

## *City of Red Bank*

### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Minutes  
June 22, 2021  
5:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order** – Mayor Hollie Berry called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call** – Interim City Manager John Alexander 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.; Interim City Manager John Alexander; Chief Dan Seymour; Chief Brent Sylar; City Recorder Tracey Perry and those listed on Exhibit A.
- III. **Invocation –Richard Floyd, former TN State Representative**
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance – led by Chief Sylar**
- V. **ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND VOTE**

**A) ORDINANCE NO. 21-1194 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE OF \$1.39 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022 (second and final reading)**

Mayor Berry read the caption of the Ordinance. Commissioner Jenó made a motion to approve the Ordinance with the amendments listed in Exhibit B and read all proposed amendments aloud, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Much discussion ensued.

Mayor Berry made a motion to amend Ordinance 21-1194 at Line "Fire" in GENERAL FUND to \$1,300,859.00, the Line "Surplus/Deficit" in GENERAL FUND to \$466,185.00 and the Line "Ending Fund Balance" in GENERAL FUND to \$6,847,041.00 in order to increase minimum pay to \$13 per hour for all firefighters, seconded by Vice Mayor Dalton. More discussion. Roll Call Vote: Mayor Berry "yes", Vice Mayor Dalton "yes", Commissioner Jenó "no", Commissioner LeCompte "no", Commissioner Phillips "no". Motion to further amend the Ordinance failed. More discussion.

Vice Mayor Dalton made a motion to amend the Line "Parks" to \$210,005.00, in order to postpone the funding for the proposed Pickle Ball Court, seconded by Mayor Berry. Some discussion. Roll Call Vote: Mayor Berry "yes", Vice Mayor Dalton "yes", Commissioner Jenó "no", Commissioner LeCompte "no", Commissioner Phillips "no". Motion to further amend the Ordinance failed. More discussion.

Mayor Berry made a motion to move Citizen Comments to this time, seconded by Vice Mayor Dalton. Roll Call Vote: Mayor Berry "yes", Vice Mayor Dalton "yes", Commissioner Jenó "yes", Commissioner LeCompte "yes", Commissioner Phillips "yes". Motion passed with all Commissioners voting "yes".

#### **Citizen Comments from Red Bank Citizens**

**Richard Floyd**, 306 Altoona Drive – spoke on the tax rate

**Carol Rose**, 4717 Hunter Trail – spoke on the budget, asked that the Board be fiscally responsible, not in favor of the library card or the curbside recycling plans

**Shaina Otterpohl**, 1696 Westover Lane – asked if back pay would be considered when the increase in firefighter pay is discussed.

**Don McKenzie**, 110 Brentwood Drive – spoke on the current firefighter pay, not concerned with a tax increase

**Anne Wheeler**, 427 Antelope Trail – spoke on the Commission working together and being responsible with tax payer money, not in favor of curb-side recycling or free/reduced library cards, in favor of percentage raises for employees

**Jane West**, 110 Brentwood Drive – spoke on paying taxes, in favor of employee raises

**Tyler Kraha**, 2711 Berkley Drive – spoke on firefighter pay

**Greg Jones**, 113 Culver Street – spoke on the current Commission activities, not in favor of a large tax increase, we already have a recycling center

**Susan Bell**, 101 Wickley Road – spoke on effects of lack of research and pet projects

**Kathy Lennon**, 401 Crisman Street – spoke on the City appearing to not want to change, in favor of curbside recycling

**Tiffany Roberts**, 3311 Martin Road – spoke on thinking outside the box and being fiscally responsible, in favor of raises for the firefighters, not in favor of the curbside recycling

City Attorney Stulce reiterated that the current motion on the floor is to approve Ordinance 21-1194 with the proposed amendments, as stated by Commissioner Jeno and which was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Roll Call Vote: Mayor Berry “no”, Vice Mayor Dalton “no”, Commissioner Jeno “yes”, Commissioner LeCompte “yes”, Commissioner Phillips “yes”. Ordinance No. 21-1194, as amended, passed by majority vote on second and final reading.

**VI. Citizen Comments from Red Bank Citizens on items on the Agenda  
(3 minute limit)**

Moved to discussion of Ordinance 21-1194 earlier.

**VII. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Jeno, seconded by Commissioner LeCompte. Motion carried with all Commissioners voting “yes”. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Mayor Hollie Berry (date)

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City Recorder Tracey Perry (date)