

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes
January 4, 2022
6:00 p.m.

The City Commission of the City of Red Bank, Tennessee met, in regular and duly advertised session, at the Commission Chambers located at 3117 Dayton Boulevard. Notice of the meeting and instructions for virtually monitoring same was duly advertised in the Chattanooga Times Free Press and by posting on the City's website and Facebook page and by posting written notice of same on the front door of City Hall.

- I. **Call to Order** – Mayor Hollie Berry called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call** – City Recorder Tracey Perry called the roll. Mayor Berry, Vice Mayor Stefanie Dalton, Commissioner Ruth Jenó, Commissioner Ed LeCompte and Commissioner Pete Phillips were present. Also present was City Attorney Arnold Stulce, Jr.; City Manager Martin Granum; Fire Chief Brent Sylar; Police Chief Dan Seymour; Finance Director John Alexander; Public Works Director Greg Tate; City Recorder Tracey Perry and those listed on Exhibit A.
- III. **Invocation** – Mia Pittman-Head, Omega Harvest Church
Reverend Pittman-Head was present and lead the invocation.
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance** – City Manager Granum
- V. **Consideration of the Minutes for approval or correction:**
 - A. **December 21, 2021 Agenda Work Session**
Vice Mayor Dalton made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Commissioner Jenó.
Motion carried with all present Commissioners voting “yes”.
 - B. **December 21, 2021 Commission Meeting**
Commissioner LeCompte made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Commissioner Jenó.
Motion carried with all present Commissioners voting “yes”.
- VI. **Communication from the Mayor**
 - Welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year
 - Happy New year to all
 - With this being a mid-term election year, expressed her intent to meet with any candidate for office whose interests align with her own
 - The next Red Bank Community Food Pantry will be Thursday, January 6 from 4:30 to 6 PM at the Red Bank United Methodist Church
- VII. **Commissioner's Report**
 - A. **Vice Mayor Stefanie Dalton**
 - Thanked everyone for being here
 - Looking forward to the work we, the Commission and City, will do this year
 - Senator Bo Watson will be hosting a Town Hall meeting at the Red Bank Community Center on January 13, from 6 – 7:30 PM to gather feedback on a new funding formula for public education. Go to www.tn.gov/education.tnedufunding for more information
 - Thanked everyone for participating in the Red Bank Chamber's Elf on the Shelf event last month
 - Thanked The Batterie, a Red Bank business, that raised over \$250 for St. Jude's Hospital

- Thanked Bridgett Raper, our Public Information Officer (PIO), for issuing a press release on the four Red Bank businesses that received awards of excellence in 2021 – BeCaffeinated, Pizzaria Cortile, Green's Design & Supply and Northside Neighborhood House
- Red Bank resident and owner of The Daily Ration and The Bitter Alibi, Jason Bowers, closed on the old Big Frog Brewing Company parcel and plans to open a family-friendly restaurant and taproom with an outdoor patio
- Welcomed all the teachers and students back to school after winter break

B. Commissioner Ruth Jeno

- New Year blessing to all
- Thanks to all City employees for the hard work this past year
- Read an email from Link Sparks inviting everyone to a "Valentines for Veterans" event at the Red Bank Community Center on January 15 & 29 from 11 AM to 2 PM to make cards to send out to veterans on Valentine's Day

C. Commissioner Ed LeCompte

- Thanked everyone for attending tonight
- Enjoyed his Christmas vacation in Daytona Beach, FL

D. Commissioner Pete Phillips

- Happy New Year to all and thanks for attending tonight
- The Commission is getting conversation(s) started on new projects and finishing up on old ones
- Gave a "Shout out" to the City staff for a well-run City

VIII. City Manager Report

- Asked Fire Chief Sylar to give a brief presentation on the design and delivery schedule for the new fire truck the City is purchasing for the Fire Department
- Spoke on a potential 5k or 10k run being introduced as the "kick-off" for the annual Jubilee in May
- Update on the Digital Transformation project:
- Our Information Technologies (IT) company, RJ Young, will be presenting a demonstration highlighting the first step in the process to the City staff later this month
- Police Chief Seymour is also working with RJ Young to update the City's email infrastructure
- Thanked the Commissioners for allowing the generous holiday time off for the City staff
- Has started work with a local photographer, Brooke Bagger, on a project to photograph the City and display in City buildings
- Has presented Trust for Public Land (TPL) with 2 additional trails to explore for the Stringer's Ridge Connector project
- City staff is working to simplify the new Liquor Ordinance
- Is working with a local person, Laura Vinson, on a Public Affairs Initiative

IX. Unfinished Business

A) ORDINANCE NO. 21-1203 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF TERM LIFE INSURANCE PROVIDED AS A BENEFIT FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES (second and final reading)

Mayor Berry read the caption and called the matter for action. Vice Mayor Dalton made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Some discussion. No citizen comments. Roll Call Vote: Mayor Berry "yes", Vice Mayor Dalton "yes", Commissioner Jeno "yes", Commissioner Phillips "yes" Commissioner LeCompte "yes". Ordinance No. 21-1203 was approved on second and final reading.

X. New Business

None.

**XI. Citizen Comments from Red Bank Citizens on Items not on the Agenda
(3 minute limit)**

None.

XII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Dalton, seconded by Commissioner LeCompte. Motion carried with all present Commissioners voting "yes". The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Mayor Hollie Berry

Date

City Recorder Tracey Perry Date