

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday, February 3, 2025**  
**6 PM**

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTIES (Tax Map 172, PARCELS 9.00, 9.03, & 9.35) LOCATED ON BLACKMON ST AND OWNED BY GOLCONDA LP AND THE CITY OF MEDINA, RESPECTIVELY, FROM R-1 (LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-1A (MEDIUM-DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).**

Mayor Betts opened the public hearing. There were no comments or concerns. Kevin Clark, the developer of the Golconda Property, stated that there would be no apartments or duplexes on this property. With no further response, Mayor Betts closed the public hearing.

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING**  
**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**  
**CITY OF MEDINA, TENNESSEE**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday, February 3, 2025**  
**6:10 PM**

- **CALL TO ORDER**  
Mayor Betts called the meeting to order and determined a quorum.  
Present were Kevin Painter, Marc Murdaugh, and Angi Mathenia.
- **OPENING CEREMONIES**
  - A. Invocation was given by Marc Murdaugh.
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Painter.
  - C. Mayor Betts welcomed everyone in attendance.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING January 6, 2025**  
Alderman Murdaugh made a motion to approve minutes of January 6, 2025 as written. Alderman Painter seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
- **SWEARING IN OF NEW ALDERMAN FULFILLING THE 2 YEAR TERM VACATED BY SCOTTIE BETTS**  
Mayor Scottie Betts sworn in Andrew Rhodes as Alderman of the City of Medina for the remaining term of February 2025- November 2026.

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR February 3, 2025**

Alderman Mathenia made the motion to approve the February 3, 2025 agenda as written with the inclusion of the emergency siren update. Alderman Painter seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- **REPORTS**

- A. Parks and Recreation / Public Works-

Mike Hutcherson reported the replacement soccer nets have been installed, the storage shed has new metal roof in place. Spring sports will be starting soon.

- B. Fire Chief-

Mark Cleveland reported 23 calls for the month of January with 18 being medical calls and 5 fire calls. He asked the board for acceptance of a new Fire Department policy that establishes a daily volunteer tour-of-duty schedule for volunteer firefighters to work on specific fire department apparatus for an assigned shift in order to assist in providing for an effective, immediate response. The pay would be \$25 per 12-hour shift signed on for by the fireman. All aldermen received a copy of policy. The annual cost would be approximately \$23,400. The current budget would not be affected too much due to change in Chief Cleveland and Asst Chief Simpson status and the funds remaining in Lou Of timetable. He also explained the ISO rating currently and how this will help to achieve a better rating as well as a guaranteed better response time of an emergency. He wants to implement this change immediately. Alderman Murdaugh made a motion to approve the daily volunteer tour-of-duty schedule with a cost of \$25 per shift sign-on. Alderman Mathenia seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- C. Building Inspector-

Matt Brown reported 11 building permits, 9 plumbing permits, and 1 sign permit for the month of January. He also notified the board that the severe weather sirens have been inspected by Area Wide and the one downtown is operable but the one on Blackmon St is not operable. After inspection, there are 2 quotes for a replacement siren. The quotes from Area Wide is for one fixing the siren at a cost of \$24,641.94 and replacing with a new siren system which will be electrically connected at a cost of \$31,719.89 with additional cost of pole installed by Gibson Electric. After discussion with City Attorney Michael Hill verifying that action could be taken without bidding out project due to the emergency situation of the siren necessitating the board to act quickly and that Area Wide Communications is the company that works on county and city emergency equipment, Alderman Painter made the motion to approve purchasing the new system at a cost of \$35,000 which includes additional cost for pole and installation by Gibson Electric. Alderman Rhodes seconded the motion and motion passed 5-0.

- D. Interim Police Chief-

Phillip Kemper reported 6 arrests, 281 calls for service, 67 citations, and 1411 camera citations for the month of January. He noted he was in his third week of employment and his leadership style is one of stability and coaching to support

team players. Last month, Steven Snow was hired as patrolman. He has currently hired Aden Fountain as a new patrolman, and he introduced R.Jay Phelps who will be starting the first of March as Lt. He has 30 years of experience and FBI National Academy training accreditation. He serves as Captain at New Johnsonville currently. He reported the department has 11 full-time staff and only 1 full-time position left to fulfill and with that, the department can take time to fill that position in that they are not short staffed even with that position open.

He reviewed the assessment received of the police department noting were the department has room for improvement. He agrees and will implement hands on training rather than V-Academy virtual training as a primary source. He recommends changing one of the Lt position to 2 Sgt positions to safeguard all shifts have a supervisor. This does not increase the manpower just distributes an extra supervisor rank. Alderman Painter made a motion to approve to increase rank to 2 Sgts and eliminate 1 Lt. rank. Alderman Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Interim Chief Kemper discussed the current equipment status. The tasers the department has are obsolete and two are not functionable- they have not had support capability since 2023. Quote received for purchasing 6 is approximately \$29,000 not including cartridges. Technology changes every five years for this type of equipment. He is getting information on these for called meeting to review including purchasing options.

He reviewed firearm status noting concern that the officers do not carry city issued firearms. He wants consideration of purchasing city issued firearms along with a policy for standard operating procedures. He will get pricing and specifications for firearms for board review.

He lastly asked consideration for city issued cell phones for officers and staff so they would not be using their personal phones for police correspondence, pictures, and hotspots for their vehicle computers. He contacted AT & T and Verizon for 17 phones which would run \$715 per month. This would decrease the existing budget \$175 for cell phone dept head use compensation and the existing Verizon bill for one phone at a rate of \$45 per month for a total decrease of \$220; therefore, costing an additional cost of \$495 monthly only.

A called meeting will be set to further review these requests along with review of upcoming year police department budget within next couple of weeks.

Alderman Mathenia asked how many officers are allotted for police department and she was told 12.

E. Recorder/Treasurer-

Kim Gilley noted that insurance audit is upcoming. She also noted that she wants to hold the budget workshop for police first and then follow-on later date for fire/parks/public works. She introduced Jake Winters of City Engineer firm of TLM Associates to update on park grant.

Jake Winters reported that the 2023 Park Grant has been submitted for advertisement to bid. On February 25, 2025, the bids will be opened, and 120

days will start to complete the project. This project includes 2 pickleball courts and an all-inclusive playground at Medina. He updated the public on Downtown Grant. This is a TDOT grant that was awarded 2018 for downtown streetscape improvements. The public asked to have a meeting to see the plans and what it provides for the area.

- **CITIZENS INPUT**

Mayor Betts asked for any citizen's input. He encouraged anyone to voice their concerns or opinions. There were no comments or concerns.

- **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTIES (TAX MAP 172, PARCELS 9.00, 9.03&9.35) LOCATED ON BLACKMON STREET AND OWNED BY GOLCONDA LP AND THE CITY OF MEDINA, RESPECTIVELY, FROM R-1 (LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-1A (MEDINA-DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).**

Alderman Rhodes made a motion to approve second reading of ordinance to rezone properties stated from R-1 to R-1A. Alderman Murdaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- **APPLICATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE OLD MEDINA WINE & SPIRITS FOR SARAH WORRELL AS AN HEIR OF HER FATHER, LYNN WORRELL'S BUSINESS**

Alderman Mathenia made motion to approve application of certificate of compliance Old Medina Wine and for Sarah Worrell. Alderman Murdaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- **BOARD MEMBERS AND MAYOR REPORTS AND CONCERNS**

Angi Mathenia	None
Kevin Painter	None
Marc Murdaugh	None
Andrew Rhodes	Thanked board for confidence in him to hold the alderman position.

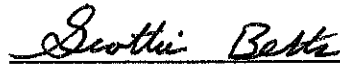
Mayor Betts	He designated Kevin Painter as Alderman liaison for Parks, Andrew Rhodes as Alderman liaison for police, Marc Murdaugh as Alderman liaison for Fire Dept, and Angi Mathenia as Alderman Liaison for Street Department.
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Mayor Betts addressed the Social Media posts and asked anyone who has questions about city issues to call city hall from 8 am- 5 pm and staff will be glad to help answer any questions. He expressed that these untrue posts are hurting our city. We want people to live here, open a business here and these posts are painting an

untrue picture of our city. We want to build up our city not tear it down. We are here to serve.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Mayor Scottie Betts

  
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Kim Gilley, City Recorder