

# ALDERMEN WEIGH IN ON ALDERMAN SEAT CANDIDATES

**QUESTION:** Any member of McMinnville's Board of Mayor and Aldermen can nominate an individual for consideration to fill a vacant alderman position. Do you have an individual you would like to nominate?



**EVERETT BROCK**

"Rachel Kirby. The board should hold interviews which would allow us to gain insight into all nominees' knowledge of board activities and their vision for the future of McMinnville."



**BEN NEWMAN**

"I have a couple of people in mind but I have not decided on one specific person yet that I would like to nominate. I need to speak with them more about it."



**KATE ALSBROOK**

"Dan Sellers and Rachel Kirby have both reached out to me personally and expressed an interest in sitting on the board."



**MIKE NEAL**

"I do have someone I would like to nominate but I need to talk to them and make sure they want to serve."



**RYLE CHASTAIN**

"I have had an individual express interest, but they are still deciding as to whether or not to seek appointment and do not wish to be identified at this time."



**STEVE HARVEY**

"Yes, I do have an individual in mind that I would like to nominate. However, I am not ready to provide a name at this time."

## CORRECTION

Sitting Commission Tyrone Sparkman also attended training for County Commissioners last week in Murfreesboro. His name was not included in Wednesday's story.

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# Aldermen discuss how to fill seat vacancy

BY LISA HOBBS  
Reporter for the Southern Standard  
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

One elected official is attempting to shed some light on an appointment process looming before the McMinnville Board of Mayor and Aldermen to fill a vacant position.

Mayor Jimmy Haley announced on Tuesday night he will be submitting his resignation this week.

Vice Mayor Ben Newman will automatically be mayor and get sworn in at a later date.

Newman's promotion leaves a vacant spot that remaining board members must fill. No exact date has been set for someone to be appointed.

Alderman Everett Brock requested the selection process be a public one and not conducted in private out of concern for the wrong person being selected, a situation he said has happened in the past.

"Over the next couple or three weeks or however long it takes, we are going to be adding someone to this board," said Brock.

"Based upon the past ... I'm not sure how I want to say it, but based upon on past track record with appointees to the board, I would like to suggest that we, not only make motions about who we would like to see on the board, which we are going to do, but I would like to also conduct an interview process to be held after nominations are made."

Brock said he would like to be able to question potential board members.

"The public doesn't have to ask be allowed to ask questions, but we can ask questions for the public," said Brock. "I would like to see what some of them have to say."

According to Tennessee Code Annotated, any member of the board can present a nominee for consideration. TCA does allow the mayor a second vote to break a tie.

"All such elections by the board shall be made by voice vote, on the calling of the roll. If a tie vote occurs in filling a vacancy on the board, the presiding officer shall vote a second time to break the tie," TCA says.



Lisa Hobbs photo

**Jimmy Haley was sworn in as Warren County Executive on Thursday at 1 p.m. The oath of office was administered by state Sen. Janice Bowling at Warren County Administrative Offices on Locust Street.**

After the meeting, Newman said the appointment process is not time sensitive and board members will decide when is best.

"The board will need to decide if it wants to appoint someone to fill the vacant alderman position ASAP, wait until a later meeting, or

appoint a replacement after the aldermanic election," said Newman of the upcoming election Nov. 6. "Each scenario has its pros and cons for the city. In the first, the current board decides who the newly elected - unknown if the incumbents remain or not - board will work with. The second

allows the board more time to speak to people who may be a good fit for the position while the last scenario allows the newly elected board members to participate in the process."

No decision was made on Brock's request to offer a public interview of all nominees.

## OBITUARIES

### William Christopher Wood



LTC William Christopher Wood, retired, husband of Sheree McDole Wood, passed away Sunday, Aug. 26.

Born in Oakland, Calif., he was the son of the late Roy and Ruby Wold Wood. An MBA graduate of Bellarmine, he was an avid outdoorsman, whether hunting, fishing or camping and enjoyed golf and tennis.

In addition to his wife of 41 years, he is survived by his children Karaline Wood, William Winston (Jessica) Wood and Forrest Wood; sisters Jeanine (Jack) Jacobs, Cindy (Brad) Maclean and Helma (Jerry) Clark; and grandchildren Liam and George Wood.

Graveside service with military honors will be 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31, at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North, Williamstown, Ky. A celebration of life to honor LTC Wood will be 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Yuko-En on the Elkhorn. Online condolences can be sent to [www.johnsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.johnsonfuneralhome.com).

Johnson's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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### Sharon Jane Duncan Womack, 71

Mrs. Sharon Jane Duncan Womack, 71, of McMinnville died Thursday, Aug. 30, at Saint Thomas West Hospital in Nashville.

She was born Jan. 19, 1947, in McMinnville, and was a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend. A leader in her community and church, she was the family matriarch and celebrated cook and always was known for her hugs and kisses. Mrs. Womack was a longtime member of Lucky CIC and Providence Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents Hill Duncan and Shirley Dell Eldridge Parker.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years John Thomas (Tommy) Womack, children Janet (Lynn) Blair and Jonathan (Shelly) Womack, grandchildren Tyler (Leia) Blair, Dylan Blair, Chalee Womack and Jon Collin Womack, great-grandchildren Leilynn Smith and Ryder Blair, sister Mercalene Rigsby, brother Curtis Duncan, siblings-in-law Ann (Richard) Walker, Marie Mabe, Ruth (Wayne) Walker, Jimmy (Gail) Womack, Linda Whitlock, Marylou (Don) Woodlee, Helen (Garry) Gillentine and David (Louise) Womack. Many nieces, nephews, family members and friends also survive.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, at Providence Baptist Church. Bro. Jackie Matheny and Bro. Jerry Womack will officiate. Interment will follow at Providence Cemetery with Bro. Jimmy Womack and Bro. Tommy Womack officiating at graveside. The Womack family will receive friends Saturday from 2 to 8 p.m., and again Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McMinnville Funeral Home.

McMinnville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 473-6606

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