

**CITY OF LEWISBURG
COUNTY OF MARSHALL**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
MAY 12, 2020**

The Lewisburg City Council met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 6:00 pm, at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 E. Church Street, Lewisburg, Tennessee.

Special Note: **In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. 16 regarding limiting gatherings of no more than ten to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 and allowing public meetings to be conducted by electronic means. THE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH SOME MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PARTICIPATING ELECTRONICALLY VIA AUDIO CONFERENCE.**

The general public can access and listen to the meeting LIVE by calling: 931-288-8884.

A recording of the meeting was made and published on the lewisburgtn.gov website on Thursday, May 14th, 2020.

Mayor Jim Bingham called the meeting to order. Mayor Bingham requested a roll call for documentation purposes for those participating and listen via audio means.

Those present and attending were: Mayor Jim Bingham, Councilmen; C.H. Harwell, Jerry Gordon, Nicholas Tipper (via audio), Artie Allen (via audio) and Bam Haislip. City Manager Buck Beard, City Attorney Steve Broadway, City Recorder Pam Davis and City Treasurer Donna Park..

Members Absent: None.

The Invocation was given by Councilman Bam Haislip and City Manager Buck Beard led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1. Announcements:
Mayor Bingham expressed appreciation to all of the City's First Responders and employees for their roles in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Councilman Gordon, seconded by Councilman Harwell to approve the minutes from the public hearing and the regular council meeting held on March 10, 2020.

Upon a roll call vote:
Councilman Haislip - Aye
Councilman Harwell - Aye
Councilman Allen - Aye
Councilman Gordon - Aye
Councilman Tipper - Aye
Motion Passed 5-0

Item 3. Approval of the Bills & Financial Statement:

Motion was made by Councilman Haislip, seconded by Councilman Allen to approve the March and April Bills and the February and March Financial Statement.

Upon a roll call vote:
Councilman Haislip - Aye
Councilman Harwell - Aye
Councilman Allen - Aye
Councilman Gordon - Aye
Councilman Tipper - Aye
Motion Passed 5-0

Item 4. Old Business:

- b. Consider approval of 3rd and final reading of Ordinance 20-02, an Ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 3 of the Municipal Code relating to the removal of the Electrical Code.**

Motion was made by Councilman Tipper, seconded by Councilman Haislip to approve the 3rd and final reading of Ordinance 20-02, an Ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 3 of the Municipal Code relating to the removal of the Electrical Code.

Upon a roll call vote:
Councilman Haislip - Aye
Councilman Harwell - Aye
Councilman Allen - Aye
Councilman Gordon - Aye
Councilman Tipper - Aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Item 5. New Business:

- a. Consider approval of Resolution 20-10 amending the City of Lewisburg's Personnel Policy Handbook by adding a "Temporary Telecommuting" Policy.**

Motion was made by Councilman Harwell, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Resolution 20-10 amending the City of Lewisburg's Personnel Policy Handbook by adding a "Temporary Telecommuting" Policy.

Discussion: Councilman Tipper noted that he would not be voting for the Resolutions 20-10, 20-11 and 20-12 as they were not discussed prior to the meeting.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Haislip - Aye
Councilman Harwell - Aye
Councilman Allen - Aye
Councilman Gordon - Aye
Councilman Tipper - Abstain

Motion Passed 4-1

- b. Consider approval of Resolution 20-11 amending the City of Lewisburg's Personnel Policy Handbook by adding a "Loss of Compensation Policy" for forfeiture of compensation due to the loss of certifications and demotions.**

Motion was made by Councilman Haislip, seconded by Councilman Harwell to approve Resolution 20-11 amending the City of Lewisburg's Personnel Policy Handbook by adding a "Loss of Compensation Policy" for forfeiture of compensation due to the loss of certifications and demotions.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Haislip - Aye
Councilman Harwell - Aye
Councilman Allen - Aye
Councilman Gordon - Aye
Councilman Tipper - Abstain

Motion Passed 4-1

- c. Consider approval of Resolution 20-12 amending the City of Lewisburg's "Emergency Closings" Policy by clarifying other emergency examples.**

Motion was made by Councilman Gordon, seconded by Councilman Harwell to approve Resolution 20-12 amending the City of Lewisburg's "Emergency Closings" Policy by clarifying other emergency examples.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Haislip - Aye
Councilman Harwell - Aye
Councilman Allen - Aye
Councilman Gordon - Aye
Councilman Tipper - Abstain

Motion Passed 4-1

- d. Consider approval of Pilot Resolution 20-13 for "Project Moon".**

Motion was made by Councilman Haislip, seconded by Councilman Tipper to approve Pilot Resolution 20-13 for "Project Moon".

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Haislip - Aye
Councilman Harwell - Aye
Councilman Allen - Aye
Councilman Gordon - Aye
Councilman Tipper - Aye

Motion Passed 5-0

- e. Consider approval of 1st reading of Ordinance 20-04, an Ordinance fixing the tax rate for 2020 and approving the 2020-2021 budget.**

Motion was made by Councilman Gordon, seconded by Councilman Haislip to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 20-04, an Ordinance fixing the tax rate for 2020 and approving the 2020-2021 budget.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Haislip - Aye
Councilman Harwell - Aye
Councilman Allen - Aye

Councilman Gordon - Aye
Councilman Tipper - Aye
Motion Passed 5-0

f. Consider approval of appointment of Joe L. Beard as City Manager.

Motion was made by Councilman Gordon, seconded by Councilman Harwell to approve the appointment of Joe L. Beard to City Manager.

Discussion:

Councilman Gordon expressed positive comments relating to the job performance of Joe Beard as the current interim City Manager and requested the consideration of dropping the word "Interim" from his title and making Joe L. Beard the full-time City Manager.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Haislip - Aye
Councilman Harwell - Aye
Councilman Allen - Aye
Councilman Gordon - Aye
Councilman Tipper - Aye
Motion Passed 5-0

g. Consider approval of Resolution 20-14 setting residential and commercial basic solid waste disposal charges for the City of Lewisburg, effective July 1, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilman Gordon, seconded by Councilman Haislip to approve Resolution 20-14 setting residential and commercial basic solid waste disposal charges for the City of Lewisburg, effective July 1, 2020.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Haislip - Aye
Councilman Harwell - Aye
Councilman Allen - Aye
Councilman Gordon - Aye
Councilman Tipper - Aye
Motion Passed 5-0

Item 6. Other Business

* In reference to the special note above the following Directors were participating via audio telephone conference: Greg Lowe, ECD, Cary Whitesell, Parks & Rec., Chief Larry William, Fire, Branden Davidson, Public Works, Kent Stewmon, Airport, David Henley, Police and Jenna Miller, Finance Assistant.

- a. Update on Economic Development** - Greg Lowe, via audio telephone conference.
- b. Director's Reports:** Reports were given by the following department Directors via audio telephone conference. Parks & Recreation, Fire, Public Works and Airport.

Item 7. Citizen Input:

The following notice was publically published the week prior to the May 12th, 2020 meeting:

Due to the limited access rule for COVID-19, citizens may send their comments prior to the scheduled meeting to the City Council by mail, 131 E. Church Street, Lewisburg, TN 37091, Attn: Pam Davis, City Recorder or by email - pam.davis@lewisburgtn.gov

There were no comments submitted.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the regular monthly meeting of the Mayor and Council for the City of Lewisburg adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Jim Bingham, Mayor

Attest: Pamela R. Davis,
City Recorder