

**CITY OF LEWISBURG  
COUNTY OF MARSHALL**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
JULY 11, 2023**

A **Public Hearing** was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 5:50 p.m. at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 E. Church Street to hear public opinion and comments concerning the following:

- a. Ordinance 23-24, an Ordinance rezoning 6.85 acres on Rock Crusher Rd., from "R-1", Low-Density Residential to "I-1", Light-Industrial as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mp. 057, Pcl:088.01. Owner – Billy Coble.

Those present and attending were Mayor Jim Bingham, Councilmen; Peggy Harwell, Joe Bradford, Vickie Michael, Tommy G. Burns, and Patty Parsons. City Manager Bam Haislip, City Recorder Pam Davis, City Attorney Thomas Hutto, and City Treasurer Teresa Purcell .

Members Absent: None

Mayor Bingham opened the Public Hearing asking for public comments and/or opinions on the above-listed item(s).

Comments: None

There being no further comments, the public hearing closed at 6:00 p.m.

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The Lewisburg City Council met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday July 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 E. Church Street, Lewisburg Tennessee.

Those present and attending were Mayor Jim Bingham, Councilmen; Peggy Harwell, Joe Bradford, Vickie Michael, Tommy G. Burns, and Patty Parsons. City Manager Bam Haislip, City Recorder Pam Davis, City Attorney Thomas Hutto, and City Treasurer Teresa Purcell.

Members Absent: None

Mayor Bingham called the meeting to order, welcoming all in attendance.

The Invocation was given by Anthony Atkisson, Pastor of New Life Family Tabernacle Church and Police Chief Scott Braden led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item 1. Announcements:**

1. Edmund Roberts chosen as the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year." Edmund serves as Chairman of the City's Community Development Board.
2. Acknowledged improvements to the Recreation Center's Exploration Station play equipment. Also, volunteers were requested for July 13<sup>th</sup> for ground cleanup around the Exploration Station area.

**Item 2. Citizen Input: None**

**Item 3. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Councilman Harwell, seconded by Councilman Parsons to approve the minutes from the regular Council meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> and the public hearings and special called Council meetings on June 27<sup>th</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Bradford – Aye

Councilman Parsons – Aye

Councilman Michael – Aye

Councilman Burns – Aye

Councilman Harwell - Aye

**Motion passes 5-0**

**Item 4. Approval of Bills and Financial Statement:**

Motion was made by Councilman Harwell, seconded by Councilman Bradford to approve the June bills and the May financial statement.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Bradford – Aye

Councilman Parsons – Aye

Councilman Michael – Aye

Councilman Burns – Aye

Councilman Harwell – Aye

**Motion passes 5-0**

**Item 5. Old Business:**

- a. **Consider approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance 23-24, an Ordinance rezoning 6.85 acres on Rock Crusher Rd., from “R-1”, Low-Density Residential to “I-1”, Light-Industrial as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mp. 057, Pcl:088.01. Owner – Billy Coble.**

Motion was made by Councilman Parsons, seconded by Councilman Harwell to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance 23-24, an Ordinance rezoning 6.85 acres on Rock Crusher Rd., from “R-1”, Low-Density Residential to “I-1”, Light-Industrial as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mp. 057, Pcl:088.01. Owner – Billy Coble.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was amended by Councilman Parsons, seconded by Councilman Harwell to amend language to state rezoning of a portion of the property consisting of 6.85 acres.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Bradford – Aye

Councilman Parsons – Aye

Councilman Michael – Aye

Councilman Burns – Aye

Councilman Harwell – Aye

**Motion passes 5-0**

**Item 6. New Business:**

- a. **Consider approval of Resolution 23-41 approving additional eligible expenditures funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) as recommended by the Budget Committee (Shredding Svc, Paving 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Codes Truck, Field Lights/P&R).**

Motion was made by Councilman Michael, seconded by Councilman Harwell to approve Resolution 23-41 approving additional eligible expenditures funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) as recommended by the Budget Committee (Shredding Svc, Paving 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Codes Truck, Field Lights/P&R).

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Bradford – Aye

Councilman Parsons – Aye

Councilman Michael – Aye

Councilman Burns – Aye

Councilman Harwell – Aye

**Motion passes 5-0**

- b. **Consider approval of Resolution 23-42 to make application for the 2023 TVA Workforce Invest Grant. Purpose to assist with funding of Career Exploration and Workforce Development training programs for Spot Lowe Vocational Technology Center. Partnership with JECDB requires no matching funds from the City.**

Motion was made by Councilman Parsons, seconded by Councilman Bradford to approve Resolution 23-42 to make application for the 2023 TVA Workforce Invest Grant. Purpose to assist with funding of Career Exploration and Workforce Development training programs for Spot Lowe Vocational Technology Center. Partnership with JECDB requires no matching funds from the City.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Bradford – Aye

Councilman Parsons – Aye

Councilman Michael – Aye

Councilman Burns – Aye

Councilman Harwell - Aye

**Motion passes 5-0**

- c. Consider approval of Resolution 23-43 to dispose of surplus equipment by means of trade for the Lewisburg Public Works Department. (Equipment: Kubota 5660 Tractor – Trade In of \$19,500.00)**

Motion was made by Councilman Bradford, seconded by Councilman Harwell to approve Resolution 23-43 to dispose of surplus equipment by means of trade for the Lewisburg Public Works Department. (Equipment: Kubota 5660 Tractor – Trade In of \$19,500.00)

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Bradford – Aye

Councilman Parsons – Aye

Councilman Michael – Aye

Councilman Burns – Aye

Councilman Harwell - Aye

**Motion passes 5-0**

- d. Consider approval of Resolution 23-44 to make application for the 2023-2024 Public Entity Partners Risk Management “Safety Partners” matching grant program.**

Motion was made by Councilman Parsons, seconded by Councilman Michael to approve Resolution 23-44 to make application for the 2023-2024 Public Entity Partners Risk Management “Safety Partners” matching grant program.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Bradford – Aye

Councilman Parsons – Aye

Councilman Michael – Aye

Councilman Burns – Aye

Councilman Harwell - Aye

**Motion passes 5-0**

- e. Consider approval of 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 23-25, an Ordinance rezoning 1313 Old Farmington Road, from “R-2”, Medium-Density Residential to “R-3”, High-Density Residential, as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mp. 064F, Grp. A, Pcl:018.01. Owner – Cameron Coble.**

Discussion with Jim Patterson, St. John Engineering ensued prior to motion and vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Parsons, seconded by Councilman Harwell to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 23-25, with amendments to include all parcel numbers, an Ordinance rezoning 1313 Old Farmington Road, from “R-2”, Medium-Density Residential to “R-3”, High-Density Residential, as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mp. 064F, Grp. A, Pcl:018.01. Owner – Cameron Coble.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Bradford – Aye

Councilman Parsons – Aye

Councilman Michael – Nay

Councilman Burns – Aye

Councilman Harwell - Aye

**Motion passes 4-1**

- f. Consider approval of 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 23-27, an Ordinance to approve the closing of a section of alley between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> avenues. Request made by Steve Allen on behalf of Church Street Church of Christ.**

Discussion with City Attorney, Thomas Hutto and Steve Allen, CSCOC ensued prior to motion and vote. Special Note – City shall retain utility easement for said property.

Motion was made by Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Bradford to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 23-27, an Ordinance to approve the closing of a section of alley between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> avenues. Request made by Steve Allen on behalf of Church Street Church of Christ.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Bradford – Aye

Councilman Parsons – Aye

Councilman Michael – Aye

Councilman Burns – Aye

Councilman Harwell - Aye

**Motion passes 5-0**

- g. **Consider approval of 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 23-28, an Ordinance to approve the rezoning of 328 E. Church Street from “C-2”, Intermediate Business to “R-1”, Low-Density Residential as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Map. 064J, Grp. A, Pcl:010.01. Owner – Bruce Sechrest.**

Discussion ensued prior to motion and vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Bradford, seconded by Councilman Parsons to defer Ordinance 23-28 until the August 8<sup>th</sup> if needed.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Bradford – Aye

Councilman Parsons – Aye

Councilman Michael – Aye

Councilman Burns – Aye

Councilman Harwell - Aye

**Motion passes 5-0**

- h. **Discussion of a social media plan or policy along with the recent employee complaint made on Social media. (Councilman Burns).**

Discussion ensued regarding the City’s current social media policy and a recent post made on Facebook by Parks & Recreation Director Cary Whitesell (note post was made on her personal page and not on a City site). Post was related to a recent vote by Council for cost-of-living increases for City employees. After discussion Councilman Burns asked City Attorney Hutto to provide written answers to the following questions:

1. Did the post violate any city policies?
2. Was the post made during Mrs. Whitesell’s working hours?
3. Was a City device used to make the post?

Councilman Bradford added that he would like to reiterate that per the current policy under the section of Comment Policy, number 6 that if an employee is responding to a comment in their official capacity as a City employee, they should also list their name and title to be clear of who is responding to the post.

Councilman Burns brought up an additional conduct issue stating it involved the aforementioned employee asking if discussion was need or if it had been addressed. City Manager Haislip confirmed that both mentioned concerns had been addressed.

- i. **Discuss plan for filling City Recorder/HR Representative position due to resignation of City Recorder Pam Davis. (Councilman Bradford)**

Discussion ensued.

Directions were given to the City Recorder to draft an advertisement for her position and publish accordingly. A special called meeting with Council will be held on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss plan moving forward.

## **Item 7. Other Business:**

- a. **Update on Economic Development – Greg Lowe**

- b. **City Manager Report – Roy “Bam” Haislip**

- c. **Directors Reports:** reports were given by the following department directors and or assistant directors, Finance, Teresa Purcell, Public Works, Director Branden Davidson, Police, Chief Scott Braden, Fire, Asst. Chief Drew Hawkins, and Airport, Manger Kent Stewmon.

**d. Any other additional business or announcements:** None

There being no further business to come before the Council at the regular monthly meeting, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:20p.m. by Councilman Harwell, seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Motion passed unanimously.

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Jim Bingham, Mayor

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Attest: Pamela R. Davis,  
City Recorder