

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE
COMMISSION MEETING**

Record of Minutes of Regular **Meeting Date** October 29, 2013 **Sheet No.** _____

A regular meeting of the Etowah City Commission was held on Tuesday, October 29, 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 with the exception of Commissioner Dennis Morgan. 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 with the Prayer by Lewis Rouse and Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Vice-Mayor Charles Slack.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Swayne and seconded by Vice-Mayor Charles Slack to approve the previous minutes of the regular commission meeting held on Monday, September 23rd, 2013. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Charles Slack and seconded by Commissioner Burke Garwood to approve the previous minutes of the special called commission meeting held on Thursday, October 3rd, 2013. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burke Garwood and seconded by Commissioner Jim Swayne to approve the previous minutes of the Public Hearing held on Thursday, October 3rd, 2013. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Burke Garwood to approve the city contribution of \$400.00 toward the Annual Etowah Thanksgiving-Christmas Project being handled by Detective Jim Shaw. Mayor Jim Bull seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

Mayor Jim Bull conducted the first reading of Ordinance 745, Commercial Traffic.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Swayne to accept the ordinance as read and Vice Mayor Charles Slack seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

Mayor Jim Bull conducted the first reading of the header of Ordinance 746, Annexation of the Etowah Sub-Station.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Swayne to accept the ordinance as read and Vice Mayor Charles Slack seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

Commissioner Burke Garwood during the discussion recommended the city forego approximately \$19,000.00 of the additional tax this annexation would bring to the city in lieu of tax. Commissioner Jim Swayne hi-lighted the added services of police and fire having a five minute response time should be considered in this proposal and the investment the city will have in this property. Commissioner Burke then referred to the proposed "Plan

of Services” as being no cost to the city at all. This proposal was tabled until the next regular meeting of the city commission.

Mayor Jim Bull conducted the first reading of Ordinance 747-Amending Zoning for Substation.

Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to accept the ordinance as read and Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

Mayor Jim Bull conducted the reading of Resolution 1098, the Plan of Services for the Substation.

Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to approve the resolution as read and Vice-Mayor Charles Slack seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Jim Bull conducted the second reading of the caption of Ordinance 743.

Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to approve the ordinance as read and Vice-Mayor Charles Slack seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

Mayor Jim Bull conducted the second reading of the caption of Ordinance 744.

Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to approve the ordinance as read and Vice-Mayor Charles Slack seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager, Matthew Gravley presented pending expenditures related to problems with the library maintenance. The purchase of two police cars for approximately \$25,000.00 per year for a three year term loan and for a four year term it would be approximately \$18,000.00 per year.

Vice-Mayor Charles Slack made a motion to purchase one police car with a four year term. Commissioner Burke Garwood seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous commission vote.

Mr. Gravley reported the cost for repaving Second Street from Tennessee Avenue past intersection of Ohio Avenue would be approximately \$30,000.00.

The library is in need of replacing the indoor unit due to a leak in the unit. The estimate is \$2,885.00.

Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to approve purchase of a new indoor unit for the library not to exceed \$2,885.00. Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

Mr. Gravley announced the city did receive the Park Grant in the amount of \$10,870.00 for playground equipment and the cost to the city would be \$27,278.73 which was \$1,778.73 more than what had been previously approved.

Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to amend the previously approved amount not to exceed \$27,278.73. Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS

Ms. Leigh Jobe, director of the Etowah Senior Citizens Center, located at 435 Cooper Street, came before the commission requesting the speed bump near the center be repaired or replaced. Public Works Director Billy Ingram had been checking on cost and he estimated a cost between \$1,200.00 and \$1,800.00,

Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to approve the placement of a solid speed bump to cross the street near the Center. Mayor Jim Bull seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

Mr. David James, residing at 611 Bryant Street came before the commission with several pictures of Etowah addresses displaying the need for clutter as well as some junk cars/trucks needing to be removed. He requested these be looked at and a resolution found.

Commissioner Burke Garwood asked if any new information had been discovered in regard to contractors working within the city providing proof of insurance. City Manager, Matthew Gravley reported that MTAS is of the opinion the contracts would need to exceed \$50,000.00 but would only be a matter of enforcement. Commissioner Garwood also asked about the pool and if we had any new information on the obsolesce process requested from the government. Mr. Gravley stated we had not received anything back as of this date. Parks and Recreation Director stated when he had spoken with a state representative they expect it will be after the first of the new year before we will be notified of the results. "Safe Routes to Schools" and "Tennessee Enhancement Grants and Alternatives" had not been applied for as of yet.

Vice-Mayor Charles Slack inquired about the "Sidewalk Grants" and Mr. Gravley responded that TDOT is in charge of this and much research related to the environment and historical district factors is a very slow process and until they complete this phase we are at a standstill. The potential amount of the grant is \$89,000.00.

Commissioner Jim Swayne inquired about the sidewalk located at the Hardee's entrance and how the lot still needs to be repaired to prevent damage to the sidewalk. Commissioner Garwood suggested the city demand the trucks be removed and a sign posted until the owners can repair their lots to prevent further damage to our sidewalks. Mr. Gravley stated they would attempt to do this.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Charles Slack to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Burke Garwood seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

Jim Bull, Mayor

Rebecca Penney, City Recorder

Respectfully submitted by:

Eva Valentine, Recording Secretary