

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

CALLED MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) met in a Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 8:00 a.m., at Town Hall, 123 Boone Street, Jonesborough, TN.

Mayor Vest called the meeting to order. Alderman Dickson led the group in an opening Prayer, and Mayor Vest led the pledge to the Flag. Upon call of the roll those present were: Mayor Chuck Vest, Alderman Virginia Causey, Alderman Terry Countermine, Alderman Adam Dickson, and Alderman Kelly Wolfe. Also present were: Town Administrator Glenn Rosenoff, Town Recorder Janet Jennings, Operations Manager Craig Ford, and Town Attorney Jim Wheeler.

Mayor Vest called for Public Comments and there were none.

The first item on the agenda was acceptance of the LPRF (Local Parks and Recreation Fund) Grant in the amount of \$2,445,250. A 50% match is required for the project which will be funded and leveraged through the value of the land, funds within the new Jonesborough School Project funding, and additional funds through the Washington County Commission, that essentially completes the development of recreational/athletic facilities located within Tiger Park. There are four playground areas within Tiger Park, one of which is located in the middle of the four major field areas and the tennis/pickleball courts. This playground has many climbing and fitness features and is focused on healthy exercise for young people while games are going on the surrounding fields. The other three playgrounds are around the school and with a focus on age and ability. The preschool playground is designed for very young children and is located adjacent to the two preschool classes in the school. It and the other playgrounds close to the school have outside access through the fencing to facilitate community use. The playground next to the Comprehensive Development Classes has equipment designed for any child, but it has additional equipment intended to enhance the experience of a disabled child. The large K-5 playground area that includes basketball goals, tether ball and sheltered seating is close to the multipurpose field area where youth soccer practices and games will be held frequently. The Tiger Park project also includes the lighting of all four field areas: baseball, softball, large football/soccer, and the multipurpose field area for numerous "field" sports. Two tennis/pickleball courts will be constructed, fenced, an acrylic surface applied, and lighting installed. A concession and restroom building will be constructed in a central location between the field areas, and a picnic pavilion sized for four (4) hexagon tables will be constructed close to the concession. The project includes applying a ½ inch rubberized surface to the asphalt track around the football/soccer field to help reduce any potential muscle and/ or bone damage, especially with younger children and seniors. Recreation accessories like bleachers, bike racks, benches, trash cans, score boards, etc. are also

included in the project. Mayor Vest said this is the largest grant that the Jonesborough Parks and Recreation Department has received, and thanked Bob Browning, Project Director and Rachel Conger, Recreation Capital Project Planner, for their hard work and planning on Tiger Park, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, the Washington County Commission, and the Washington County Board of Education. Mayor Vest asked the Aldermen if they had comments or questions. Alderman Wolfe said this park would not be possible without entities other than the Town of Jonesborough, and it is a great example of people collaborating for the greater good of Washington County, regardless of municipal or geographical boundaries. Alderman Wolfe said the park is going to feature a lot of trees by the time it's done and that is a tribute to the Town being a Tree City USA and a tribute to our love for nature and the fact that we already have one arboretum and that is down at our Sewer Plant. Alderman Wolfe said as far as the nature of the park it will be uniquely Jonesborough and will be a true community park. Alderman Wolfe said you'll have a lot of folks using these facilities when school is out of session, and that is exactly what our orientation ought to be as a town, because you are serving the needs of the children and also serving the needs of the community at the same time. Alderman Wolfe stated kudos to our staff and to the vision that was put forth for this effort to come about, it truly speaks as to who we are as a community, and he is personally very, very proud of it. Mayor Vest asked the Aldermen if they had any further comments. Town Attorney Jim Wheeler said we need to add one thing to the recommendation and that is to approve the amendment to the Building Lease that was approved by the Washington County Commission at their meeting last night. Mayor Vest called for a motion. Alderman Wolfe made the motion to approve the LPRF Grant Contract and match that provides funding assistance that completes the development of recreational/athletic facilities located at the school within Tiger Park, as presented and with the addition of the recommendation of the Building Lease as presented and approved by the Washington County Commission. Alderman Dickson seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

## **INSERT GRANT CONTRACT**

Mayor Vest recessed the Board meeting, in order for the BMA to go into Executive Session. The Executive Session meeting adjourned, and Mayor Vest reconvened the meeting.

The next item on the agenda was an agreement with Shane Adams to purchase the alley and a portion of the property the new addition of the Jackson Theatre encroaches upon both of which are located on Mr. Adams property in the amount of \$35,000.00 and including closing costs. Mayor Vest said Town Attorney Jim Wheeler has presented the new version of the agreement to the BMA and everything appears to be in order. Mayor Vest asked the Aldermen if they had questions or comments. Alderman Wolfe said he just wanted to verify that if this agreement is not approved, that the BMA will proceed with the commendation that has been discussed previously. Jim Wheeler said he will file it tomorrow if we don't have a signature from Shane Adams. Alderman Countermine made the motion to , seconded by Alderman Wolfe and duly passed.

**INSERT AGREEMENT**

Mayor Vest stated this Called Meeting would be recessed until 8:00 a.m., Friday, September 29, 2023 contingent upon Mr. Shane Adams not signing the proposed agreement.

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JANET JENNINGS, RECORDER

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