

**CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**  
**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN**  
**May 14, 2019 5:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor William D. Rawls Jr. with the following board members present: Vice Mayor Leon King, Alderwoman Carolyn Flagg, Alderman John Simmons and Alderman Travis Pugh.

Vice Mayor King led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Rawls.

After calling for questions, Mayor Rawls entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the city board meeting held on April 16, 2019. Alderman Simmons made a motion to approve. The motion was second by Alderman Pugh. When the question was called, the motion was passed with four ayes.

The next item on the agenda is the reappointment of the planning commissioners: Mr. Lowell Tapp, Alderwoman Carolyn Flagg, Mr. Charlie Trip, Mr. John Ashworth and Mrs. Ann Banks. These members will serve for 4 years. Mayor Rawls entertained a motion to approve the reappointment. Vice Mayor King made a motion to approve. The motion was second by Alderman Pugh. When the question was called, the motion was passed with four ayes.

Item No. 6 on the agenda appointed the members of the Pension Planning Committee. The members will consist of City Mayor, the City clerk, and one safety person. These individuals were identified as Mayor William Rawls, Sherry Batchelor and the Chief of Police, Barry Diebold. Mayor Rawls entertained a motion to approve these committee members. Alderman Simmons made a motion to approve. The motion was second by Alderwoman Flagg. When the question was called, the motion passed with four ayes.

The next item on the agenda was to declare the Old Glove Factory as surplus property for auction. This is a city owned property which contains a lot of clean-up. The clean-up on the property will be very expensive. The recommendation from Michael Banks is to declare the property as surplus in order to dispose of it by auction. Mayor Rawls entertained the motion to declare the property as surplus. Alderman Simmons made a motion to approve. The motion was second by Alderwoman Flagg. Vice Mayor King asked about the current equipment being stored in the building. Mayor Rawls indicated there would be a three step process (1) declare the building as surplus (2) sell the building and (3) obtain another building to house the equipment. When the question was called, the motion passed with four ayes.

Item No. 8 was the approval on Ordinance 954 second reading. The change was a recommendation from the Zoning Committee to add "Manufacturing and Castings" and its components to the ordinance. Mayor Rawls close out the board session to open for the public hearing for any question and comments. The question was asked does this allow for scrap metal ground yard. The responds was no scrap metal. With no other

questions or concerns, the public hearing was closed and the regular board meeting resumed. Mayor Rawls entertained the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 954. Alderwoman Carolyn Flagg moved to approve. The motion was second by Vice Mayor Leon King. The question was asked, does this cover the current Industrial Park. The responds was no, this ordinance covers the I-40 Advantage Park. When the question was called, the motion passed with four ayes.

Road Block Permit for the Blues Fest is an annual request. It will block off the second drive of Comfort Inn and the cove from 7:00 am to the end of the festival on May 25, 2019. Mayor Rawls entertained a motion to approve the Road Block permit. Alderman Pugh approves the motion. The motion was second by Alderman Simmons. When the question was called, the motion passed with four ayes.

Shalondria Shaw presented the Community Development Report. She reported the beginning of the reimbursement process for the Recreational Trails Project (RTP) and the Access to Health. No reimbursement has been submitted for the West Main Street Resurfacing project. She used a presentation to show the grant progress throughout the City. Work is being done on the Delta Heritage Center to ensure completion for the Blues Fest as a result no activity is currently being done of the Farmers Market pavilion. There working very quickly on the RTP project. Varies pieces of equipment and supplies have arrived on site. Paving for the parking lot is expected to occur on June 1, 2019. She received information on the Housing Rehabilitation project concerning the lead inspection. They found some lead on the exterior of one house. We are waiting the approvals to proceed before we can begin the Housing Rehab project. We are waiting for TDOT to approve the final construction plan for the Safe Routes to School. The Multimodal on East Main still has a problem with the easement. The public meeting for the Community Transportation Planning Grant will be in conjunction with Ward 2 neighborhood watch on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Jefferson Court community center from 5pm - 7pm. Dedication of the Farmers Market will be on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. Currently, the city has requested reimbursements in the amount of \$316,622.84.

The next item was the financial report. The City Clerk asked for any questions concerning the financial report for the month on April's financial report. There were none. After calling for questions, Mayor Rawls entertained a motion to approve the Financial Report. Alderman Pugh moved to approve. The motion was second by Vice Mayor King. When the question was called, the motion passed with four ayes.

### **Mayor's Report**

- Presented bank balances as of May 8, 2019
- Attended the Work force Summit on April 18<sup>th</sup>..
- Girl Scouts planted apple trees at Farmers Market.
- Attended the Leadership Graduation on April 26th
- Attend the Nola Walker Bond Day
- On May 6<sup>th</sup>, Attended the College & Career Celebration
- Attended the Boys & Girls Club Fundraiser

- Attended the West Star 21<sup>st</sup> Annual African American Leadership Conference
- Attended the Governor's Luncheon at the West TN Strawberry Festival.

### **Alderman Reports:**

#### **Alderman Travis Pugh:**

- No report given

#### **Alderman John Simmons:**

- Thanked Public Works for mowing the cemetery
- Made an inquiry about the completion of East Main Street

#### **Alderwoman Carolyn Flagg**

- Held Neighborhood Watch on April 11, 2019; 40 people in attendance
- In May, a Neighborhood Watch will be held in conjunction with a Public Meeting to collect public input about transportation and pedestrian improvements to Mercer/Anderson/Dupree in compliance with the Community Transportation Planning Grant
- Attended D.A.R.E. Graduation at East Side and is looking forward to reestablishing her committee of volunteers to support East Side
- Praised Main Street Director Mary Ann Sharpe for the Food Truck Friday event held at the Farmers Market
- TVA's bill for March 2019 was \$1,034,528.11
- Haywood County's unemployment rate for January 2019 was 5.9% and February was 4.8%
- Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, an average residential electric bill will have a decrease of approximately 3.2% due to TVA's Fuel Cost Adjustment.

#### **Vice Mayor King:**

- Thanked Public Works, Police Department and Code for their hard work
- Thanked all that came out for the Neighborhood Watch; the next Neighborhood Watch is May 13, 2019
- Attended the Beautification Day sponsored by the Exchange and Rotary Clubs
- TRPA inspections will be conducted on parks w/LPRF plaques
- Problems with the roof at College Hill
- Parks and Recreation enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt on the 11<sup>th</sup>
- Parks & Recreation partnered with HHS's Mock Crash
- Easter Egg Hunt held at College Hill on April 16<sup>th</sup>
- Senior BINGO will be held on April 26-28
- Blues Fest will take place May 23-26
- The Arts Council's Spring Fling at The Amp was a success
- Complaint about traffic going through the alley next to Las Palmas

- Installed gutters in the front & back of the WOW building

**Department Reports: Some reported; all included in Packet**

There was no other property presented business. Mayor Rawls entertained a motion to adjourn the April 2019 meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The motion was made by Vice Mayor King and second by Alderman Travis Pugh.

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William D. Rawls, Jr., Mayor

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Sherry Batchelor, City Recorder