

City considers nonprofit, civic donations for upcoming year

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Nonprofit and civic organizations could share \$318,800 in donations for fiscal year 2018-19.

That amount is currently under consideration by the city of McMinnville.

The Finance Committee has unanimously approved distributing those funds. However, the measure requires approval by the full Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Several increases have been made.

Meals on Wheels requested \$10,000 – double what was allocated last year.

“I’m wondering about this with all the funds they get from the Back to the Strip thing,” said Alderman Everett Brock. “For a while they told us they could get by without it.”

Alderman Ryle Chastain stated, “I wouldn’t care to meet them halfway.”

Committee members approved \$7,500.

Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency requested \$4,221. Of that, the city is required to pay \$2,721 in dues.

“They’ve started a meal program,” said Alderman Kate Alsbrook in regard to the additional \$1,500.

Committee members approved \$3,000.

Warren County Emergency Food Bank requested \$4,000. It

GOING UP?
PROPOSED INCREASES

WCTE-TV -- \$9,000, up \$3,000
Sister Cities -- \$8,500, up \$1,000
Meals on Wheels -- \$7,500, up \$2,500
Food Bank -- \$4,000, up \$1,500

received \$2,500 last year. The additional funds were approved.

“I tend to think they could probably use the increase,” said Brock.

Sister Cities program, a student exchange effort with Mikawa, Japan, requested \$10,000. Last year, the city provided \$7,500.

“The years when they travel over there, it exceeds the amount,” said Chamber of Commerce president Mandy Eller, in explaining the need for additional funding. “It’s like we are always in arrears.” Since 1993, students have alternately traveled to Japan or to McMinnville for a visit and experience with host families.

This year, students from Mikawa will come here.

Committee members approved \$8,500.

Other approved increases: Families in Crisis \$8,000 up from \$7,500; Young Men United \$4,500 up from \$3,500; Kids of the Community \$9,000 up from \$8,500; Upper Cumberland Broadcast Council (WCTE-TV) \$9,000 up from \$6,000; and Caring Hearts United \$7,000 up from \$6,000.

Warren County Chamber of Commerce requested \$99,700 for tourism, \$5,500 in dues, and \$10,000 for the Citizens for Progress Scholarship Fund. All were approved.

The tourism donation does not include the Tourism Development Board allocation because that board is not a nonprofit.

Books from Birth requested less financial assistance. Organizers asked for \$8,500 – down from \$10,000 given last year – and the committee approved it.

Donations remaining unchanged:

- Magness Library \$58,000
- Main Street McMinnville \$40,000
- Warren County Senior Center \$27,000
- Rescue Squad \$5,942
- UCD District Assessment \$2,858

New to the city’s allocation is Upper Cumberland Reconnect Community which requested \$800. The effort is an awareness program for Tennessee Reconnect, an education program aimed at helping adults earn a postsecondary degree or credential.

The request was approved.



Twist & shout



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The West Lawn of Security Federal was like an “Octopus’ Garden” on Friday night when Forever Abbey Road performed in front of a “Strawberry Field” of lawn chairs. The Beatles cover band had the crowd singing “Hey Jude” to end the performance. The Main Street Live summer concert series continues this Friday with Utopia, a show which was rescheduled from earlier this year due to inclement weather.

State appeals federal ruling

NASHVILLE (AP) — Tennessee is appealing a landmark federal court ruling that says it’s unconstitutional for the state to revoke or suspend driver’s licenses over unpaid court costs.

David Purkey, commissioner of the state Department of Safety and Homeland Security, filed a notice of appeal Wednesday, *The Tennessean* reported. The motion asks the U.S. Court of Appeals to review U.S. District Judge Aleta

Trauger’s ruling from earlier this month.

Trauger concluded the revocations are powerfully counterproductive and deprive constitutional due process and equal protection.

Her ruling could have wider implications for dozens of other states, since more than 40 allow similar suspensions.

In a court filing, the state says it’s not revoking any licenses due to unpaid court fees and has adminis-

tratively lifted about 237,000 revocations affecting about 118,000 drivers. Older revocations that predate the current computer system are being manually lifted when drivers contact the state, the filing says.

The state is requesting a temporary halt, pending appeal, on its 60-day deadline from the date of the ruling to submit plans for lifting revocations, including automatic reinstatement where legally appropriate.

Nashville police officer shoots, kills man

NASHVILLE (AP) — Tennessee authorities say they’re investigating the fatal shooting of a 25-year-old man by a Nashville police officer during a traffic stop.

News outlets report the shooting occurred Thursday evening on a sidewalk beside an apartment complex.

The TBI, which is investigating, identified the deceased as Daniel Hambrick.

Metro Nashville police identified the officer who shot Hambrick as 25-year-old Andrew Delke.

Police spokesman Don Aaron says the officer has been placed on “routine administrative leave.”

TBI spokesman Josh DeVine says authorities believe that during the traffic stop, Hambrick “reportedly emerged from the vehicle with a

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firearm in his hand” and the “situation escalated,” resulting in Delke firing his gun multiple times.

NASHVILLE — Special agents with the TBI have obtained an indictment against a former Robertson County youth pastor accused of having inappropriate sexual contact with a minor.

In September 2017, at the request of 19th District Attorney General John Carney, TBI special agents began investigating allegations of sexual misconduct involving James Clinton Jones, 38. During the course of the investigation, agents developed information Jones, while serving as a youth pastor, had inappropriate sexual

contact with a female child.

Last week, the Robertson County grand jury returned an indictment charging Jones with one count of sexual contact with a minor – sexual contact by an authority figure. Friday afternoon, he was arrested and booked at Robertson County Jail on \$10,000 bond.

GREENEVILLE (AP) — A federal jury has convicted an ex-U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs worker of defrauding a disabled and incompetent veteran of \$680,000-plus. U.S. Attorney Doug Overbey’s office says 44-year-old Jonesborough

resident Kenneth Richard Devore was convicted this week of wire fraud, mail fraud, financial conflict of interest, stealing public money and false statements.

Prosecutors say that as a VA field examiner, Devore convinced a Knoxville veteran in 2015 he needed a will, named himself sole beneficiary and forged the veteran’s initials.

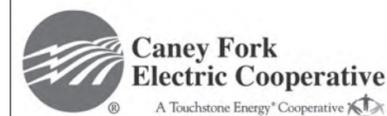
Prosecutors say Devore was forced to resign, but got a job at the National Background Investigations Bureau by lying about his employment and education history. His sentencing is Nov. 5.



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CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Bill Locke ruled on the following cases in Traffic Court.

Laura B. Denniss was ordered to serve five days of an 11-month, 29-day sentence for DUI, driving while license revoked second offense, and simple possession.

Crystal Gail Spain was ordered to serve 48 hours of an 11-29 sentence for simple possession. She was also given 24 hours public service work.

Thomas Turner was ordered to serve 10 days of an 11-29 sentence for harassment and driving on a suspended license. He also had probation revoked for violation of probation.

Maria Jesus Carrion was ordered to serve 48 hours for driving without

a license and leaving the scene of an accident.

Brittani Allison Ivie was ordered to serve 15 days for violation of probation and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Beverly R. McKeel was ordered to serve 120 days, pay a \$1,100 fine, and had her driver license revoked for six years for third-offense DUI.

Wallace J. Rhea was ordered to serve 30 days of an 11-29 sentence and pay a \$750 fine for possession of schedule II and III drugs.

Shelley Maples was ordered to serve 48 hours of an 11-29 sentence, pay a \$350 fine and perform 24 hours public service work for DUI. She was also given 30 days for violation of probation.

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