



City of Etowah

City Commission Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2019

1) Call to Order:

Mayor Burke Garwood called the meeting to order

2) Roll Call

Mayor Garwood gave roll call with all present: Commissioner Gene Keller, Vice Mayor Jim Swayne, Commissioner Max Miller and Commissioner Mike Casteel. Also present were City Manager (CM) Tina Tuggle and City Recorder Alison Bull.

3) Prayer

Commissioner Miller prayed.

4) Pledge of Allegiance

5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES—SPECIAL CALLED---11/06/2019  
REGULAR----- 10/28/2019

*Vice Mayor Swayne made a motion to approve the special called meeting minutes from 11/06/2019. Commissioner Miller seconded. All Ayes.*

*Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from regular meeting held on 10/28/19. Vice-Mayor Swayne seconded. All Ayes.*

6) New Business

a.) Approval of 2020 Meeting Calendar

*Commissioner Casteel made a motion to approve the 2020 meeting calendar from Commissioner Keller seconded. All Ayes.*



b.) Approval of Sidewalk Connectivity Grant

*City Manager Tuggle explained this grant had been approved two years ago and this was the beginning of phase II which will extend the sidewalks and fix the ADA corners down Eighth and Louisiana with \$55,570.09 split between 19-20 and 20-21 fiscal years. Commissioner Casteel made a motion to approve the sidewalk grant and splitting it between the two fiscal years and Vice-Mayor Swayne seconded the motion. All Ayes*

c.) Approval of Purchase of Furniture for New City Hall

*Vice-Mayor Swayne made a motion to approve the approximate amount of \$10,000.00 purchase of furniture for the new City Hall Commissioner Keller seconded. Ms. Tuggle explained there would be an additional \$1,500.00 for shelving in the storage areas and she would be soliciting bids from moving companies. All Ayes.*

d.) First Reading of Animal Control Ordinance # 846 amending Chapter 90

**ORDINANCE NO. 846**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 ANIMALS,  
SECTION 90.01 DEFINITIONS THROUGH 90.34 Disposition  
of fees, civil penalties and the like.**

*Mayor Garwood read the heading of the Ordinance and City Manager gave further explanation of the terminology and definitions were being updated and Commissioner Casteel made a motion to approve Ordinance 846 Commissioner Keller seconded the motion. All Ayes.*

e.) Approval of Christmas bonus for Regular Part-Time and Full-Time employees.

*Commissioner Keller made a motion to approve the 2020 Christmas bonus for Regular Part-Time with the grossed up amount being \$60.00 and Full-Time employees receiving 175.00 and Commissioner Miller seconded. All Ayes.*

f.) Discussion and or Approval of Purchase of 801 Tennessee Ave Property

*Mayor Garwood made a motion to approve the purchase of the 801 TN Avenue property for \$100,000.00 and Vice-Mayor Swayne seconded the motion. Commissioner Miller stated he would approve with the stipulation of keeping the building for City use. Commissioner Casteel questioned the stipulation in the contract related to renovations until paid in full. After Ms. Tuggle explained TDEC had confirmed the removal of the*



*known fuel storage tanks but if more were found the City would be responsible. Mayor Garwood called to question and called for a vote. All Ayes.*

*Ms. Tuggle asked the Board to choose either option one or two for payment terms and suggested option 2 which the terms are to place a \$20,000.00 down payment and \$20,000.00 per year thereafter for 4 years.*

*Mayor Garwood made a motion to approve option 2 and Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote. The Board decided to table the discussion and vote as to the renovation possibilities for a later date.*

*g.) Consideration and Approval of Resolution 1237*

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1237**

#### **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SOCIAL MEDIA USE AND INTERNET POSTING POLICY**

*Commissioner Casteel made a motion to approve Resolution 1237 and Mayor Garwood seconded the motion. All Ayes*

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

#### **7) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ms. Tuggle gave the Board information pertaining to a very attractive CDBG grant that might be a good fit for Etowah. This would assist Etowah homeowners needing renovations or new builds if they qualified based on income. The City would not have to match the funding and could possibly affect 8-12 homeowners if Etowah were to be awarded the grant.

She also reminded everyone of the Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Celebration at the Depot as well as the Employee Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 13 at the Community Center.

Ms. Tuggle also suggested the Board review the chlorination systems information she had provided in their packets for the upcoming pool project.

#### **9) PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Commissioner Casteel complimented our Animal Control department and the great job they are doing.

Best wishes for newly married Fire Chief Hatley and his new wife.

Mayor Garwood made a motion to appoint Mike Cheek to the DRC Commission and Vice-Mayor Swayne seconded the motion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Garwood commented the 2020 census is coming soon and suggested we advertise and support the participation of our citizens for the well-being of our city.

**10) UNSCHEDULED ITEMS**

**11) ADJOURNMENT**

a. Adjournment

*Mayor Garwood made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Keller seconded.*

*All Ayes.*



Burke Garwood, Mayor



Alison Bull, City Recorder