consideration of approval and acceptance of THSO Grant for the Police Department in the amount of \$30,000.00. A motion was made by Henline and seconded by Wampler to add the item to the agenda. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Henline to approve paying legal fees to Banks & Jones, Attorneys at Law in the amount of \$45,700.00. This is in regard to the lawsuit with Robin McNabb, Attorney at Law, against Gregory H, Harrison, City Judge. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

A motion was made by Henline and seconded by Wampler to postpone discussion/consideration of City Council giving Mayor Aikens the authority to file civil action against Robin McNabb, Attorney at Law, for the purpose of recovering legal fees involving lawsuit against Gregory H. Harrison, City Judge/City of Lenoir City, pending Tennessee Supreme Court decision. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

A motion was made by Shields and seconded by Kennedy to adopt Ordinance to amend Title 12 of the Lenoir City Municipal Code regarding Building Codes and removing all attachments. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

Ordinance. 2024-09-23-2411-O.

A motion was made by Shields and seconded by Simpson to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation regarding hiring Mr. Jose David Mendez to fill vacancy in the Police Department. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

A motion was by Shields and seconded by Kennedy to approve Lenoir City Utilities Board recommendation regarding adoption of Resolution to submit an application requesting Fiscal Year 2025 Infrastructure Planning Grant Funds to implement water and/or wastewater system planning projects. This is in the amount of \$500,000.00The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

Resolution 2024-09-23-2411-R.

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded Shields to approve cancelling the November 11, 2024 and the December 23, 2024 City Council Meetings in observance of the holidays. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**

A motion was made by Shields and seconded by Brandon to approve and accept the THSO Grant for the Police Department in the amount of \$30,000.000. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**

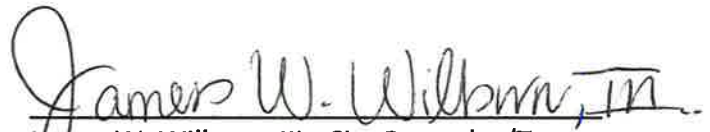
Mayor Aikens asked for comments from citizens regarding an item/items not on the agenda. Ms. Pat Hunter addressed traffic concerns with the development of apartments next to Food City, and a copy of the traffic study will be provided to her, and she also discussed the legal costs on the annexation lawsuit with Loudon County.

A motion was made by Wampler and seconded by Brandon to approve all bills to be paid when properly approved and funds are available. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

A motion was made by Henline and seconded by Kennedy to adjourn the September 23, 2024 meeting. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Kennedy, Wampler, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**



Tony R. Aikens, Mayor



James W. Wilburn, III., City Recorder/Treasurer