

Sevier County Commission

December 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Quorum Present (24 Present, 2 Absent)

Present: Mayor Larry Waters, Ronnie Allen, Fred Atchley, Scott Catlett, Mike Chambers, Gary Cole, Bryan Delius, Aaron Foster, Chuck Godfrey, Brandon Headrick, Dale Hill, Mike Hillard Todd Humble, Warren Hurst, Michael Maddron, Don McGill, Chad Ogle, Ray Ogle, Frank Parton, Harold Pitner, Carroll Rauhuff, Tommy Watts, Ronnie Whaley, Kent Woods

Absent: Greg Haggard, Jack Parton

III. CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 2023-12-01: RECOGNIZE THE SEYMOUR HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAM FOR WINNING THE TSSAA MEDIUM VARSITY POM STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2023 TSSAA State Championship were held at the Murphy Center located on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University on November 4th, 2023. This marks the first team to win the title for Seymour High School under the guidance of Head Coach Christy McCord and Assistant Coach Lexi McCord. Furthermore, it was declared the Historic Sevier County Courthouse bell shall ring a celebratory ring at 6:30 PM on December 18th, 2023.

A motion was made by Humble and duly seconded by C. Ogle. Passed by roll call vote 23 yes, 2 absent.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COMMISSION MEETING

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A motion was made by Chambers and duly seconded by Foster. Passed by roll call vote 23 yes, 2 absent.

V. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

A motion was made by R. Ogle and duly seconded by Hillard. Passed by roll call vote 23 yes, 2 absent.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS/PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING REQUESTS

- PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS
 - I. No Comments
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 - I. No Comments

VII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-12-01: AMEND THE ZONING RESOLUTION FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE BY REZONING TAX MAP 100 PARCEL 104.05 FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO C-1, RURAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

- ADDRESS: EAST PARKWAY
- REQUESTED BY: MICHAEL MYERS
- SEVIER COUNTY REG. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: FOR

A motion was made by C. Ogle and duly seconded by Foster. Passed by roll call vote 23 yes, 2 absent.

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-12-02: AMEND THE ZONING RESOLUTION FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE BY REZONING TAX MAP 134B GROUP D PARCELS 2.00, 34.00, AND 35.00 FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND C-1, RURAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C-1, RURAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

- ADDRESS: WEARS VALLEY ROAD
- REQUESTED BY: NAOMI HAYNES
- SEVIER COUNTY REG. PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION: FOR

A motion was made by Headrick and duly seconded by Rauhuff. Passed by roll call vote 23 yes, 2 absent.

IX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-12-03: AMEND THE ZONING RESOLUTION FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE BY REZONING TAX MAP 14 PARCEL 3.01 FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO C-1, RURAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

- ADDRESS: DOUGLAS DAM ROAD
- REQUESTED BY: TIM DUNAWAY
- SEVIER COUNTY REG. PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION: FOR

A motion was made by Pitner and duly seconded by Allen. Passed by roll call vote 23 yes, 2 absent.

X. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-12-04: APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE SEVIER COUNTY BEER BOARD

Chris Young and Greg Houk term renewed until 12-31-2024

A motion was made by Pitner and duly seconded by Atchley. Passed by roll call vote 23 yes, 2 absent.

XI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-12-05: AUTHORIZE THE SEVIER COUNTY SHERIFF TO INSTALL NEW AND IMPROVE EXISTING LICENSE PLATE READERS

Sheriff Hodges updated that this resolution would approve the office to buy additional license plate readers and update the software on installed readers. The purpose of the readers is for local law enforcement and other

agencies to put information out to be on lookout for citizens that have warrants out for arrest and/or other concerns.

A motion was made by Delius and duly seconded by Maddron. Passed by roll call vote 23 yes, 2 absent.

XII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-12-06: CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF A SEVIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

Former E911 Director Todd Spence stepped down to work for the Ambulance Service. After an intensive interview process and recommendations Former Assistant Director Andrew Whaley for the Sevier County Ambulance Services was recommended as replacement for Director of Sevier County E911. Mr. Whaley started working for Sevier County Ambulance Services in 1993 under the Allen administration and moved to Assistant Director in 2006.

A motion was made by Delius and duly seconded by C. Ogle. Passed by roll call vote 23 yes, 2 absent.

XIII. NOTARIES

Sixteen (16) applications were up for vote.

A motion was made by Cole and duly seconded by Allen. Passed by roll call vote 23 yes, 2 absent.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

- Consideration of Resolution 2023-12-07 was added and approved by the Sterring Committee on December 18, 2023.

XV. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-12-07: AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE CONCERNING PARKING LOT AT EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SEVIER COUNTY CAMPUS

Executive Director Newton spoke on the process that started in 2019 the ETSU Sevier County campus approached the County looking for additional parking to be added due to full class sized and parking was getting difficult to find for the students during the day. In the summer of 2023 Dellasantina Dining Concepts approached the County about adding additional parking in the lot adjacent to the restaurant and the Sevier County campus. The lease in discussion is a 10 (ten) year lease between Sevier County, City of Sevierville, and Ristorante DellaSantina with a 6 (six) year amortization. If the restaurant owner terminates the 6 (six) year lease the County would not own the restaurant owner any funds, if the County and/or City terminates the 6 (six) year lease then the County and City would own the restaurant owner the amount of amortization left with a 90 (ninety) day call.

Questions were raised on the plans of size of the lot vs the acreage it is being built on. Newton clarified that the final plans and cost would have to be approved by the County and City before it is presented to PRI Construction for their bid.

Questions were raised about the cost; it was clarified that the cost to build the lot would be covered by the restaurant owner after finalization of the budget of how much it would cost. If the city and county were to terminate the lease the refund breakdown would fall within the 6 (six) year amortization left on the lease. At the time of the meeting, there was no accurate estimate on how much it would cost, but was clarified that no matter what the final cost was each entity involved would only be responsible for no more than \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) total cost limit set to \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars)

Question was raised if the final plans have to be approved by the Intergovernmental Committee. Mayor Waters clarified if this resolution is passed all final approvals will come from the mayor's office regarding the final plans for the lot and how much it will cost.

A motion was made by Pitner and duly seconded by Atchley. Passed by roll call vote 15 yes, 8 no, 2 absent.

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- No comments

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Cole and duly seconded by Watts. Passed by voice vote 23 yes, 2 absent