

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE
HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2013

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Millington, Tennessee met in special session at Millington City Hall on February 11, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and was opened with a prayer by Mr. Dagen. Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

Mayor Terry Jones
Bethany Huffman
Hank Hawkins
Frankie Dakin
Larry Dagen
Thomas McGhee
Chris Ford
Mike Caruthers

A quorum being present, the following proceedings were held:

ADDITION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Huffman proposed a resolution for the appointment of an interim attorney to the agenda. Mr. Hawkins made a second to approve the agenda with the addition of appointing an interim attorney.

Mayor Jones opened a discussion with the Board regarding the use of the word “interim” because the City Attorney is to work at the will of the Board.

CONSIDERATION RESOLUTION 11-2013

RESOLUTION 11-2013
RESOLUTION APPOINTING INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint an interim City Attorney and he/she has agreed to serve in such capacity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Millington, Tennessee, that _____, and he/she hereby is, appointed to serve as Millington Interim City Attorney.

This Resolution is adopted as of the 11th day of February, 2013.

Terry G. Jones, Mayor

Lorrie Beth Leach, City Clerk

Upon motion by Mr. Caruthers and seconded by Mr. McGhee, the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 11-2013 to add the word “interim” before “city attorney”.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - GENERAL

The next order of business, Mayor Jones opened the floor to the public.

Eugene Leech stated his concerns regarding the traffic in front of the Strand Theatre. He said that there have been several accidents involving pedestrians being struck by vehicles. Mr. Leech requested that one or all of the following actions be taken: the speed limit lowered, a no parking sign be installed directly in front of the theatre, brighter street lights, or striping on the road.

Ralph Tomley expressed his concern regarding a retail business in the City that is selling synthetic marijuana. He stated that it is illegal in several states and requested that the Board outlaw synthetic marijuana sales in the City of Millington.

City Manager Thomas Christie expressed his concerns regarding tonight’s special called meeting.

Terry Roland approached the podium and commented on the actions of the city manager and the process of appointing an attorney.

Louise Kennon expressed her concern regarding the relationship of the Mayor and City Manger.

Mayor Jones and City Manager Thomas Christie discussed the agenda.

Former Mayor Richard Hodges stated his concerns regarding the City’s reputation.

Mayor Jones made a motion to fill in the blank space of Resolution 11-2013 with Mr. Charles Perkins. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Finance Director, John Trusty expressed his opinion of Charles Perkins.

Ms. Huffman made a motion to appoint Will Wyatt as the interim city attorney, seconded by Mr. Dakin, the Board voted two “Ayes” by Mr. Hawkins and Ms. Huffman, and four “No’s” by Mr. Dagen, Mr. Dakin, Mr., McGhee, Mr. Ford, and Mr. Caruthers. Motion failed.

Mr. Caruthers made a motion to appoint Charles Perkins as interim city attorney and advertise for letters of interest to appoint a permanent city attorney within the next (3) three months, seconded by Mr. Ford.

Ms. Huffman passed out a list and expressed her concerns regarding conflicts of interest in appointing Charles Perkins at city attorney.

Charles Perkins stated that when acting as city attorney, he will resume the exact same fee schedule as our existing attorney. Mr. Perkins stated that tonight is the third time that he has attended the City’s Board meetings and he was invited and encouraged to come to the meetings, since December, by Mayor Jones. He addressed the conflicts listed by Ms. Huffman and stated the reasons why he would be qualified to represent the City of Millington.

Ms. Huffman moved to table the motion until the Board can properly interview firms and appoint a city attorney in no less than two weeks by special called meeting. Mayor Jones stated that there is already a motion on the floor to appoint Charles Perkins as interim city attorney. Mr. Christie said that it can be tabled under Robert’s Rule. Mayor Jones took a roll call on the initial motion by Mr. Caruthers to appoint Charles Perkins as interim city attorney. Motion fails due to four “No’s” by Mr. Dakin, Mr. McGhee, Ms. Huffman, and Mr. Hawkins, and three “Ayes” by Mr. Dagen, Mr. Ford, and Mr. Caruthers.

Ms. Huffman made a motion for the City Manager and City Clerk to advertise for letters of interest and schedule a special called meeting in no less than two weeks in which all interested parties can come before the Board and the public so a decision can be made, seconded by Mr. Dakin, the Board voted to pass the motion, with five “Ayes” by Mr. Dagen, Mr. Dakin, Mr. McGhee, Ms. Huffman, and Mr. Hawkins, and two “No’s” by Mr. Ford and Mr. Caruthers.

ADJOURNMENT

The board decided to proceed with a work session immediately following. There being no further business, upon motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Dakin and the unanimous vote of the Aldermen, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Terry G. Jones, Mayor

Lorrie Beth Leach, City Clerk