

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE
COMMISSION MEETING**

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A regular meeting of the Etowah City Commission was held on Thursday, October 5th, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Etowah Community Center located at 155 Robinson Street, Etowah, Tennessee. Members present were; Commissioner Burke Garwood, Commissioner Robbie Helm, Commissioner David James, Mayor Gene Keller, and Vice-Mayor Jim Swayne. Also present were Interim Recording Secretary Brooke Moses, Finance Director Rebecca Penney, and City Manager Tina Tuggle.

Mayor Gene Keller called the meeting.

1) PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

NEW BUSINESS

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a) City Hall Structure

Mrs. Ann Abbott – Citizen of Etowah – expressed her opinion on City Hall not being a tourist attraction and doesn't need to be downtown. Mrs. Abbott would rather see shops, art galleries, ect. downtown.

Ms. Shelby Morrow- Owner of Hummingbird Café speaking on behalf of Denis Riden who had prior engagements. Ms. Morrow expressed concerns on keeping City Hall downtown in the Historic Area for growth of the city and economic development. Mr. Riden made a formal offer to donate \$7,500.00 for the first year mortgage or down payment if the City build a City Hall downtown.

Mr. Durant Tullock- Chamber of Commerce Director representing Tennessee Downtowns Committee expressed his opinion on needing to keep City hall in downtown area. Mr. Tullock suggests to the commission having a site selection committee for deciding where to move City Hall.

Ms. Debora Dike – Citizen of Etowah – stated opinion of City Hall being a business and keeping City Hall downtown to bring in other businesses.

Mr. Bob Hampton- Local Business Owner – states he would like to see City Hall stay downtown since there are a lot of empty buildings downtown. Mr. Hampton was concerned Mrs. Tuggle and Realtor John Bohannon did not spend adequate time on looking at his property for sale for a New City Hall.

Mrs. Cat Pate – Local Business Owner- expressed her concerns on needing to keep City Hall in downtown and not in a modular building.

City Manager Tina Tuggle asked Realtor John Bohannon to speak on the issue with Bob Hampton's property.

Mr. Bohannon stated he felt that they gave adequate time on looking at the building considering they were sizing it up for future renovations for offices and storage.

Mrs. Tuggle presented a slide show to the Commission on all the buildings they have considered in the Downtown Etowah Area.

Vice- Mayor Swayne made a motion to rescind the motion concerning the purchase of the Modular City Hall office from the September 25th meeting and Commissioner James seconded the motion.

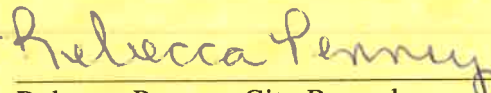
Commissioner Garwood made a motion to bring in SETDD to help with site planning and Mayor Keller seconded the motion, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

9) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mayor Keller to adjourn and Commissioner Garwood seconded the motion and motion carried.

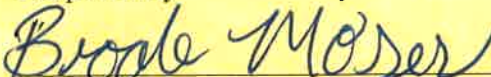


Gene Keller, Mayor



Rebecca Penney, City Recorder

Respectfully submitted by:



Brooke Moses, Interim Recording Secretary