

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE
COMMISSION MEETING**

Record of Minutes of Regular Meeting Date September 26, 2016 Sheet No. 1 of 6

A regular meeting of the Etowah City Commission was held on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 723 Ohio Avenue, Etowah, Tennessee. Members present were; Commissioner Burke Garwood, Commissioner David James, Mayor Gene Keller, and Vice-Mayor Jim Swayne and Commissioner Jason Cardin. Also present were Recording Secretary Eva Valentine, Finance Director Rebecca Penney, and Interim City Manager Mike Tallent.

Mayor Gene Keller called the meeting to order followed by Public Works Director, Billy Ingram leading the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Burke Garwood to approve the previous minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, August 22, 2016 and Commissioner David James seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jason Cardin to approve the previous minutes of the special called meeting previously held on Thursday, September 8, 2016, and Vice-Mayor Jim Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jim Swayne to approve the previous minutes of the special called meeting previously held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, and Mayor Keller seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burke Garwood to approve the previous minutes of the special called meeting previously held on Thursday, September 22, 2016, and Commissioner David James seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

(a.) First Reading and Passage of Ordinance 793

ORDINANCE NO. 793

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 785, THE CAPTION OF WHICH IS "AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ETOWAH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017", BY ADJUSTING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THE VARIOUS FUNDS TO ASSURE EACH

**FUND REFLECTS SUFFICIENT MONIES TO CONCLUDE THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 2016.**

Vice-Mayor Swayne made a motion to approve Ordinance 793 and Commissioner David James seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**(b.) Re-Appointment of Paul Barnett and Jim Caldwell to Historical
Commission**

Vice-Mayor Swayne made a motion to reappoint Paul Barnett and Jim Caldwell to the Etowah Historical Commission and Commissioner Garwood seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

(c.) Approval to Solicit Bids for Splash Pad Recirculation

Commissioner Garwood made a motion to approve the solicitation of bids for the Splash Pad Recirculation project and Mayor Gene Keller seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

(d.) First Reading and Passage of Ordinance 794

ORDINANCE NO. 794

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 786, THE CAPTION OF WHICH IS "AN
ORDINANCE MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE ETOWAH CITY SCHOOL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017", BY ADJUSTING EXPENDITURES IN
VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.**

Vice-Mayor Swayne made a motion to approve Ordinance 794 and Commissioner David James seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

(a.) Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance 790

ORDINANCE # 790

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE TO SET MINIMUM
SQUARE FOOTAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES IN THE
RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE**

Commissioner Garwood made a motion to approve Ordinance 790 and Vice-Mayor Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote with Commissioner James voting no.

(a.) Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance 791

ORDINANCE 791

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE III SECTION 32.03 SUBSECTION (B) OF THE ETOWAH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT THAT IS CHARGED FOR COURT COSTS

Vice-Mayor Swayne made a motion to approve Ordinance 791 and Commissioner Jason Cardin seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

(b.) Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance 792

ORDINANCE 792

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ETOWAH MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE XI, CHAPTER 115, ALCOHOL, SECTION 115.36

Commissioner Garwood made a motion to approve Ordinance 792 and Commissioner James seconded the motion and motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote with Commissioner Cardin voting no.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Update on Depot Stage Tourism Grant--We are currently waiting on the State to send us the Grant Contract for this grant so we can begin working with an engineer on developing construction and bid documents. Interim City Manager, Mike Tallent has been working with the County Mayor to get a letter of support for Matching Grant funds for this project that the state has requested.
2. Update on Depot Sprinklers- This project has been completed, with the exception of adding a heat source to the basement. When weather starts to turn colder we will add a small electric heater to the basement to regulate the temperature.
3. Library Bicycle Racks - The library bike rack has been installed on the same pad as the book returns. It will hold six bicycles.
4. Old Barn/Shed Demo Progress -All of the items previously stored in the building have been removed. We carefully removed the old office and tool room, salvaging nearly all of the lumber and plywood constructing the rooms. We have also removed the old hanging heaters, which were in disrepair and will be recycled. We will be stripping the wiring and conduit over the next few days and working more to remove salvageable lumber from inside the facility. We are on schedule to begin demolition of the structure with the conclusion of the Knights home football schedule. We have received 5-6 poles from Etowah Utilities and are in communication with Etowah Utilities for more poles. We have also lined out secondary sources for poles pending Etowah Utilities delivering of poles.
5. Elevator Negotiations are underway and will hopefully have more information for October meeting.
6. Alley Paving Update for 800 Block PA Ave. The property owner has decided the project is cost prohibited and will not be pursuing any further.
7. Need Volunteers to Recover Bricks Due to Demo of 618 TN Avenue.

- 8 Camera System Installed in Library Parks and Recreation Staff has installed the surveillance system inside the library that was purchased in last fiscal years' budget. This system provides coverage for all of the areas of the library including the children's room.
- 9 Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off @ McMinn County High School October 1 from 9-1 — (flyer included in packet)
- 10 Week of October 17th – October 21st-McMinn County Clean Up Week City of Etowah Litter Pick-Up Date is October 19th (flyer in packet)
11. Boy Scout Lodge Carpenter Ant Problem Controlled
- 12 Commissioner City Tour, Saturday, October 1st, 8:00am—Noon (Lunch will be served) To be rescheduled to include new city manager in tour.
- 13 City Manager Candidate Residency Issue

Vice-Mayor Swayne made a motion to add candidate number 3 to the interview process for the open city manager position and Commissioner James seconded the motion and motion carried with four (4) votes in favor and one (1) pass by Commissioner Garwood.

14 Etowah won SEDD 2016 Project of the Year for Affordable Housing

- 1) PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
 - a. President of the Friends of the Library Board, Ms. Helen Mullins, residing at 111 C.R. 849, Etowah, TN, came before the Commission to stress the need and importance of the elevator for the Etowah Carnegie Library and the funding from the Presbyterian Church will be in jeopardy if we do not have a solution to the handicapped accessibility issue very soon. She also mentioned the possibility of a low interest loan that is now available through the Rural Development District.
 - b. Ms. Diane Truelove came before the Commission to bring attention to the fire hydrant issue located at corner of North Georgia and Lawrence Street.
 - c. Ms. Anne Abbott came before the Commission to invite everyone to the Mizz Etowah Pageant to benefit the Etowah Senior Center to be held on Saturday, October 1st at 7 pm at the Gem Theatre.
 - d. Ms. Cat Pate, Etowah business owner came before the Commission to express her support for the proposed elevator for the Etowah Carnegie Library.

2) UNSCHEDULED ITEMS

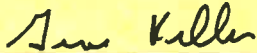
Commissioner James commented on the broken sidewalks located at Georgia Avenue and Seventh and Eighth Streets.

Commissioner Garwood expressed his concern that Title Cities had access to both the state and federal CDBG grants.

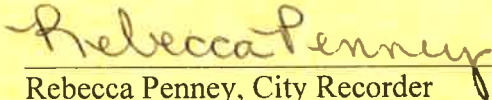
Vice-Mayor Swayne inquired about the status of the repairs on the grapple truck and City Manager Tallent stated the City of Athens had graciously loaned us a truck and driver last week and we are expecting the parts to repair the City's truck within the next day or so.

3) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Garwood to adjourn the meeting and Vice-Mayor Jim Swayne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

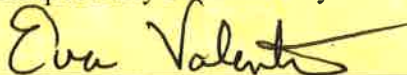


Gene Keller, Mayor



Rebecca Penney, City Recorder

Respectfully submitted by:



Eva Valentine, Recording Secretary