

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE  
COMMISSION MEETING**

**Record of Minutes of** Regular **Meeting Date** April 22, 2013 **Sheet No.** \_\_\_\_\_

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A regular meeting of the Etowah City Commission was held on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 723 Ohio Avenue, Etowah, Tennessee. Members present were Mayor Jim Bull, Vice Mayor Charles Slack, Commissioner Burke Garwood, Commissioner Dennis Morgan, and Commissioner Jim Swayne. Also present were City Manager Matthew Gravley, Recording Secretary Eva Valentine, and Finance Director Rebecca Penney.

Mayor Jim Bull called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer by Rev. Jack Bryan from Miracle Lake.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Vice Mayor Charles Slack and seconded by Commissioner Jim Swayne to approve the previous minutes of the regular commission meeting held on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Review of audit by Rodefer & Moss, a representative from Rodefer and Moss presented an overview of the audit they had performed for the City of Etowah.
- b. First reading of Resolution No. 941 read by Mayor Jim Bull in its' entirety.

*Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to accept the first reading and Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion. Commissioner Burke Garwood was concerned as to if Attorney Green had been or was a defense attorney. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote after some discussion.*

- c. First reading of Resolution No. 942 was read by Mayor Jim Bull in its' entirety.

*Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to accept the first reading of Resolution No. 942 and Vice Mayor Charles Slack seconded the motion and after Commissioner Burke Garwood suggested we require CSX to respond via email acknowledging this is a mutual agreement between the city and CSX the motion passed by a unanimous vote by the city commission.*

- d. First reading of Resolution No. 943 was read by Mayor Jim Bull in its' entirety.

*Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to accept the first reading of Resolution No. 943 and Vice Mayor Charles Slack seconded the motion, and motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.*

e. Approval of repair to replace transmission in police car, 2007 Chevrolet Impala

*Vice Mayor Charles Slack made a motion to approve repair for police car, Commissioner Burke Garwood seconded the motion, and motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Report of expenditure from Sansom Equipment Company, Inc. for \$629.12 and Old Dominion Brush Company for \$1,373.48, totaling \$2,002.60. (Item is from February 25<sup>th</sup> agenda that needs to have a vote to unapprove, and a new vote to reapprove with different funds.)

*Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to rescind the expenditures from the Rural Development Loan Grant to Sansom Equipment Company, Inc. for \$629.12 and also to Old Dominion Brush Company for \$1,373.48, from the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 agenda. Commissioner Dennis Morgan seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous vote by the commission.*

*Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to pay Sansom Equipment Company, Inc. the \$629.12 and Old Dominion Brush Company the \$1,373.48 from the Sanitation fund. Commissioner Dennis Morgan seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous vote by the commission.*

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager, Matthew Gravley suggested the commission cover cost of salt spreader with the Rural Loan Grant funds.

*Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to pay for salt spreader with the Rural Loan Grant funds. Vice Mayor Charles Slack seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous vote by the commission.*

City Manager, Gravley also mentioned the May meetings will be moved to Tuesday night, May 28<sup>th</sup> due to the Memorial Day holiday.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**UNSCHEDULED ITEMS**

Vice Mayor Slack stated the city needed to provide raises for the city employees in order for city to be competitive with other towns in the area.

Commissioner Dennis Morgan cited the Planning Commission proposal, “mowing to the pavement” that was in the paper, stated he had calls concerning the mowing of the ditches. City Manager Gravley stated they should call the city and they will take a look at it. It was also stated this had not passed the City Commission as of yet.

Commissioner Charles Slack asked about Bright Street and whose jurisdiction it was in. Commissioner Garwood verified it was a city street. There is an estimate of what it will cost to fix it in the white book.

Commissioner Burke Garwood noted that while we are waiting for our codes to be codified by MTAS, we need to wait until they are returned before we change any of them. He also mentioned the highway and sidewalk damage the city is sustaining due to heavy trucks entering and exiting the lot between Hardees and Check In To Cash. He suggested contacting both owners to get this stopped and get the damages repaired.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis Morgan seconded by Vice Mayor Charles Slack to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.*

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Jim Bull, Mayor

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Rebecca Penney, City Recorder

Respectfully submitted by:

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Eva Valentine, Recording Secretary