

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE
COMMISSION MEETING**

Record of Minutes of Regular **Meeting Date** March, 28, 2016 **Sheet No. 1 of 3**

A regular meeting of the Etowah City Commission was held on Monday, March, 28, 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 Vice-Mayor David James leading the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Swayne and seconded by Commissioner Jason Cardin to approve the previous minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, February 22, 2016, the motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor David James and seconded by Commissioner Jim Bull to approve the previous minutes of the special called meeting held on Friday, March 18, 2016, the motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

NEW BUSINESS

a.) Brown, Jake, & McDaniel Report of Fiscal Year 2015 Audit

Frank McDaniel presented an overview of the 2015-2016 audit and reported there were no unqualified significant findings during the audit and the City ended the year well with more revenues than we had expenditures.

b.) Reading and Passage of Resolution 1157

RESOLUTION NO. 1157

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE,
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLEANUP, FIX-UP, GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP WEEK FROM APRIL 18 THROUGH
APRIL 22, 2016.**

A motion was made by Mayor Burke Garwood to approve Resolution No. 1157 and Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous Commission vote.

c.) Approval of 2016-2017 Budget Calendar

There was a consensus by the Commission to approve the 2016-2017 Budget Calendar.

d.) Consideration of Bid for Concrete Landing at Library

There was a consensus by the Commission to set aside the bid received for the concrete landing at the Etowah Carnegie Library.

e.) First Reading and Consideration of Ordinance 784 for Etowah Utilities Updates to
City Code of Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 784

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE V, CHAPTER 51 & CHAPTER 52 OF THE ETOWAH MUNICIPAL CODE

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Swayne to approve Ordinance 784 and Commissioner Jason Cardin seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous Commission vote.

f.) Appointment and Approval of Jim Abbott as Chairman of Etowah Planning
Commission

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Bull and seconded by Commissioner Jason Cardin to approve the appointment of Jim Abbott as the Chairman of the Etowah Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried with a unanimous Commission vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Matthew Gravley reminded everyone of the Etowah Carnegie Library and Etowah Senior Center yard sale to be held this weekend. He also advised the Commission he would be attending the Rural Development Conference in Murfreesboro from Tuesday, March 29th and 30th. He also reported there had been no bids received for the sprinkler system for the Depot.

A motion was made by Mayor Burke Garwood and seconded by Commissioner Jim Bull to work with the engineers to obtain a firm to install the sprinkler system at the depot. Motion carried with a unanimous Commission vote.

Mr. Gravley announced Food City would be holding the Tree Presentation at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, March 29, 2016. Also, he advised the Commission that Verizon Wireless had notified him of the proposed cell tower to be installed at the South Industrial Park was now on hold. He also informed the Commission the Splash Pad was

now complete and had passed inspection and recognized and thanked Waupaca for the benches now located at the splash pad. The last item was to inform the Commission of a termite problem discovered in the mail room of City Hall and that it had been treated.

HEARING OF PERSONS HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Mr. Edwin Wilson residing at 726 Georgia Avenue came before the Commission to express his opinion that pit bulls and other large aggressive animals are not being properly controlled by City staff and holds the City Manager, Chief of Police, and the Codes Enforcement Officer responsible for an attack he and his dog both suffered from earlier in the month. He called for the resignation for both the City Manager and the Codes Enforcement Officer and the Chief of Police should be reprimanded. He also requested the Commission to amend Ordinance 732 to include "any large dog."

Athens City Commissioner, Dick Pelley residing at 122 North Jackson Street, Athens, TN came before the Commission to request permission to have the Elks & Veterans American Legion Annual Parade in Etowah the weekend before Memorial Day. There was a consensus by the Commission to approve.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS

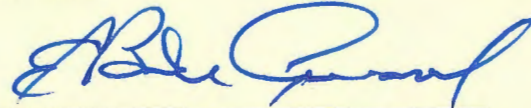
Vice-Mayor James stated the walking trail at the Depot had high grass and several mud holes and needed attention and the canal located in the 700 block of Georgia Avenue needs to be cleared.. Public Works Director Ingram responded that he was aware and was taking care of the issues.

Commissioner Swayne stated he appreciated Mr. Wilson's perspective and agreed Etowah needed safer streets.

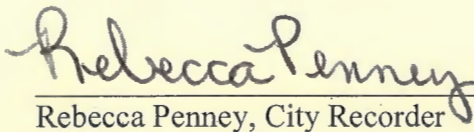
Commissioner Cardin stated he agreed with Mr. Wilson and thinks the city should review the leash law.

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.

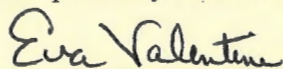


Burke Garwood, Mayor



Rebecca Penney, City Recorder

Respectfully submitted by:



Eva Valentine, Recording Secretary