

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

Minutes  
December 3, 2019  
6:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order** – Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call** – City Manager Thornbury called the roll. Mayor Pierce, Vice Mayor Jenó, Commissioner Howell, Commissioner LeCompte and Commissioner Rose were present. Also present were Police Chief Dan Seymour, Finance Director John Alexander, City Recorder Ruth Rohen and those listed on Exhibit A.
- III. **Invocation** – Mayor Pierce gave the Invocation.
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Finance Director John Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. **Consideration of the Minutes for approval or correction:**
  - A. **November 19, 2019 Agenda Work Session**
  - B. **November 19, 2019 Commission Meeting**Commissioner Rose made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as printed, second by Mayor Pierce. Both sets of minutes were approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.
- VI. **Communication from the Mayor**
  - Welcomed all
  - Thanked the Public Works Department for all of the Christmas decorations that have been put up.
- VII. **Commissioners Report**
  - **Vice-Mayor Ruth Jenó**
    - Welcomed everyone
    - Forwarded regrets from State Representative Patsy Hazelwood, she will not be able to attend the Christmas Parade this year.
    - Thanked Public Works for hanging the Christmas decorations.
    - Relayed a compliment to the Police Department from a couple that were recently involved in an accident. Police Officers that responded were very professional and courteous.
    - The Red Bank Food Pantry will be open this Thursday from 12:00 – 2:00. Volunteers and donations are still needed.
  - **Commissioner Tyler Howell**
    - Thanked everyone for coming tonight.
    - Reminded everyone about the Christmas Parade this Friday at 6:00.
    - Thanked City staff for their hard work.
  - **Commissioner Ed LeCompte**
    - Glad to be back at the meeting after a recent illness.
    - Thanked City employees for the work they do.
  - **Commissioner Carol Rose**
    - Welcomed all.
    - Welcomed Commissioner LeCompte back after his recent illness.
    - Advised that the Christmas lights are being installed and tested this week in anticipation of the Christmas Parade on Friday night.

### VIII. City Manager's Report

- Dayton Blvd. from Newberry Street to Morrison Springs Rd. will be closed this Friday beginning at 5:00 p.m. for the Christmas Parade.
- Curb-side loose leaf pick-up has begun.

### IX. Unfinished Business –

#### A. ORDINANCE NO 19-1159 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT HAMILTON COUNTY TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBERS 126C D 012 THROUGH 126C D 015 AND 126F C 028 AND 126F C 028.01, LOCATED AT 201, 205, 207, 209 AND 224 HEDGEWOOD DRIVE AND 123 EVERLY DRIVE, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE ZERO LOT LINE (SECOND AND FINAL READING)

Mayor Pierce advised that this item was discussed at an advertised Public Hearing during the Commission Meeting on November 19, 2019. He advised that the Planning Commission has also reviewed the rezoning request at an advertised Public Hearing and recommended approval. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the ordinance, second by Commissioner LeCompte. There were no citizen comments. **Roll Call Vote: Mayor Pierce “yes”, Vice Mayor Jenó “yes”, Commissioner Howell “yes”, Commissioner LeCompte “yes”, Commissioner Rose “yes”,** Ordinance No. 19-1159 was approved on second and final reading with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

### X. New Business –

#### A. AGENDA ITEM 19-849 – PRESENTATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 AUDIT REPORT BY BRIAN WRIGHT OF JOHNSON, MURPHY AND WRIGHT

Mayor Pierce invited Brian Wright forward. Mr. Wright gave an overview of the city's financial information including revenues, expenditures and fund balances for the various City Funds. He explained that all funds are in good financial shape with only the Stormwater Fund operating at a deficit of \$708.00. Mr. Wright thanked the Commission for allowing his firm to conduct the audit and thanked Finance Director John Alexander, City Recorder Ruth Rohen and City Staff for all their help during the audit process.

#### B. ORDINANCE NO. 19-1160 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE, TO PLACE AN ENFORCEMENT MORATORIUM UPON, AND FOR A STATED PERIOD OF TIME, SUSPEND THE RED BANK DESIGN REVIEW ORDINANCE. ORDINANCE NOS. 17-1090 AND 19-1143 (FIRST READING)

Mayor Pierce advised that this ordinance, if approved, will suspend the Design Review Ordinance for a time period of up to one year. He explained that the overall intent of the standards are to increase the quality of life and livability of citizens, but that in some instances there has been and continues to be inconveniences and hardships placed on current and potential commercial property owners and in some cases may have resulted in losses of potential business expansion or new businesses. Commissioner Rose advised that she had some reservation about this ordinance, but was advised in the preceding Agenda Work Session tonight that there are regulations in the zoning ordinance that address her concerns. Vice Mayor Jenó advised that the intent is to work through the Design Review standards and adopt new regulations as soon as possible. Commissioner LeCompte made a motion to approve the ordinance, second by Vice Mayor Jenó. Mayor Pierce invited citizen comments:

- **David Hafley, 4621 Hunter Trail**, Asked how long the moratorium would last and was advised one year or until new standards are adopted, whichever occurs earlier.

There were no further comments or questions. **Roll Call Vote: Mayor Pierce “yes”, Vice Mayor Jenó “yes”, Commissioner Howell “yes”, Commissioner LeCompte “yes”, Commissioner Rose “yes”.** Ordinance NO. 19-1160 was approved on first reading with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

**C. ORDINANCE NO. 19-1161 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE, TO PLACE A MORATORIUM UPON AND FOR A STATED PERIOD OF TIME SUSPEND THE OPERATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF RED BANK CITY CODE, SECTION 9-845(2)(C) WITH RESPECT TO REMOVAL OF “POLE SIGNS” IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES (FIRST READING)**

Mayor Pierce advised that one of the intents of the sign ordinance is to eventually eliminate pole signs within the city. He explained that there have been several discussion and recommendations of how to achieve this goal. He explained that this ordinance, if approved, will allow businesses to continue using their existing pole sign and will allow new businesses to use existing pole signs. He advised that there have been discussions about time periods that will be allowed for removal of pole signs and notification to business owners and property owners regarding public meetings prior to adoption of a new ordinance. Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the ordinance, second by Mayor Pierce. There were no citizen comments. **Roll Call Vote: Mayor Pierce “yes”, Vice Mayor Jeno “yes”, Commissioner Howell “yes”, Commissioner LeCompte “yes”, Commissioner Rose “yes”.** Ordinance No. 19-1161 was approved on first reading with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

**XI. Citizen Comments –**

- **David Hafley, 4621 Hunter Trail**, Complimented the City for great comments published in the Chattanooga Times recently about the Red Bank Police and Fire Departments. Thanked the Public Works Department for hanging the Christmas decorations, everything looks great.
- **Ray Towers, 212 Woodrow Avenue**, Advised that the fence around his yard backs up to Ashland Terrace and that it has been knocked down several times by vehicles traveling sown Ashland Terrace. He requested a guardrail or some other type barrier be installed by the city to protect his fence.

**XII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31p.m.

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Mayor Eddie Pierce

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City Recorder Ruth Rohen