

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG
AUGUST 27, 2009

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session. The following members were present: Council Member Ronald Fox, Council Member Robin Williams, Council Member Jamie Sevier, Mayor Durham and Council Member Moore.

With a quorum present Mayor Durham called the meeting to order. The meeting opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Durham had an objection to the August 13, 2009 meeting in that in the eighth paragraph it is stated that the Mayor voted no. He stated that he was not voting no he was asking for any opposition, and wanted that stricken from the minutes. With that statement made the Mayor asked for votes approving the minutes. All voted aye and the minutes passed unanimously.

Mayor Durham appointed Council Member Jamie Sevier to the Lawrenceburg Planning Commission to replace Council Member Robin Williams, as Council Member Williams has been appointed to the Board of Public Utilities.

Mayor Durham announced the closure of city offices on September 7th for Labor Day and that Monday garbage cart collection would be picked up on Thursday, September 10th.

The Mayor reminded everyone of the Blood Drive contest with the County and encouraged everyone to get their name on the list that wished to donate on behalf of the city. The date to give blood for the competition will be September 10th.

The Mayor then turned over the floor to City Administrator, William McLain.

Mr. McLain informed the Council that the City of Lawrenceburg would be turning back a grant to replace the bridge on Old Florence Road over Coon Creek as it has now slipped to the third position of need in Lawrence County and we did not have the funding to complete the job. The County has the number one and number two bridges respectfully, and we will write a letter to Mr. Mangrum releasing the funds back to the state. The County may have access to that grant.

He also informed the Council that Charlie Collier was present to receive his retirement award.

The Mayor and Council presented Mr. Collier with his plaque and congratulated him on his 32 years of service to the City and citizens of Lawrenceburg.

The City Attorney informed the Council that there was scheduled a Public Hearing on Ordinance Number 1055 and that there are certain changes to the Ordinance due to computer errors. However, Attorney Betz did ask if there was anyone present that wished to address the Council concerning Ordinance Number 1055. With no one wishing to address the Council the Public Hearing was closed.

City Attorney Alan Betz had 4 ordinances and 1 resolution for Council consideration.

ORDINANCE(S)

ORDINANCE NO. 1053

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1048 AND AMEND SECTION 15; CHAPTER 3; OF THE LAWRENCEBURG MUNICIPAL CODE AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN CITY STREETS IN LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE. Second and Final Reading.

Motion to approve Ordinance Number 1053 on second and final reading was made by Council Member Williams, with a second by Council Member Moore. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 1054

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1011, ENTITLED THE “PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS” OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, SECTION V – BENEFITS; ITEM D. SICK LEAVE AND TO AMEND TITLE 4, CHAPTER 6; SECTION 4-604 (17)(b) and (18)(b)(c) OF THE LAWRENCEBURG MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SICK LEAVE BENEFITS UPON DEATH OF AN ACTIVE EMPLOYEE. Second and Final Reading.

Motion to approve Ordinance Number 1054 on second and final reading was made by Council Member Sevier, with a second by Council Member Fox. A motion was made by Mayor Durham to amend Ordinance Number 1054 to state the Ordinance would become effective on January 1, 2009 upon passage, with a second by Council Member Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve Ordinance Number 1054 as amended was made by Council Member Sevier with a second by Council Member Fox. Motion passed unanimously

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1055

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2009, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010. First Reading

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 1055 as presented for amendment on first reading was made by Mayor Durham, with a second by Council Member Sevier. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Ordinance Number 1055 as amended was made by Mayor Durham, with a second by Council Member Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 1057

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1042 ENTITLED BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE. Second and Final Reading

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 1057 on second and final reading was made by Council Member Williams, with a second by Council Member Moore. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION(S)

2009-27-8A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE TO REAPPOINT KENNETH WHITLEY TO THE LAWRENCEBURG BEER BOARD.

Motion to approve was made by Council Member Fox, with a second by Council Member Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Durham made a motion for a recess before proceeding with the Grievance Hearing for Charlie Collier. Motion received a second from Council Member Fox. Motion passed and a five minute recess was approved.

The Lawrenceburg City Council Meeting reconvened and Mayor Durham turned the meeting over to City Attorney Betz.

Mr. Betz introduced Mr. Charlie Collier a retired Police Office from the City of Lawrenceburg and his Attorney, Andy Allman from Hendersonville, Tennessee.

The grievance hearing was in relation to the early retirement incentive offered in May to City of Lawrenceburg employees with 25 years or more of service, provided their Department Manager agreed they could eliminate that position in their department.

Mr. Collier's attorney questioned Chief Judy Moore and City Administrator William McLain concerning the draft memo informing the employees of the possibility the Lawrenceburg City Council would offer a \$20,000.00 incentive to those with 25 years or more of service to retire at this time.

Mayor Durham asked Mr. Collier to comment on his own behalf and he informed the Council that when speaking with Chief Moore he was of the understanding that he would be eligible to receive the incentive retirement package; as he was planning to retire shortly.

City Attorney Betz informed the Council that they had up to 30 days to respond to the grievance. Council indicated they were ready to answer the grievance at this time.

Council Member Williams made a motion to deny the grievance, with a second by Council Member Fox. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Council Member Fox to adjourn with a second by Council Member Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Attest: _____
City Administrator/ Acting City Recorder