

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE  
COMMISSION MEETING**

**Record of Minutes of** Regular **Meeting Date** July 30, 2012 **Sheet No.** \_\_\_\_\_

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A regular meeting of the Etowah City Commission was held on Monday, July 30, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 723 Ohio Avenue, Etowah, Tennessee. Members present were Mayor Burke Garwood, Commissioner Matt Goodin, Commissioner Ann Abbott, and Commissioner Dennis Morgan. Also present were City Manager Matthew Gravley, Recording Secretary Jamie Davis, and Finance Director April Preston. Absent was Commissioner Charles Slack.

Mayor Burke Garwood called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Ann Abbott and seconded by Mayor Burke Garwood to approve the minutes for June 25, 2012. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.*

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Reading of Ordinance No. 728 by Mayor Burke Garwood.

**ORDINANCE NO. 728**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE PRINCIPAL STRUCTURES TO FACE DEDICATED LOCAL STREETS AND REQUIRE LOTS TO BE AT LEAST 75 FEET WIDE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE**

*A motion was made by Mayor Burke Garwood and seconded by Commissioner Ann Abbott to approve. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.*

- b. Reading of Resolution No. 1065 by Mayor Burke Garwood.– A grant to purchase traffic cones, A-frame barricades, traffic barrels and bases up to \$3000 with \$1500 of it being matching funds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1065**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ETOWAH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TML RISK MANAGEMENT POOL “SAFETY PARTNERS” LOSS CONTROL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Matt Goodin and seconded by Mayor Burke Garwood to approve. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.*

c. Approval to purchase an I.D. Maker for the Police Department in the amount of \$1,449.95. This was budgeted for and would come from the Drug Fund. Commissioner Ann Abbott ask what the I.D.s were going to be made for? Chief Eric Armstrong said they Police Department has to have them for identification purposes and gives them authority. Commissioner Ann Abbott said it sounds like a lot of money for only a few badges to be made. Commissioner Dennis Morgan ask if we could also make badges for other city employees and Eric said yes.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Matt Goodin and seconded by Mayor Burke Garwood to approve. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.*

d. Reading of Ordinance No. 730 by Mayor Burke Garwood.

### **Ordinance No. 730**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 16 OF THE ETOWAH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING STREET CUTS**

Commissioner Ann Abbott said we have previously discussed if Etowah Utility Board made a cut they would be responsible, is that still the case? If it messes up in a year from now who fixes it? Commissioner Matt Goodin said that the City would be responsible. City Manager Matthew Gravley said yes the City would be responsible but the backfill process will be correct. Mayor Burke Garwood said we are getting them a lot more involved than ever before. Commissioner Dennis Morgan said we are getting back up to standard and doing it correct the first time. Commissioner Ann Abbott questioned if the City would be responsible? Mayor Burke Garwood ask if everyone was ok with tabling this item until next time.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Matt Goodin and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Morgan to table Ordinance 730. The motion was tabled until the next meeting pending further discussion.*

e. Report of expenditures approved in FY 2012-2013 Budget to be paid out in July read by Mayor Burke Garwood.

Southeast Tennessee Development District	\$ 7,250.00
Local Government Software and Support	\$11,992.00
City of Athens Animal Shelter	\$ 5,722.20
State of TN Drug Task Force	\$ 2,000.00

f. Report of expenditure on Sanitation Truck Repairs in the amount of \$2,580.13.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis Morgan and seconded by Mayor Burke Garwood to approve. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.*

g. Etowah Arts Commission Board new appointments are Ann Abbott, Joann Parker, and Debbie Wilson. The terms are 2012-2015.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Matt Goodin to approve. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.*

h. Central Football Booster Club has requested a donation for the 2012 Football Sponsor Program.

Mayor Burke Garwood explained that this year we upped the City's regular donations back to normal level and there is simply not enough left over for these donations. We can address them later in the fiscal year but right now there's no extra money. Commission Ann Abbott said maybe it could be considered with next year's budget. Mayor Burke Garwood said if funds are available around April or May of next year we can address again.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Matthew Gravley said the N. Industrial Park has been selected to be a Select Site. The EDA is working with Austin Consulting Group a division of CSX and a division of the Economic Development Authority but they require 3 things to be certified as a select site for CSX and State of Tennessee. First is the Environmental/Geological Wetland testing, the EDA is fronting the money right now which could possibly be \$10,000 or \$12,000. The EDA will give us \$2200 and the county will give us \$5000. We just have to come up with the other money which is about \$5000 to be considered a CSX select site with the state and be in the market for industries. Time will tell as to how successful these things are going to be. Commissioner Dennis Morgan ask if there were any prospects. City Manager Matthew Gravley said there is one company looking which is similar to a sister company of Waupaca.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Matt Goodin approve spending up to \$5,000.00. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.*

City Manager Matthew Gravley said Durant Tullock got railroad ties donated for the stage at the Depot; do we want to concrete the steps instead of using the ties? Mayor Burke Garwood said the consensus is yes, go ahead.

The demolition of the motel is done and the next property on the list is the house on Bledsoe Drive. Commissioner Dennis Morgan suggested we get the city caught up on some different things first before we continue to do demolitions. Let's give Billy Ingram and his crew a chance to get caught up a little and put other stuff on hold a little while. The board concurred.

Thanks to Charles Slack and Ann Abbott for their service. Mayor Burke Garwood commented also saying we appreciate it!

### **UNSCHEDULED ITEMS**

Commissioner Matt Goodin said thanks again to Charles Slack and Ann Abbott for their service and good luck in future endeavors.

Commissioner Ann Abbott said thanks to everybody for allowing her to be a Commissioner and it has been an educational experience itself. To the public I encourage them to come to meetings and take part in your town. 10% of the people cannot do all the work. Lastly people need to get involved in it to make it work.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Mayor Burke Garwood seconded by Commissioner Matt Goodin to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.*

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E. Burke Garwood III, Mayor

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April Preston, City Recorder

Respectfully submitted by:

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Jamie L. Davis, Recording Secretary