

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE
COMMISSION MEETING**

Record of Minutes of Regular **Meeting Date** July 22, 2013 **Sheet No.** _____

A regular meeting of the Etowah City Commission was held on Monday, July 22, 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 Prayer by Rev. Danny Moore and Pledge of Allegiance 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 June 25th, 2013. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis Morgan and seconded by Vice Mayor Charles Slack to approve the previous minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on Monday, July 8th, 2013. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Swayne and seconded by Commissioner Burke Garwood to approve the previous minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on Monday, July 12th, 2013. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vice Mayor Charles Slack and seconded by Commissioner Jim Swayne to approve the previous minutes of the Public Hearing held on Monday, July 12th, 2013. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jim Bull read Resolution 1087.

RESOLUTION NO. 1087

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE,
APPOINTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER**

Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to approve and Commissioner Dennis Morgan seconded the motion and motion carried by a full commission vote.

Commissioner Swayne suggested the commission meet Mr. Norris and Commissioner Garwood stressed the need to expedite this process in order to increase the activity and progress in the scheduling of hearings and resolutions to the issues at hand. City Manager, Matthew Gravley agreed to schedule a meeting.

Mayor Jim Bull read Resolution 1088.

RESOLUTION NO. 1088

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ETOWAH
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TML RISK MANAGEMENT POOL
“SAFETY PARTNERS” LOSS CONTROL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM**

Commissioner Jim Swayne made a motion to approve and Vice Mayor Charles Slack seconded the motion and motion carried.

Mayor Jim Bull read Resolution 1090.

RESOLUTION NO. 1090

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ETOWAH MUNICIPAL-REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ISSUE A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE PROPOSED PLAN OF SERVICES ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO T.C.A. §6-51-102, RELATIVE TO 3 PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY WHICH ARE CONTIGUOUS TO THE NORTHERN CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAP.

**(North Etowah Industrial Park)
McMinn County Tax Map 087 Parcels 182.00 & 206.00
McMinn County Tax Map 097 Parcel 004.00 (Portion)**

Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to approve and Commissioner Dennis Morgan seconded the motion and motion carried.

Discussion that followed stipulated this was to establish a moratorium on the property until July 2014 in order for the city to move as quickly as possible if someone were to develop the property.

Mayor Jim Bull read Resolution 1091.

RESOLUTION NO. 1091

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ETOWAH MUNICIPAL-REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ISSUE A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE PROPOSED PLAN OF SERVICES ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO T.C.A. §6-51-102, RELATIVE TO 1 PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY WHICH IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE EASTERN CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAP.

**(Etowah Utilities Substation)
McMinn County Tax Map 107 Parcel 134.00**

Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to approve and Vice Mayor Charles Slack seconded the motion and motion carried.

Commissioner Garwood stated the county would have to approve and Chad Reese will verify the city boundary. Commissioner Garwood also stated we need a city map displayed on the chamber wall.

Mayor Jim Bull conducted the first reading of the Etowah City Schools Budget Ordinance 742.

ORDINANCE NO. 742

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

Commissioner Burke Garwood made a motion to approve and Commissioner Jim Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried.

Mayor Bull announced the second reading would be scheduled for Friday, August 02, 2013 at 10:00 a.m...

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Jim Bull conducted the second reading of Ordinance 740.

ORDINANCE NO. 740

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE TAX RATE AND PENALTY FOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN AND FOR THE CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE FOR THE 2013 CALENDAR YEAR.

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

Mayor Jim Bull recessed the regular meeting to have a public hearing regarding Ordinance 740.

Mayor Jim Bull called the regular meeting back to order and conducted the second reading of Ordinance 741.

ORDINANCE NO. 741

AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ETOWAH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014

Vice-Mayor Charles Slack made a motion to approve and Commissioner Burke Garwood seconded the motion and motion carried by a commission vote.

City Manager Matthew Gravley reported the city had received \$1,000.00 donation from Waupaca and needed their approval to use the funds for two basketball goals to be installed near the tennis courts. The estimated cost will be \$1,625.00 and a request for bids will be posted in the local paper.

Vice-Mayor Charles Slack made a motion to approve the purchase and Mayor Jim Bull seconded the motion, and motion carried by a full commission vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Matthew Gravley stated he will be the mayor's proxy at the SED Board of Director's Meeting in Pigeon Forge, TN on August 21st. He also stated the city had applied for a \$25,000 "Playful Cities, USA" grant. Brian Silber stated if we did not receive that one, we would apply for another, but will be a smaller grant. Matthew also suggested he and Brian Silber attend the "Playful City USA" Leader's Summit, which will be held in Baltimore, MD in September. He thought the contacts they could make there might help the city be able to get a park. The pool was discussed and the possibility of a splash pad. Commissioner Burke Garwood suggested Representative Forgerty might be able to help us with this. City Manager Gravley stated the city would not be eligible for any grants for the pool until after our current pool was declared obsolete.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS

Mayor Jim Bull stated we will need to pass two resolutions pertaining to the Market Place Fairness Act and the Tax Exemption for Municipal Bonds during next month's regular meeting.

Commissioner Jim Swayne complimented the city on the flowers and baskets in town. City Manager Gravley invited anyone that wanted to, to become part of the Etowah Action Team, which had helped the city, and the Chamber in a lot of the work that had been done in effort to improve the look of the city. He also mentioned the possibility of more projects such as hanging art in the windows of the empty buildings.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Swayne to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Dennis Morgan 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