

**Regular Meeting of the
Cornersville Board of Mayor
and Aldermen
August 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**



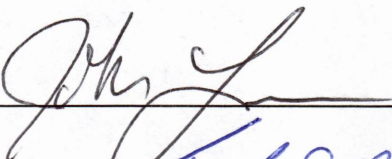
Those Participating: Mayor John Luna, Alderman Mary Johnson, Alderman Doris Arthur, Alderman Sheryl McClintock, Alderman Janice Kerber, Town Attorney Billy Ostermann, Town Administrator Taylor Brandon, and Chief Mark Chandler

1. **Luna called the meeting to order.**
2. **Luna led the Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Arthur said the Invocation**
4. **Approval of the Financials:** Johnson made a motion to approve the financials as presented. McClintock seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any discussion and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion.
5. **Approval of the Minutes:** Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kerber seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any discussion and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion.
6. **Citizens Comments:** Mayor Luna moved Citizens Comments to number six on the agenda. Kayla Smith, 104 Terry Lane, stated she wants to keep her pot belly pig in her backyard of her house.
7. **Ordinance 23-296 Livestock in Town Limits/Nuisance – First Reading:** Ostermann stated if approved, a permit application needs to be established for the Town Administrator to investigate. If the Town Administrator finds there is no permit, the resident is in violation of the ordinance and will be cited. Johnson asked if signed complaints should be required. Ostermann stated signed complaints would not be included for Ordinance 23-296. A different ordinance could be adopted in a general manner, not just livestock. McClintock asked if certain residents would be exempt from the permit requirement. Brandon stated there are no exemptions; all residents are required to get a permit. McClintock asked about a permit fee. Ostermann stated the Board of Mayor and Alderman will have to set a fee of \$25.00. Brandon stated there should be a set number of days to remedy a violation before violators are cited. Johnson made a motion to table Ordinance 23-296 until September 2023 for development of a new draft and a complaint form. Kerber seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any other discussion and there was none. Luna called for a vote and all voted in favor of the motion.

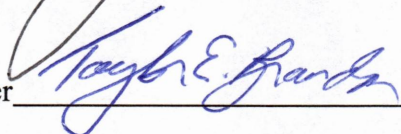
- 8. Resolution 23-297 Public Hearing for Annexation of Glenn Property 2180 Cornersville Hwy:** Kerber made a motion to hold a public hearing for the annexation of property at 2180 Cornersville Hwy. Johnson Seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any discussion and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion.
- 9. Ordinance 23-298 Enforcement of Rules of the Road – First Reading:** Brandon stated traffic violations of state statutes must be held in General Sessions Court. Ordinance 23-298 adopts the state traffic statutes as town ordinance violations, which can be heard in the Cornersville Municipal Court. Additionally, the ordinance allows police officers to enforce the Rules of the Road according to the rules promulgated by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security. The ordinance allows Cornersville police officers to enforce the Rules of the Road on I-65 between the mile markers of 26.8 and 27.8. All criminal offenses will be heard in Marshall County General Sessions Court or Marshall County Circuit Court. Kerber made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-298 Enforcement of Rules of the Road on First Reading. Johnson seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any discussion and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion.
- 10. Ordinance 23-299 Approving Court Policies – First Reading:** Brandon mentioned Exhibit A of the ordinance, which states the Town Recorder can be the Town Judge if he/she is a licensed attorney. If the regular Town Judge or a designee does not appear and the Town Recorder discloses any conflicts of interest, the Town Recorder can adjudicate the case. Brandon stated he wants to increase the base court cost from \$175.00 to \$200.00. Luna stated he was appointing Beth Vick as Court Clerk by recommendation of Town Administrator Taylor Brandon. Johnson made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 23-299. McClintock seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any discussion and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion.
- 11. Ordinance 23-300 Removal of Trash Cans – First Reading:** Arthur asked who would be responsible for enforcement. Brandon stated any employee of the Town of Cornersville by issuing a paper flyer on the tote if it is not taken off the street by the Friday morning after pickup on Wednesday. Kerber made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 23-300. Arthur seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any discussion and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion.
- 12. Other Business:**
- (A) Update of survey properties of Margaret Allen (Bubba Allen) and old water treatment plant: Brandon stated the survey is complete on the water treatment plant. The Allen property is complicated. The initial survey of the Allen property indicated the house may be partially on town property.
 - (B) Underwood, Polk and East Hill revised bid and authorization to contract: Brandon stated he had to scale back on the bid twice. The second bid came in at \$543,525.00 and after discussion with Rogers Group it was then scaled back to \$483,000. He stated \$281,000.00 will come from American Rescue Plan Funds. Brandon requested borrowing the remainder of the funds to preserve reserves. Kerber made a motion to approve the Rogers Group bid and not to exceed \$500,000.00. McClintock seconded the motion.

- (C) Fairview Ave cul-de-sac: Brandon stated the Town will be working with a different contractor than Rogers Group. The rock/gravel will cost \$4,500.00 and the estimated equipment rental is \$12,600.00. The contractor and his equipment are estimated at \$10,000.00. This money will come from the Street Fund. Johnson made a motion to approve \$27,100.00 for the Fairview Ave street addition/cul-de-sac. Arthur second the motion. Luna asked if there was any discussion and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion.
- (D) South Park Street sidewalk layout: Brandon asked if the Board wanted parallel parking or nose-in parking. Johnson made a motion to approve the sidewalk with 45-degree parking for 17 spots on South Park Street. Kerber seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any discussion and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion.
- (E) Declare Ford Ranger Public Works truck as surplus equipment: Kerber made a motion declaring the Ford Ranger as surplus equipment. Johnson seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any discussion and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion.
- (F) Cypress Café and Master Wok opening: Brandon reminded everyone the Cypress Café is now open and business is doing well. Master Wok, two doors south of Town Hall, should be opening in a month or two.
- (G) Ordinance 23-295 Personnel Policy – Second Reading: Brandon stated he had to put off the Second Reading for Ordinance 23-295 until the September 7, 2023 meeting due to time restraints on his part.
- (H) Trina Rios, Chairperson of the Cornersville Events Committee stated Halloween in Park will be the Saturday October 28, 2023, and Christmas on Main Street will be Saturday, December 2, 2023.

Kerber made a motion to adjourn and McClintock seconded the motion.

Mayor or Vice Mayor 

Date 8-3-2023

Town Administrator/ Recorder 

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