

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE
COMMISSION MEETING**

Record of Minutes of Regular **Meeting Date** March 23, 2015 **Sheet No. 1 of 3**

A regular meeting of the Etowah City Commission was held on Monday, March 23, 2015 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 Jim Swayne, and Commissioner Jason Cardin. Also present were City Manager Matthew Gravley, Recording Secretary Eva Valentine, City Attorney Russ Blair, and Finance Director Rebecca Penney.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Jason Cardin Commissioner Jim Swayne minutes of regular mMondayFebruary 23, 2015, the motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Budget Calendar

There was a consensus by the Commission to move the Regular Commission Meeting and the Budget Meeting Monday, May 18, 2015 meeting to Thursday, May 14, 2015.

b) City Manager Evaluation

Mayor Garwood reminded the Commissioners to return their evaluations to Margaret Norris as soon as possible.

c) Friends of the Library and the One Hundred Year Celebration

Marilyn Joiner, representing the Friends of the Library, announced several activities that are being planned through the end of 2015 to celebrate and recognize the Hundredth year of the Library. They are requesting \$1,000.00 from the City to help in this celebration.

Mayor Garwood made a motion to approve a \$1,000.00 donation to the Etowah Carnegie Library. Commissioner Jim Bull seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous Commission vote.

d) Report of Expense of the Back Hoe Tires

Mayor Burke noted the expense had been included in the budget and the amount was confirmed by City Manager Matthew Gravley in the amount of \$1,455.25.

e) Consideration and Passage of Resolution 1135

RESOLUTION NO. 1135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLEANUP, FIX-UP, SPARKLE WEEK FROM APRIL 20 THROUGH APRIL 24, 2015

Mayor Burke read Resolution 1135, and Commissioner Jim Bull made a motion to approve the Resolution and Vice-Mayor David James seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous Commission vote.

Once the Resolution was passed, Public Works and Sanitation Director Billy Ingram encouraged all City officials and employees to participate in a consolidated effort to focus on the streets of Etowah, on Monday, April 20th.

f) Slum Clearance

Community Development and Code Enforcer Chris Ingram reported the owner of 1200 Ohio Avenue has not been located. He noted he was using several avenues to make a public appeal to locate the legal owner. He is planning to demo the structure within the month and the Commission came to a consensus in support of the demo.

g) “Old Train Line, 125th Anniversary Celebration

Mayor Garwood announced the “Old Train Line 125th Anniversary Celebration Train ride will be on Saturday, June 27th.

OLD BUSINESS

a) McClemore Auction Contract

City Attorney, Russ Blair reported to the Commission that he had completed his examination of the contract and had made a few minor changes that McClemore had accepted and changed in the contract. He stated from a legal standpoint he felt the contract was acceptable and that Mr. Gravley could make a decision at this point.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Matthew Gravley reported the 2007 tax sale had taken place earlier this month and there were only two parcels for sale with no bidders. The City did acquire both vacant lot parcels located at Seventh and Washington and Ninth and Latham. He estimated the City now owns six to seven lots within the City.

He also reported he is planning to attend the Tennessee Association of City Manger’s conference in Nashville, TN on April 22nd through April 24th. He will also be attending the Rural Development Conference in Murfreesboro on April 29th through April 30th.

HEARING OF PERSONS HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

None

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS

Mayor Garwood thanked the board members for the flowers he received during the death of his wife.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by to adjourn the meeting by Mayor Burke Garwood 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