

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE
COMMISSION MEETING**

Record of Minutes of Regular **Meeting Date** April 25, 2016 **Sheet No. 1 of 3**

A regular meeting of the Etowah City Commission was held on Monday, April 25, 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, March 28, 2016, the motion passed unanimously by a commission vote with additional language to identify the Etowah Depot as being where the proposed sprinkler system is to be installed.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Appointment to Library Board-Helen Mullins

Mayor Garwood nominated Helen Mullins to serve on the Etowah Carnegie Library Board and Commissioner Jim Bull made a motion to accept the nomination and Commissioner Jason Cardin seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous Commission vote.

b) Appointment of Bud Myers to Housing Authority

Mayor Garwood nominated Bud Myers to serve on the Etowah Housing Authority and Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to accept the nomination and Commissioner Jim Bull seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous Commission vote.

c.) Appointment of Kim Burns to DRC

Mayor Garwood nominated Kim Burns to serve on the Etowah Design Review Committee and Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to accept the nomination and Vice-Mayor David James seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous Commission vote.

d.) Approval to Purchase Scoreboard for 8th Street

Mayor Burke Garwood made a motion to accept the bid from BSN Sports for the Eighth Street scoreboard in the amount of \$10,589.95 and Commissioner Jason Cardin seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous Commission vote.

e.) Reading and Passage of Resolution 1158

RESOLUTION # 1158

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP'S) MANUAL SETTING FORTH POLICES, RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE CITY OF ETOWAH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Burke Garwood read Resolution 1158 and Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to approve Resolution 1158 and Commissioner Jason Cardin seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous Commission vote.

OLD BUSINESS

a.) Second Reading and Passage of Ordinance 784

ORDINANCE NO. 784

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

Mayor Burke Garwood made a motion to approve Ordinance 784 and Vice-Mayor David James seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous Commission vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Gravley announced the Grand Opening of the Etowah City Splash Pad was scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2016 at 11:30 AM. He reported the Sparkle Day Results were:

Volunteers from Food City, City of Etowah, Etowah and Athens Citizens had collected 30 bags of litter from the Downtown Historical Shopping District to include the Alley, Athens Pike from 2nd Street to Highway 30, and 3rd Street from Ohio Avenue to City Limits on Highway 310.

He also gave an update on the unscheduled items from the last Commission meeting as follows:

Updates on last meetings unscheduled items.

- **Lawrence/Athens Pike** – The catch basin has been repaired and a new, reinforced grating has been built and placed.
- **Depot Walking Trail** – The grass has been cut. The mowing contractor cut the grass immediately after his contract was renewed. The mud and holes are in the CSX roadway and are to be addressed by CSX and Public Works Director Ingram will follow up with them.
- **7th/Georgia Box Culvert** – The culvert has been inspected and the area has been roped off to pedestrian traffic. A plan is being discussed on repair of the area.

He also announced the Etowah Carnegie Library will hold their Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale from Thursday, April 28th thru Sunday May 1st at the Etowah Community Center.

HEARING OF PERSONS HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS

Commissioner Jim Swayne requested going forward for Building Inspector Ingram to provide the Commission with a list of citations he has issued.

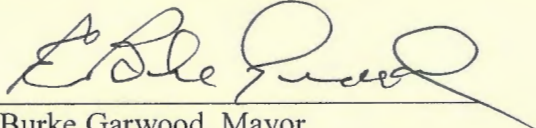
Vice-Mayor David James suggested the Commission consider raising the court costs for code violation fines. No action was taken. He also reported the Etowah Post Office roof was in need of repair and commented he did not think the "flame thrower" used by Public Works was an adequate method of weed removal. He provided the Commission and the City Manager with a list of properties with issues of trash, debris, and weeds. He also asked if the Commission needed to add an addendum to the "Pit Bull" ordinance and Mayor Garwood replied "no", the current code is sufficient.

Commissioner Swayne inquired on the regularity the police department patrols the Sixth Street Playground and the status of the HillBorn lawsuit. Mayor Garwood responded that negotiations were ongoing.

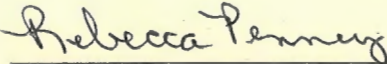
Commissioner Jason Cardin asked if there had been any activity with Retail Strategies. City Manager Gravley advised prospects were looking at the former Finn's restaurant, Hiwassee Village, and the United Wholesale Outlet building.

Mayor Garwood commented on House Bill 813, Senate Bill 747 will result in a 1% income tax reduction per year from 2016-2022 and will reduce revenue for our City.

A motion was made by Mayor Burke Garwood to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Jason Cardin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

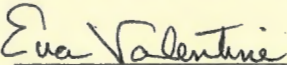


Burke Garwood, Mayor



Rebecca Penney, City Recorder

Respectfully submitted by:



Eva Valentine, Recording Secretary