

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE
COMMISSION MEETING**

Record of Minutes of Regular **Meeting Date** May 28, 2013 **Sheet No.** _____

A regular meeting of the Etowah City Commission was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 723 Ohio Avenue, Etowah, Tennessee. Members present were Mayor Jim Bull, Commissioner Burke Garwood, Commissioner Dennis Morgan, and Commissioner Jim Swayne. Vice Mayor Charles Slack was absent. 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 Youth Minister Justin Brown from Zion Hill Baptist Church.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Burke Garwood and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Morgan approve the previous minutes of the regular commission meeting held on April 22nd, 2013. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Swayne to approve the previous minutes of the special called commission meeting held on April 29nd, 2013. Commissioner Jim Bull seconded the motion. Commissioner Dennis Morgan stated the minutes should have stated Commissioner Swayne sounded a nay vote on Liquor Store Ordinance 736. Commissioner Burke Garwood withdrew the motion for Commissioner Swayne and Commissioner Jim Bull withdrew his second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis Morgan to approve the previous minutes of the special called meeting held on May 13, 2013. Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrative correction to Resolution numbers 941, 942, and 943 to be amended to Resolution numbers 1077, 1078, and 1079 in that order. Numbers initially chosen were for ordinances instead of Resolutions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burke Garwood and seconded by Commissioner Jim Swayne to approve the changes to the Resolution numbers. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

Discussion of engine replacement for Ford Explorer:

Police Chief Eric Armstrong came before the Commission to ask for consideration of the engine replacement for the 2006 Ford Explorer with a cost estimate from \$700.00 to \$3500.00 and would have a three year warranty. The discussion that followed considered the value of vehicle in regard to cost of repairs. City

Manager explained we need a four-wheel drive vehicle to transport the speed trailer and other various uses. It was suggested by Commissioner Burke Garwood to obtain three estimates and contact commissioners for approval via telephone or email for their consideration. Mayor Jim Bull suggested buying a new motor instead of a rebuilt one. This item was tabled until the estimates or bids came back.

911 Contract:

The 911 Contract was brought before the commission for consideration. Commissioner Garwood opposes the 2% yearly fee that is contained in the contract and recommends the City Manager to renegotiate the contract.

Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion not accept the contract as it is, Commissioner Dennis Morgan seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by the commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Etowah City School General Purpose Budget Amendment:

Commissioner Burke Garwood had several questions concerning the amendment to several accounts that had been made and suggested the school have a representative from the school to answer these questions before they approve. Commissioner Jim Swayne and Commissioner Dennis Morgan expressed agreement.

Mayor Jim Bull made a motion to table this amendment until the June meeting and Commissioner Burke Garwood seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

Approval of Etowah City School Cafeteria Budget Amendment:

Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to accept the School Cafeteria Budget Amendment, and Mayor Jim Bull seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Matthew Gravley extended congratulations and recognition of Officer Paul Redrup superb training. He then recognized Fire Chief Mike Moore who reported his department had three "Saves" and also recognized the part the Police Department also played in these three life-saving events. Also, presented was the request by Judge E.L. Parker for consideration of an adjustment to his monthly rate of \$500.00. Commissioner Dennis Morgan suggested we shop around before we consider his request. The proposed fire truck purchase was discussed and a vote was taken. A city tax rate increase was discussed but the county did not have the information loaded into the system, so if we do not have this by July 1st, we will need to do a continuance until we do have all the information we need.

Mayor Jim Bull made a motion to purchase a new fire truck, and Commissioner Burke Garwood seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ann Abbott came before the commission stating she was not seeing notices of commission meetings and DPA reporter, Andy Brusseau, and Commissioners stated the meeting had been announced in the paper. Ms Abbott also stated the audience could not hear the Commissioners. Tina Ciechanowski, 422 Illinois Avenue came before the Commission stating she agreed they could not hear what was being said and had questions related to how 911 calls would be answered if the contract was not to be renewed. She also wanted the city to purchase a new truck and did not mind paying more taxes to accomplish that. She also complimented the city staff stating she was happy with their service when she came in for a yard sale permit. She thanked the city for the job they were doing.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS

Commissioner Swayne stated the Ninth Street lines were looking great. He also suggested the city check on a sound system.

Commissioner Dennis Morgan Commissioner stated there was a water problem at Sixth and Indiana and requested that someone follow up.

Commissioner Burke Garwood noted that BB & T was closing and maybe we need to rebid the city bank. 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. City Manager, Matthew Gravley stated they had met with TDOT and this was being worked on. He also stated he needed names of citizens that would be willing to serve on the committee to review the Etowah City Charter.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis Morgan seconded by Commissioner Burke Garwood to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

Jim Bull, Mayor

Rebecca Penney, City Recorder

Respectfully submitted by:

Eva Valentine, Recording Secretary