

Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on

March 11, 2013

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 5:30 P.M. regarding closing the alleys of Tellico Street to Cedar Street and Tellico Street to Englewood Avenue. The Board then met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held at 5:30 P.M. in regards to closing the alleys of Tellico Street to Cedar Street and Tellico Street to Englewood Avenue.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Tony Hawn called the meeting to order with Commissioners Alan Phillips, Jerry Shirk, and Wes Atwell present. Terry Hanner was not present.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Jerry Shirk.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2013 MINUTES

Motion was made by, seconded by to approve the February 2013 minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

There were no communications from the Mayor at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

There were no council member reports at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

CITY LIMIT SIGNS

Commissioner Jerry Shirk stated he had checked with Hacker Sign Company on the city limit signs. The signs would be made of a durable material and prices for three (3) 2x4 signs were \$200.00 each and that included the background and slogan on both sides and in any color. He did state the town would have to adopt a slogan for the signs. The sign at the park entrance was a 4x8 sign priced at \$450.00 and would include information about the park, pool, play area, baseball, soccer, etc. The prices quoted are

for signs only and does not include putting the signs up. Shirk stated this is the only place he has looked and Commissioner Phillips suggested maybe getting Bill McDonald to paint a sign. Stacey Shirk, from the audience, suggested checking with Speedy Signs in Athens. Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Atwell to table this matter till the April 2013 meeting. All Ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

FEBRUARY 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

Town Manager Moses stated many departments are still under where they are projected to be. Parks is still over due to the retaining wall and this will continue to show till next year's budget. The city has not received the funds from the Energy Grant but the State of Tennessee has received it and is reviewing it; however, the city did receive funds from the GHSO grant. Motion was made by Shirk, seconded by Atwell to approve the February 2013 Financial Report. All Ayes.

CAPTIAL OUTLAY – IMPROVEMENT LOAN

Town Manager Moses said the city has only received information from People's Bank on the percentage to borrow and asked if the Board would agree to vote on the 1st reading until the amortization schedule is in hand and what the charge is going to be over a period of twelve (12) years. Mayor Hawn stated what the city is looking at is borrowing \$150,000 to buy a backhoe and to make other improvements and also repairs on buildings that have already been done. Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Shirk to accept the 1st reading. All Ayes.

WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE

Mayor Hawn noted that the city lost money in the water department for the third year and that the State of Tennessee mandates if you lose money for three (3) consecutive years they will come in and set the rates if the city doesn't take initiative. The new rate chart will be a twenty percent raise across the Board for inside city, outside city, and commercial residents. In order to even out the depreciation, the city has to raise rates for the state or the state will raise them. Sewer rates will remain the same at 140%. This should generate revenue of around \$14,000 a month. The city's depreciation is around \$168,000 for the whole year. Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Shirk to accept the 20% water rate increase across the Board. All Ayes.

1st READING ON ALLEY CLOSINGS OF TELICO STREET TO CEDAR STREET AND TELICO STREET TO ENGLEWOOD AVENUE

Town Manager Moses proposed to vote on the 1st reading tonight and schedule a called meeting for the 2nd reading and ordinance. The called meeting will be Monday, March 18, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. Motion was made by Shirk, seconded by Phillips to accept the 1st reading. All Ayes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Darrell Wright read the police report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Billy Roach was not present at the meeting. Town Manager Moses read the fire report.

REMODELING OF MAINTENANCE/POLICE DEPARTMENT & CITY HALL; REPAIRS TO ROOF AT CITY HALL AND SEWER PLANT

Town Manager Moses made mention to the Board that even though the Board had agreed to remodel, the remodel needed to be in the form of a vote. She stated Glenn Whiting had repaired the roof at City Hall and added a new top at the Sewer plant and so far there were no leaks at either place. Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Atwell to approve the remodel. All Ayes.

ANY OTHER LEGAL BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Town Manager Moses said she had received a proposal request from Richard Hill to continue as auditor for the year ending June 30, 2013. The fee will be \$23,200, a 2% increase over last year. Commissioner Phillips asked if this was something that needs to be bided out since it was over \$23,000. It was made mention that professional services did not need to be bided out. Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Atwell to keep Richard Hill as the 2012-2013 auditor for the Town of Englewood.

Stacey Shirk, who lives in Athens and worked twelve (12) years for the City of Athens, is making a proposal for animal control. He states animal control will not support itself but if the city manages other municipalities, by holding their animals, the city will make money. His approach is to stop over populating of animals and to help people from being at harm. If the city is serious he will show the city ways to cut fees and make money by the adoption process. He states he is not doing this just for a job but for his own personal reasons. He said he will work for us and will work hard to make the city money.

Town Manager Moses asked Andy from the Daily Post Athenian to run an ad stating the Town of Englewood will no longer accept payment for the 2011 property taxes after March 31, 2013.

It was made mention with the rain in previous weeks, there have been no overflows.

There will be a called meeting on Monday, March 18, 2013 to discuss the 2nd reading of closing the alleys of Tellico Street to Cedar Street and Tellico Street to Englewood Avenue. Also, if the amortization schedule is ready, a discussion on the 2nd reading of the Improvement Loan.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Atwell to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes.

Tony Hawn

Ramona Wright

MAYOR

RECORDER