



TOWN OF BRIGHTON

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BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN MEETING

September 10, 2024

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chapman-Washam at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present

Stephanie Chapman-Washam, Mayor
Melissa Sartain, Vice Mayor
Eunice Foster, Alderman
Dave Huffman, Alderman

Absent

Kristen Gardner, Alderwoman

Others Attending:

Jonathan Briles – Brighton Public Works
Mark Daughtery, Brighton Code Enforcement
Clay Short, Brighton Interim Fire Chief
Blaine Max, Brighton Police Chief
Charity Parimore, Town Recorder
Monty Temple, Brighton Police Department
Doylen Baskin, Brighton Police Department
David Goodman, Town of Brighton Attorney

Guests: Rachel Young, 386 Old Hwy 51 S., Brighton, TN; Josh Hazelrig, 27 S. Main St., Brighton, TN; Alice Wakefield, 33 Huffman Dr., Brighton, TN; Eva Artry, 230 Gladman, Brighton, TN; Tamara Tate, 477 Bloomington Dr., Brighton, TN; Kenneth A. Deer, 111 Brighton Village Loop, Brighton, TN; Reagan Beasley, 136 Brighton Village Loop, Brighton, TN; Gus Smith, 147 Phillips Dr., Brighton, TN; David Tate, 477 Bloomington Dr., Brighton, TN; Sandra Hill, 558 Fayne Rd., Brighton, TN. David Copeland, 4110 Brighton Clopton Rd., Brighton, TN; Kyle Smith, 120 Phillips St., Brighton, TN; Sam Carson, 541 Carrington, Brighton, TN, R.L. Guidry, 15 Michelle Dr., Brighton, TN; Bobby Young, 386 Old Hwy 51, Brighton, TN.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes Approval: Regular Scheduled Board Meeting – August 13, 2024

Vice Mayor Sartain made a motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Foster seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS/PAYMENT OF BILLS

Alderman Foster made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Alderman Huffman seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Clay Short, Brighton Fire Department presented the monthly status report.

Firefighter Robinson passed his Firefighter 2 Test and is now fully certified.

There were 10 business that had fire inspections done.

Alderman Foster asked for a status since Chief Short took over officially in August.

Chief Short responded that other than still being a man short and soon two men short, Fireman Chase Gibson's last day will be September 18th. They are managing well but still looking to hire. It is just difficult to hire right now, because there are so many Fire Departments with open positions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Blaine Max, Brighton Police Department presented the monthly status report.

Officer Nathan Byram is a member of the TN Air National Guard and had just recently notified the Department that he will be deployed October 2024 through April 2025. Which will put the Department a man down. They will need to hire someone, but will have to hold the position for when Officer Byram returns in April.

The Mayor asked if the Town would have to pay Officer Byram while he was deployed.

Chief Max responded he would be paid for 20 days.

Alderman Foster asked if the Department was already down one officer with Officer Byram.

Alderman Foster said he wanted to talk about the 88 tickets wrote this month. He understood being lenient on the citizens, but he wasn't sure why almost half of his stops (35) were warnings. Chief Max explained that normally it was averaged 1/3 citations to 2/3 warnings on tickets.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Public Works Director, Jonathan Briles, Brighton Public Works presented the monthly status report.

Vice Mayor asked about the testing and if it came back normal.

Director Briles said that any results himself or David Braden received back so far were all normal.

Vice Mayor Sartain wanted to bring it to Public Works attention complaints about littering after cutting the ditches. She said she would reach out to Keep Tipton Beautiful to see if they could help.

The Mayor asked if Director Briles could reach out to the Sherrif to see if he could use the Inmates Program to pick up trash.

Director Briles said that he would reach out to the Sherrif. He did know there were some limitations for areas of work for the inmates.

Alderman Foster said he had several constituents reach out in regards to S Poplar. It was in pretty bad shape and some spots had no asphalt. He wanted to know if it was on the list for repair.

Vice Mayor Sartain said that they had spoke about S. Poplar before and they were going to reach out to Tipton County, because the buses use that road to turn around.

Director Briles said some of the problem is that the road is so narrow and then you have the fact that the rail road right away is right there, it causes an issue of making a turnaround without getting on railroad property.

Alderman Foster said he just needed to know what to tell people as far as a time frame on repairs.

Director Briles said once he is finished with the priority list all of board members will get a copy.

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT: Mr. Mark Daughtery, Brighton Code Enforcement, presented the monthly status report.

Vice Mayor asked about the building next to Brighton Bank. The entire building is empty, she wanted to know if there was anything wrong with the building that Mr. Daughtery knew of.

Chief Max responded the Department had one less position than it did last year. It was so difficult to fill that position, that it was decided to do some things to take care of the officers that they already have.

Chief Max said other issues the Department is having right now is the SRO vehicles are continuously breaking down. The Middle School SRO Car needs a transmission and front end work. The quote to repair that vehicle was between \$10,000 and \$11,000. The High School SRO car that they spent \$8,000 to repair the transmission and brakes last year, was now needing a new motor. The Elementary School SRO car which is the oldest needs several different things done to it. The Department just received the SRO Grant Report from last year back from the State. The Department actually had to pay a portion of that grant back, because all of the money was not spent. The amount paid back to the State was \$7480.20 They bought some equipment that was pricey and raised the SRO officers pay up to get them equivalent to the other officers, but there were some things that they could not put towards the grant that they thought they would be able to. What Chief Max is recommending to the Board is to buy three cars for the SROs with some of the SRO Grant Money.

The Mayor to clarify explained that the Town would pay one Annual Payment on those three vehicles with the SRO Grant Money this year.

Vice Mayor Sartain asked the total of the SRO Grant.

Chief Max responded \$75,000 per school for a total of \$225,000 per year.

Chief Max gave an estimate for each vehicle of \$62,000 and \$64,000 with equipment.

Vice Mayor Sartain said she didn't think that they had a choice, Alderman Foster said he knows one year that they did not add a vehicle and any time that happens, they have vehicles that are not up to par. He said that he thought that it was important to add at least 1 to 2 vehicles every year.

Chief Max said one of the vehicles now on patrol was running 16 hours a day if not more, because of the totaled vehicle. They do have the vehicle in to replace that vehicle, but they are waiting on the exact number for the lighting quote.

Alderman Huffman asked the year models of the three vehicles that needed to be replaced.

Chief Max responded: 2013, 2014 and 2016. Each had between 140,000 to 170,000 miles. The hours on the police vehicles were triple or even quadruple what a normal vehicle would have on them.

Alderman Huffman made the motion to purchase the three vehicles and paying for them with the SRO Grant. Vice Mayor Sartain seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Daughtery, said he has had some interest in the building. One restaurant that was interested, but Brighton does not have the liquor ordinance. Also, the egress entrance is an issue, the fact that you cannot enter that parking lot from the highway, you have to go around to Kenwood to access.

PARKS DEPARTMENT – Brighton Fall Festival will be Saturday October 26th in the park. Registration is open online and in Town Hall.

PLANNING COMMISSION – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 20240813 – To set customer rates for water and sewer service in the Town of Brighton.

Vice Mayor Sartain made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance Number 20240813. Alderman Foster seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

There will be a joint 9/11 ceremony held at the Town of Atoka this year.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Raegan Beasley, 136 Brighton Village Loop, Brighton, TN – was curious about the microphones and if they worked or not.

The Board responded by testing their microphones and they did in fact work.

David Copeland, 4110 Brighton Clopton Rd., Brighton, TN – He wanted to make everyone aware of the Meet the Candidates that would be held September 19, 2024 at 6:00 at the Brighton Town Hall.

Sam Carson, 541 Carrington, Brighton, TN – He addressed concerns in regards to potholes and safety fences.

The board responded.

He said that the night deposit box needs to have a “No Parking” sign. He said there was a member of the staff parked there tonight. He said it was unacceptable.

R.L. Guidry, 15 Michelle Dr., Brighton, TN – He wanted to let the Board know about some things going on in his neighborhood. He listed the numerous health issues he has from serving in the U.S. Military. He said he was given a warning from the Town of Brighton Code Department.

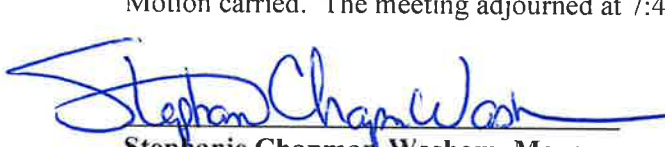
He said that Mr. Daughtery was very courteous and professional in working with him on the issues at his property. He said he is being harassed by his neighbors who think that he is not doing enough to up keep his property. He read a letter that was sent to him from one of his neighbors the Braleys.


The Board responded they appreciated that he let them know what is going on with the situation. Alderman Foster recommended always going through Mark and do not respond to his neighbors directly.

David Tate, 477 Bloomington Dr., Brighton, TN – He just wanted to say that while the Board was giving out a lot of good information, it is very important that the people could hear what was going on.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Sartain made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Foster seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.


Stephanie Chapman-Washam, Mayor


Charity Parimore, Town Recorder