

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE
COMMISSION MEETING**

Record of Minutes of Regular **Meeting Date** December 16, 2013 **Sheet No.**

A regular meeting of the Etowah City Commission was held on Monday, December 16, 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 with the Prayer by Rev. Cullen and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Dennis Morgan.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Charles Slack and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Morgan to approve the previous minutes of the regular commission meeting held on Tuesday, November 25th, 2013. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

NEW BUSINESS

(a.) Update of EDA activities-Kathy Knight

Kathy Knight updated the Commission on the activities of the EDA since March of this year. She stated she had been out into the community working on projects such as H.P. Peltzer. She also stated the Industrial Community in our area is progressive and there is land available for development. She reported she had met with all industries located in Etowah and had just finished working with area leaders on the North Etowah site which is a very large project she hopes will receive consideration and a visit pertaining to active state-wide search. The market is very competitive right now, but she feels we are in a good position to compete with other sites.

Commissioner Jim Swayne inquired as to what we offer as a community in relation to other communities. Ms. Knight sited Etowah as having the best rail site in East Tennessee and it will be to the community's advantage to be selective in to whom we sell to in order to get the most from our assets. She also mentioned that Volkswagen may have more to offer in 2016. She also introduced EDA's new website for *makeitmcminn.org...*

(b.) Application to FEMA AFG (Assistance to Firefighter's Grant)

(c.) Overview of 13 additional grants

Fire chief Mike Moore addressed the Commission to obtain permission to apply for the FEMA AFG 5 percent matching grant which equals approximately \$6000.00 for the city, and several other grants such as the Facility's Grants. The other grants are smaller amounts but very advantageous for the city to consider.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Burke Garwood to approve the application for the matching FEMA grant. Motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

Chief Moore also reported the new fire engine is expected to come off production line May 17th and delivered to the City by June 1st, 2014.

Mayor Jim Bull read the heading for Resolution 1102.

RESOLUTION 1102

**A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE SUSPENSION
OF IN LIEU OF TAX PAYMENTS TO THE CITY OF
ETOWAH BY THE EUB WATER DEPARTMENT.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Burke Garwood to table the commission's consideration of Resolution 1102 until the next regular Commission meeting. Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

(c.) Consideration of Ordinance 752

Mayor Jim Bull conducted the first reading of Ordinance 752.

ORDINANCE NO. 752

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE
ETOWAH MUNICIPAL CODE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE
AND MAKING REFERENCES TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE**

Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to approve Ordinance 752 and Mayor Jim Bull seconded the motion and motion carried by a unanimous commission vote.

OLD BUSINESS

(a.) Adoption and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 748

Mayor Jim Bull conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 748.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12 OF THE
ETOWAH MUNICIPAL CODE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE
THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE,
2012 INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, 2012
INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, 2012 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY
CONSERVATION CODE, 2012 EXISTING BUILDING CODE AND ADA ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES
FOR BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES (ADAAG)**

Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to accept Ordinance no. 748 as read, and Commissioner Dennis Morgan seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous commission vote.

Commissioner Burke Garwood commented on the double-wide that was being set up on Washington Avenue and questioned if that site was up to code.

(b.) Adoption and 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 749

Mayor Jim Bull conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 749.

ORDINANCE NO. 749

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 13, SECTION 108 (OVERGROWN AND DIRTY LOTS) OF THE ETOWAH MUNICIPAL CODE

Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to accept Ordinance no. 749 as read, and Commissioner Dennis Morgan seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous commission vote.

(c.) Adoption and 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 750

Mayor Jim Bull conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 750.

ORDINANCE NO. 750

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 10, SECTION 203 (RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED) OF THE ETOWAH MUNICIPAL CODE AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY ORDINANCE #494, DATED AUGUST 1993.

Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to accept Ordinance no. 750 as read, and Commissioner Dennis Morgan seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous commission vote.

(d.) Adoption and 2nd Reading of Ordinance 751

Mayor Jim Bull conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 751.

ORDINANCE NO. 751

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 742, THE CAPTION OF WHICH IS “AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ETOWAH CITY SCHOOL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014”, BY ADJUSTING EXPENDITURES IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

Commissioner Dennis Morgan made a motion to accept Ordinance no. 751 as read, and Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous commission vote.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Matthew Gravley presented the City’s Employee Healthcare Plan for 2014. The coverage increased 8.4%, which was lower than the estimated 10% that had been budgeted for. The plan remains the same with the exception of now being a member of the “S” plan which includes Starr Medical in the network. The City employees now have the opportunity to enroll into an FSA (Flexible Savings Account) which offers tax savings as well as a fund for unexpected health care expenditures, co-pays, deductibles, and prescriptions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Burke Garwood to approve Etowah's 2014 Employee Healthcare Plan. Motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

Librarian, Lorie Waters presented a grant for \$1,750.00 and acknowledged she had budgeted for the matching funds.

City Manager Gravley reported the re-codification process is underway and the cost could be as much as \$1,500.00 up to \$2,500.00. He also stated that two other companies could do it more quickly than MTAS but would be much more expensive. He also reported the playground equipment had been delivered and the leaf pickup was going ok, but that the ongoing rain had hindered the process some.

Recreation and Parks Director reported the restrooms at the Depot are currently closed for repairs. They are repainting floors and also verified they are closed at night.

Police Chief Eric Armstrong reported the new police car is still in process as there are 4-10 ahead of us at the dealership.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS

Mayor Jim Bull presented for reappointment to the Library Board, Durant Tullock, Barbara Littlefield, and Jo Ann Parker. Jo Ann Parker was also presented for appointment to the McMinn County Library Board

Commissioner Dennis Morgan made a motion to accept the appointments and Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous commission vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis Morgan 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