

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE
COMMISSION MEETING**

Record of Minutes of Regular **Meeting Date** June 27, 2016 **Sheet No. 1 of 4**

A regular meeting of the Etowah City Commission was held on Monday, June 27, 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 Recording Secretary Eva Valentine, and Finance Director Rebecca Penney.

Mayor Burke Garwood 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 Jason Cardin to approve the previous minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, May 23, 2016, and Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made Commissioner Jim Swayne to approve the previous minutes of the special called meeting previously held on Thursday, June 14, 2016, and Mayor Burke Garwood seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

(a.) Resignation of City Manager Matthew Gravley

Mayor Garwood read Mr. Gravley's resignation and commented the up and coming audit process should be sufficient to cover state requirements. There was a consensus by the Commission to appoint Mayor Garwood to handle the day to day business until an interim city manager can be appointed.

(b.) Appointment of Rachel Hickman to the Etowah Carnegie Library Board as Trustee

Mayor Garwood recommended Rachel Hickman to be appointed to the Etowah Carnegie Library Board as a trustee and Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to accept the recommendation and Vice-Mayor James seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

(c.) Request to Waive Senior Center Rental of Gem Theater-Ann Abbott

Vice-Mayor David James made a motion to waive the usual \$200.00 rental fee for the Gem Theatre as requested by Ann Abbott on behalf of the Etowah Senior Center and Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to accept the recommendation and Vice-Mayor James seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

(d.) First Reading of Ordinance 788

ORDINANCE NO. 788

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 778, 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, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016”, BY ADJUSTING EXPENDITURES IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

A motion was made by Mayor Burke Garwood to approve Ordinance No. 788 and Commissioner Jim Bull seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

(a.) Consideration and second Reading of Ordinance 785

ORDINANCE NO. 785

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

Mayor Burke Garwood asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 785, and then tabled the motion noting this ordinance has the Ag building funds in the budget to demolish the building and then made a motion for a roll-call vote to keep or demolish the building and Commissioner Jason Cardin seconded the motion and the vote was as indicated; Commissioner Bull- Keep; Commissioner Cardin-Remove; Mayor Garwood-Remove; Vice-Mayor David James- Remove; Commissioner Jim Swayne- Keep. With a three to two vote to remove, motion carried to remove the structure.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor James to approve Ordinance No. 785 and Mayor Burke Garwood seconded the motion and motion carried with a four to one Commission vote with Commissioner Jim Swayne voting nay.

(b.) Second Reading of Ordinance 786

ORDINANCE NO. 786

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

Mayor Burke Garwood made a motion to approve Ordinance 786 and Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 787

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.

Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to approve Ordinance 787 and Commissioner Jason Cardin seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mayor Garwood presented the City Manager report due to City Manager resignation to the Commission the city had received two bids for the elevator for the Etowah Carnegie Library, one for \$347,000.00 and the other for \$333,000.00 which both exceeded the estimate provided by the engineers.

Post Office Soffit Repair Complete

Waupaka donated a Medical Suction Unit to City Fire Dept. \$800.00 value

Smith Property Agreement for Parking had been reached.

Sprinkler system project at the Depot should be starting soon.

Bids due on July 8, 2016 for the "Safe Routes to Schools" grant.

HEARING OF PERSONS HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Ms. Karen Powell residing at 1130 Washington Avenue came before the commission regarding the canal system and how she feels it has damaged her property and is asking for assistance in resolving the issues. Mayor Garwood acknowledged her grievance and explained the Etowah Utilities was spending millions of dollars on the sewer system.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS

Mayor Garwood made note of the "Keep McMinn Beautiful Clean-Up" is scheduled for June 28, 2016. Notices had been delivered to each resident in Etowah with a helpful information sheet to assist citizens with ways to improve the environment. Vice-Mayor James commended Community Development Director Chris Ingram on the notice, while Commissioner Swayne thought there should have been a better way to communicate.

Mayor Garwood reminded everyone of the meeting to discuss the process to select the next city manager on June 28, 2016.

Vice-Mayor James mentioned the Hair Affair owner had complained they had not been notified of Etowah Carnegie Library Color Run and clients had access issues to their shop. He also reported that Rep. Forgerty and Senator Bell had been offended they had not been invited to the grand opening of the new Etowah Splash Pad. Mayor Garwood stated letters would be sent to offer apology for an unintentional oversight.

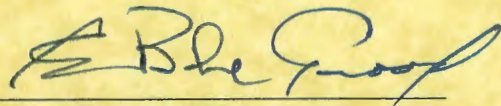
Commissioner Swayne acknowledged Ms. Powell's complaint and stated the city was moving in the right direction to correct the issues. He stated the Splash Pad area was in need of shade and restroom facilities. He also questioned if the location chosen for the elevator was the correct one. He also suggested Vice-Mayor James be more careful in the future in the selection of his words due to the incident at Food City.

Commissioner Jason Cardin agreed with Commissioner Swayne with the need for shade and restrooms for the splash pad. He also commended the police department for their quick response times.

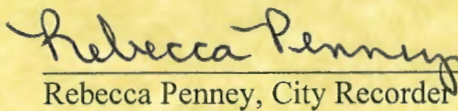
Parks and Rec Director Silber stated the restrooms at Sixth and Eighth Streets were open and available and he had applied for a shade grant and should have the notification soon.

Haroldean Thompson submitted an apology to the Etowah Police Department for suggesting the officers were hiding and admitted she was incorrect in that statement. She also stated she appreciated our officers.

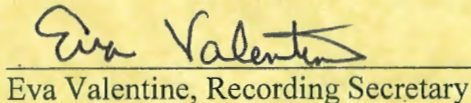
A motion was made by Mayor Burke Garwood to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Jason Cardin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.



Burke Garwood, Mayor


Rebecca Penney, City Recorder

Respectfully submitted by:


Eva Valentine, Recording Secretary