

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes
December 6, 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 6:00 P.M.**
- II. Roll Call –City Recorder Tracey Perry called the roll. Mayor Berry, Vice Mayor Stefanie Dalton, and Commissioner Ed LeCompte, Commissioner Pete Phillips, and Commissioner Ruth Jeno were present. Also present was City Attorney Arnold Stulce, Jr.; City Manager Martin Granum; Fire Chief Brent Sylar; Deputy Fire Chief Eddie Iles; Interim Public Works Director Leslie Johnson; City Recorder Tracey Perry; Assistant City Recorder Summer Sheldon; and those listed on Exhibit A.**
- III. Invocation – Richard Floyd, Red Bank Citizen**
Richard Floyd was present and gave the invocation.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance – City Manager Martin Granum**
- V. Consideration of the Minutes for approval or correction:**
 - A. November 15, 2022 Work Session**
Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Commissioner LeCompte. Motion carried with all Commissioners voting "yes".
 - B. November 15, 2022 Commission Meeting**
Commissioner Jeno made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried with all Commissioners voting "yes".
- VI. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**
City Manager Granum and administrative staff presented retiring Commissioners Jeno and LeCompte with awards of appreciation for their many years of service to the City.
- VII. Comments from retiring Commissioners**
 - A. Commissioner Ruth Jeno**
 - Welcome to everyone here tonight.
 - Special welcome to Richard Floyd.
 - Thank you to City Attorney and City Staff.
 - Red Bank is a great town.
 - B. Commissioner Ed LeCompte**
 - Thanks everyone for coming tonight.
 - Expressed pride and appreciation for the level of support he has always received.
- VIII. Installation of Newly Elected Commissioners**
 - A. Election Commission Results – City Attorney Arnold Stulce**

City Attorney Stulce announced that the City had received certifications from the Hamilton County Election Commission acknowledging that Hollie Berry, Jamie Fairbanks-Harvey, and Hayes Wilkinson are the certified winners of the November 8, 2022 election.

B. Oath of Office – Judge Johnny Houston

Judge Houston was present and administered the Oaths of Office for each of the incoming Commissioners, i.e., Commissioner Hollie Berry, Commissioner Jamie Fairbanks-Harvey, and Commissioner Hayes Wilkinson.

IX. Election of Mayor – Temporary Chairman City Attorney Arnold Stulce

City Attorney Stulce explained the process to determine which of the five (5) now current Commissioners will be selected to serve as Mayor. Commissioner Fairbanks-Harvey nominated Commissioner Berry to serve as Mayor. Commissioner Dalton made a motion to cease nominations, seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson. Motion carried with all Commissioners voting “yes”. Roll Call Vote for election of Commissioner Hollie Berry as Mayor: Commissioner Dalton “yes”, Commissioner Jamie Fairbanks-Harvey “yes”, Commissioner Phillips “yes”, Commissioner Hayes Wilkinson “yes”, and Commissioner Berry “yes”. Commissioner Hollie Berry was elected to the position of mayor for a period of two years.

Oath of Office – Judge Johnny Houston

Judge Houston administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Berry.

X. Election of Vice Mayor – Temporary Chairman City Attorney Arnold Stulce

City Attorney Stulce explained the process to determine which of the four (4) remaining current Commissioners will be selected to serve as Vice Mayor. Commissioner Wilkinson nominated Commissioner Dalton. Mayor Berry made a motion to cease nominations, seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson. Motion carried with all Commissioners voting “yes”. Roll Call Vote for election of Commissioner Stefanie Dalton as Vice Mayor: Mayor Berry “yes”, Commissioner Jamie Fairbanks-Harvey “yes”, Commissioner Phillips “yes”, Commissioner Hayes Wilkinson “yes”, and Commissioner Berry “yes”. Commissioner Stefanie Dalton was elected to the position of Vice Mayor for a period of two years.

Oath of Office – Judge Johnny Houston

Judge Houston administered the Oath of Office to Vice Mayor Dalton.

XI. Communication from Mayor Berry

- Thank you to retiring Commissioners Jeno and LeCompte.
- Welcome to newly elected Commissioners Fairbanks-Harvey and Wilkinson.
- Thank you to everyone in attendance. Special thanks to Commissioner Fairbanks-Harvey for your support.
- Thanks to the Red Bank Festival Citizens’ Advisory Board for the Christmas festival and parade. It was a great success.
- The next Red Bank Community Food Pantry will be this Thursday, December 8, from 4:30 to 6 pm.

XII. Commissioner’s Report

A. Vice Mayor Stefanie Dalton

- Thanks to everyone for your support.
- Echoed the Mayor’s sentiments on the festival. Special thanks to Kate Hackney and congratulations on the recent birth of her twin daughters.
- Forgotten Child Fund – Red Bank Fire Stations 1 & 2 are drop off locations through December 22.
- Red Bank Elementary is accepting donations of coats through this Friday.
- Thank you to retiring Commissioners Jeno and LeCompte.
- Congratulations to newly elected Commissioners Fairbanks-Harvey and Wilkinson.

B. Commissioner Jamie Fairbanks-Harvey

- Thanks for voting for me. It was a good campaign.
- Expressed appreciation to family and friends here tonight.
- Appreciates the opportunity to serve.
- Admires retiring Commissioners Jenó and LeCompte.
- Thanks to everyone for being here tonight.

C. Commissioner Pete Phillips

- Thanked retiring Commissioners Jenó and LeCompte for their support and community involvement.
- The Christmas festival was an absolute success. T-shirts are still available for purchase at City Hall. Thanks to all sponsors of the Red Bank festivals.
- We have six (6) months until the annual Red Bank Jubilee.
- Shout outs to Hamilton County Commissioner David Sharpe, Richard Floyd, and City staff.
- Kudos to the City for the improved digital and online presence through social media.

D. Commissioner Hayes Wilkinson

- Expresses that he is humbled and honored to serve such a wonderful community.
- Retiring Commissioners Jenó and LeCompte have "left big shoes to fill".
- Great job on the Christmas festival this year.
- White Oak Bicycle Co-op has donated 359 bikes this year alone.

XIII. City Manager Report

- Good evening Mayor and Commissioners
- We look forward to the leadership of this new Commission
- To the new Commissioners, welcome; and to the exiting commissioners, thank you for your continued service!
- Speaking of thanks, we are grateful for the amazing service of our Festival Committee, headed up by Bryanna Burns and including: Sonja, Chris, Blake, Joy, Kathy, Larry, Jamie, Peggy and Natalie... and also a note of thanks to our Kate-in-Charge who was the staff liaison and provided great support to this amazing committee. Bryanna is collecting lessons learned and will gather the Festival Committee for a celebration next month... after all that there will be an opportunity to more completely reflect on the event and start making plans for the Jubilee (first Saturday in May... 6 May 2023) and next year's Christmas Parade.
- Also, a reminder that by Resolution 21-1388, this Friday, 9 December, is Tom Weathers Day in Red Bank.

XIV. Unfinished Business

None.

XV. New Business

A. AGENDA ITEM NO. 22-870 – APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner Fairbanks-Harvey appointed Sonja Millard as her representative to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Wilkinson appointed Brenna Kelly as his appointment to the Planning Commission.

XVI. Citizen Comments from Red Bank Citizens about Items not on the Agenda

(3 minute limit)

Drake Pertuit, 123 Sweetland Dr. – Congratulations to the new Commissioners.

Peggy Rowe, 3102 Easton Ave. – Thanks City staff for assisting with the Christmas festival. Congratulated the new Commissioners.

Sal Arrigo, Jr, president of the Red Bank Lion's Club – Hosting a First Responder's dinner this Saturday between 4 and 8 pm.

Adjournment

Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks-Harvey. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. with all Commissioners present voting “yes”.

Mayor Hollie Berry (Date)

City Recorder Tracey Perry (Date)