

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE
COMMISSION MEETING**

Record of Minutes of Regular **Meeting Date** June 25, 2013 **Sheet No.** _____

A regular meeting of the Etowah City Commission was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 723 Ohio Avenue, Etowah, Tennessee. All members of the commission were present. 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. Robert Thomas.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Burke Garwood and seconded by Mayor Jim Bull to approve the previous minutes of the regular commission meeting held on May 28th, 2013. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Burke Garwood and seconded by Commissioner Jim Swayne to approve the purchase of Information Solutions for two desktop computers, Asus Notebook, a mouse, and AVG Cloud Care for \$2,120.00. Motion carried by a full commission vote.

Mayor Jim Bull conducted the first reading of the Continuing Budget Ordinance 739 and Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to approve and Vice Mayor Charles Slack seconded the motion and motion carried by a full commission vote. The second reading was scheduled for Monday, July 8th at 10:00 am.

City Manager Matthew Gravley presented the application for the Housing Preservation Grant in which the city will be applying for a \$30,000.00 grant to rehab older, low or very low income families. Camp Living Stones will provide the matching portion in volunteering their labor. This will be free money for our city. Commissioner Dennis Morgan made a motion to apply for the grant and Vice Mayor Charles Slack seconded the motion, and motion carried by a full commission vote.

After some discussion in regard to seeing no activity in the scheduling of hearings by Administrative Hearing Officer Green since he was hired by the city, a motion was made by Commissioner Burke Garwood to dismiss him and select someone else for the post. Mayor Jim Bull seconded the motion and motion carried by a full commission vote.

Discussion of the new budget calendar was postponed until the Appeals Board Hearing scheduled for Friday, June 28th has been held and we have received their decision on the tax rate.

OLD BUSINESS

Marvin Kelly, 911 Director appeared before the commission to further explain the 2% increase contained in the new 911 contract covering the period of July 1st, 2013 through June 30, 2018. After much discussion Vice Mayor Charles Slack made a motion to accept the contract as it is, Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion. Mayor Jim Bull called for a roll call vote. As per the roll call performed by the recording secretary, Eva Valentine, the votes were as follows:

Mayor Jim Bull—Yea

Commissioner Burke Garwood—Nay

Commissioner Dennis Morgan—Nay

Vice Mayor Charles Slack—Yea

Commissioner Jim Swayne—Yea

With a vote of 3-2, the motion carried.

Mayor Jim Bull read the amended Pit-Bull Ordinance 732 and Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to approve and Vice Mayor Charles Slack seconded and motion carried by a vote of four yea votes to one nay vote by Commissioner Dennis Morgan and motion carried.

Approval of Etowah City School Cafeteria Budget Amendment:

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

Vice Mayor Charles Slack made a motion to accept the city employee stipend payout for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Matthew Gravley updated the commission on the progress being made in acquiring financing for the purchase a new fire truck. Fire Chief Mike Moore has all the specs together for the fire truck and the City of Etowah is eligible to receive a \$50,000.00 grant and a \$200,000.00 loan at 3.5% interest for fifteen years from Rural Government to fund the purchase of the fire truck.

Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to approve the grant, and Mayor Jim Bull seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

City Manager Gravley brought a request before the commission to pave the Fifteenth Street Bridge for an estimated amount of \$4200.00.

Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to approve the paving of the Fifteenth Street Bridge for approximately \$4200.00, and Mayor Jim Bull seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

City Manager Gravley requested the commission to approve the use of the city's sweeper to sweep the parking lot for Central High School. The commission offered their approval in a consensus. The City Manager also provided more information pertaining to the Etowah Arts Commission and verified they are considered as a department of the city and is listed in the budget as a Culture line item, not a donation. They are not a 501c and comptroller has approved. Another topic he provided information was the Liquor Store Applications are due in Attorney Russ Blair's office on Monday, July 1, 2013 between the hours of 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. The date was set for Tuesday, July 16th at 4:30 to review the store applications. Each commissioner will be provided an evaluation sheet for each applicant. The Auditing services of Rodefer & Moss were discussed and the City Manager suggested the city stay with them at least for another year. Commissioner Burke Garwood preferred to bid the service and there was a consensus among the commission.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Tracy Miller of 1304 Georgia Avenue came before the commission stating his appreciation of our city manager and his efforts to better our city, he also mentioned the good job that Brian Silber and the police department was doing.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS

Commissioner Dennis Morgan Commissioner asked Billy Ingram, the Public Works Director if he had any other information regarding bidding out the garbage pickup. One vendor was not interested and the other has not returned his calls.

Mayor Jim Bull presented to the commission the appointment of Thom Johnson and Durant Tullock to the Etowah Carnegie Library Board due to the recent resignations of Jason Crandall and Larry Schiller.

Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to accept both Thom Johnson and Durant Tullock to the Etowah Carnegie Library Board. Commissioner Dennis Morgan seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

Mayor Jim Bull presented to the commission the appointment of Edie Perry and Tracy Miller to the Charter Commission. These were to replace Jamie Davis who is no longer employed by the city and Dave Mason since he lives out of town.

Commissioner Dennis Morgan made a motion to accept Edie Perry and Tracy Miller to the Charter Committee and Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

Commissioner Jim Swayne was very complimentary toward the entire city staff for all their hard work and voiced his appreciation of each department.

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.

Jim Bull, Mayor

Rebecca Penney, City Recorder

Respectfully submitted by:

Eva Valentine, Recording Secretary