

## Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on

January 11, 1999

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Englewood met in regular session, Monday, January 11, 1999, at 6:00 P.M., in the Assembly Room at Englewood City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Simpson with Commissioners Davis, Raper, Cass and Brown present.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Davis.

Mayor Simpson then informed everyone present that the Town was now eighty years old. He stated that the Town had a good history and that many changes had occurred over this time period. He also said that Englewood would be facing new opportunities and new plans to strengthen it.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Cass to accept the December 1998 Minutes. All Ayes.

Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Cass to appoint Deborah Morgan as City Recorder, with Angie Gibson as Assistant Recorder. All Ayes.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Davis to appoint Glenn Cooley as Chief of Police. All Ayes.

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Raper to take bids concerning the Recycling Grant. All Ayes

Sheila Holden, of C.A.G.E., presented the Board with a plan to restore the old Chestnut house located next to the Textile Museum. C.A.G.E. would like for the Town to consider a donation toward this project.

Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Cass to accept monthly errors and adjustments in the amount of \$325.60. All Ayes.

Engineer Al Pierce of Consolidated Technologies Inc.. reviewed the Cumberland Heights-Zion Hill water extension project with the Board. Joe Cline informed the Board that construction was scheduled to begin late spring of early summer and that it would take one year to complete. Mayor Simpson then stated that the Town was to be on the agenda for the next McMinn County Commission meeting concerning funding of this project.

Commissioner Cass ask Mr. Pierce what the changes were in this proposal and the one presented in 1996. Mr. Pierce said this project picked up more customers. Mr. Cass then asked about the increase in water usage. Pierce stated that \$60,000.00 in Revenue had been projected.

Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Brown to purchase three sets of bleachers for the Community Park. This purchase will be made from \$4000.00 surplus that has been received by the Town from the State.

The Board then discussed adjusting Johnny Phillips water bill; Mr. Phillips leak occurred before the Board made the decision to send letters to customers informing them of possible leaks. Commissioner Cass stated that he felt that the customers had to be looked after first and leaks second. He said he knew it was hard to say no. Mr. Cass noted other leaks that had occurred in the past that had not received adjustments. Commissioner Raper asked if the letter would not help with this problem? The Mayor stated the board needed to look at this in the work session and that he would set one for January 25. Motion was then made by Cass, seconded by Davis to average Mr. Phillips bill. All Ayes.

Motion was made by Raper, seconded by Brown to implement a plan to make sure the Town of Englewood was Y2000 compliant. All Ayes.

Bob Saffles was present to request that the Board consider relieving property taxes in the Lions Club property. The Mayor informed Mr. Saffles that the Board did not have the authority to do this. He told Mr. Saffles that he needed to seek advice from an attorney to help him find out how to become tax exempt.

Caroline Stout, owner of the Englewood Speedwash asked the Board to consider billing her business for a smaller meter usage than a 2 inch meter. Ms. Stout stated that the Town really needed a laundromat and that it would be hard for her to pay a 2 inch rate. (Ms. Stout's business had been billed for a 5/8 inch by mistake for several years). The Board informed Ms. Stout that they had to treat her the same as other 2 inch customers and that she had been getting to pay a small amount for several years, which was in her favor. Ms. Stout thanked the Board for listening to her request.

Mr. Reed Johnson then asked the Board why they had hired Mr. Herb Williams of Knoxville instead of a local attorney. Mr. Johnson also stated that the cost of Mr. Williams was also much higher than local attorney fees. He presented the Board with a petition of 212 names that were against hiring Mr. Williams. Mr. Johnson said that the two new commissioners should have been allowed to vote. The Mayor asked if another vote was needed concerning the attorney. Mr. Brown asked why should they have to vote again? Mr. Cass stated that he had nothing personal against Mr. Williams, but that the Town's funds had to be considered. The Mayor then stated that the Town was facing important issues right now. Mr. Cass asked what important issues? The Mayor stated Hwy. 411 and litigation on other matters. He also stated that Mr. Williams was a noteworthy attorney who was well versed in municipal law. The Board decided to take another vote on this issue. Motion was made by Raper, seconded by Cass to take another poll of the Board concerning hiring Mr. Herb Williams as city attorney. Members voted as follows: to hire Mr. Williams, Raper Aye, Brown Aye, Simpson Aye. Those voting against hiring Mr. Williams, Cass Nay and Davis Nay.

Motion was then made by Raper, seconded by Cass to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes.

E. Edward Simpson  
Mayor

Deborah Morgan  
Recorder