

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE
COMMISSION MEETING**

Record of Minutes of Regular **Meeting Date** February 22, 2016 **Sheet No. 1 of 3**

A regular meeting of the Etowah City Commission was held on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 723 Ohio Avenue, Etowah, Tennessee. Members present were; Mayor Burke Garwood, Vice-Mayor David James, Commissioner Jim Bull, Commissioner Jason Cardin, and Commissioner Jim Swayne. Also present were City Manager Matthew Gravley, Recording Secretary Eva Valentine, and Finance Director Rebecca Penney.

Mayor Burke Garwood called the meeting to order followed by Commissioner Jim Swayne leading the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Jason Cardin and seconded by Commissioner Jim Bull to approve the previous minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, January 25, 2016, the motion passed unanimously by a commission vote with reference to correction of a typo on page one.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor David James and seconded by Commissioner Jim Swayne to approve the previous minutes of the special called meeting held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, the motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Reading and Passage of Resolution 1155

RESOLUTION NO. 1155

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE,
AUTORIZING APPLICATION TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE
2016 LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION FUND (LPRF)
50/50 MATCHING FUND GRANT PROGRAM**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Bull and seconded by Commissioner Jim Swayne to approve Resolution 1155. Motion carried with a unanimous Commission vote.

OLD BUSINESS

a.) Second Reading and Passage of Ordinance 783

ORDINANCE NO. 783

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 783, 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, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016", 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.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor David James and seconded by Commissioner Jim Swayne to approve Ordinance 783. Motion carried with a unanimous Commission vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Matthew Gravley reported the Fire Department purchased a new fire hose for \$5,800.00 from NAFCO once the bid process was completed and also the Fire Department will be relocated to Robinson Street at the former EVAC location this week. He also reported that Verizon Wireless had contacted the city to establish a new cell tower in the South Industrial Park. Verizon's representative should be here for the March meeting to provide more information. Commissioner Jim Swayne asked for a plat to be provided at the March meeting.

Mr. Gravley also reported that he had received the latest changes from American Legal in regard to the Etowah Utilities ordinances and he would forward them onto the utilities manager for his review.

Mr. Gravley provided estimates and drawings for the proposed elevator for the Etowah Carnegie Library and he also informed the Commission Mr. Paul Barnett, member of the Etowah Carnegie Library Board, was here to address the Commission regarding the location of the elevator.

He also notified the Commission that Food City had applied for their Wine and Grocery Store permits. The city will conduct a background check on the CEO, Mr. Steve Smith and report back at the March meeting and at that point the certificate of compliance can be issues.

Commissioner Jim Bull made a motion to allow the mayor to sign the certificate of compliance once the city receives and Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous Commission vote.

HEARING OF PERSONS HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Mr. Paul Barnett residing at 332 Hillcrest Circle, Etowah, TN came before the Commission to convey his disappointment in the future location of the elevator for the Etowah Carnegie Library. He felt this location would not serve the facility well when future renovations maybe considered.

Mr. Marvin Taylor property owner and landlord for 726 Tennessee Avenue came before the Commission voicing his concerns about the flooding which occurred during the Christmas holidays. He stated he would like to see the canals cleaned and asked the Commission to help in some way to address the issues. Mayor Garwood stated the city is limited by what it can do by state agencies and suggested the city and business owners to work together to remedy the problems.

Ms. Sally Bauer residing at 823 Pennsylvania Avenue and having her business at 726 Tennessee Avenue addressed the Commission concerning all the water damage she incurred due to the flooding in December 2015. She stated she does not have flood insurance and it took approximately 2 weeks to clean the damaged area and lost all her shelving.

Ms. Amanda Forbe, and James Hagler managers of Food City of Etowah addressed the Commission to inform them and the community of the upcoming "tree give-a-way" and a 5K walk and run to bring awareness of a disease called AIAT since her family is directly affected by this disease. She is requesting a place to plant these trees and help to plant the trees for the 5K route.

Mayor Garwood stated they would contact the local garden club and Sonya Harper and get them together. Ms. Forbes also stated that Food City will begin having "Did You Know" flyers in stores with information in assistance with choosing the best foods for good health.

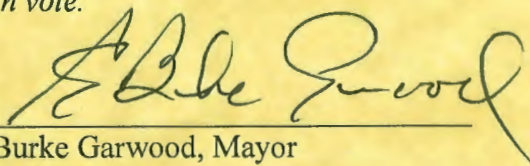
UNSCHEDULED ITEMS

Commissioner Swayne suggested Mr. Gravley contact the management of the City Garden in regard to the tree planting project.

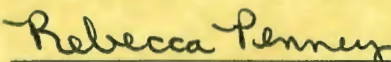
Mayor Garwood stated the City Manager Annual Evaluation will be held in May.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mayor Burke Garwood to adjourn the meeting and Vice-Mayor David James seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

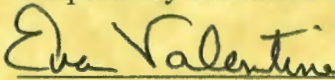


Burke Garwood, Mayor



Rebecca Penney, City Recorder

Respectfully submitted by:



Eva Valentine, Recording Secretary