

Town Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2010

Town Meetings: Last Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM, Town Hall

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1) **Call to Order:** Mayor Ray called to order at 7:07 P.M.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Present were Daniel Dubois, Carol Crook, Terri Ray, Eugene Evans and Rick Roark. Also present: Town Recorder Nikki Jordan and Attorney Shannon Smith.
- 3) **Minutes of the Previous Meetings Approval &/or Correction:** Alderman Dubois moved to approve the 04/08/10, 05/10/10, 05/13/10, 06/10/10 SCM minutes and 05/27/10 Town Minutes and waive the reading.
Vote: All favored; motion carried.
- 4) **Announcements and Communication from the Mayor:**
 - 4.1 Early voting to be held at Town Hall Meeting Room July 26 through July 31.
 - 4.2 Independence Day Celebration to be July 3rd.
- 5) **Concerns and Comments from the Audience:**
 - 5.1 Charles Morehead asked why cutting grass on Elkins property is still an issue. Vice Mayor Crook stated that four residents called her regarding Alderman Evans cutting the grass; MTAS confirmed to her that any Alderman can help any resident if acting in individual capacity, as long as the Alderman does not use Town equipment and clarifies that they are not acting on behalf of the Town.
 - 5.2 Jerry Woodall, Bluff View Ct., stated that signatures were turned in requesting completion of unfinished work on Bluff View Ct.
 - 5.3 Aubrey Chambers reminded Board to remove signs for meetings after the meetings occur.
- 6) **Reports from Committees, Board and other Town Officers/Department Heads:**
 - 6.1 **Verbal Reports:** a) Aldermen; b) Attorney; c) Engineer; d) Fire Chief
 - 1) **Alderman Reports:** 1. Alderman Roark reported that the benefit held on June 17th at Mud Puddle was a huge success; the thrift shop will be closing at the end of June; the wristbands have sold really well and are also available on e bay. 2. (a) Vice Mayor Crook reported about Independence Celebration: T-shirts are on sale; need more judges for the pageants and pie eating contests; Aubrey Chambers reminded Board that in the past, the Board has participated in the pie eating contest. (b) Vice Mayor Crook reported that she contacted Mayor Orange about Alderman Evans' allegations at last meeting and confirmed with Mayor Orange and David McCullough, and tapes, that she did not ask Mayor Orange to remove request for loan from county agenda. Alderman Evans requested that Vice Mayor Crook get a letter from Mayor Orange confirming this matter.
 3. Attorney Smith reported that the County Loan Resolution has been approved and will follow up with County Attorney. 4. Vice Mayor Crook reported that work has begun on Riverview Rd.

5. Fire Chief Stuart reported that Volunteer Aldridge's father passed away this week; Fire Chief Stuart wants to submit paperwork for the Forestry matching grant to replace the fire hose.

6. Vice Mayor Crook stated that the Town website is being updated by Mayor Ray.

7. PEMB member Lou Chambers updated Board on new TEMA/FEMA guidelines; Ms. Chambers also thanked all of the volunteers; PEMB member Marie Smith requested that Board, Emergency Management, and Fire Department work better to communicate during emergencies. 8. LouAnn Engleman, County Commissioner, confirmed that the County passed Resolution requesting loan and a revenue anticipation note may be a better option than a loan.

7) **6.2 Written Reports: (on file at Town Hall)** a) Fire Chief; b) Sewer; c) Building Inspector; d) Attorney
Old Business:

7.1 Flood Recovery Updates: 1. Vice Mayor Crook reported that Building Inspector Bob Gupton has completed 75 inspections and is now sending permits out; doing permit inspections; ESF14 not needed; FEMA left Pegram June 17th and is now in Ashland City. 2. Marie Smith provided forms and information regarding sales and use tax refund for those affected by the flood; maximum refund is \$2,500; refund applies to purchases of furniture, appliances, building materials, etc.; this information is also available online.

8) **New Business:**

8.1 Resolution 2010-85: Proclamation for National Guard: National Guard was unable to attend tonight's meeting; moved item to July 29th Town meeting agenda.

8.2 Telephone, Extension & Voice Manager System for Town Hall: a) Alderman Dubois moved to discuss: seconded by Alderman Roark. Discussion: Vice Mayor Crook explained that the new voicemail system will increase productivity; Comcast doesn't offer a voice management system and Charter doesn't service the area. AT & T quote is only one that meets the Town's needs. Attorney Smith read from Purchasing Policy and advised that let system bids. Discussion closed. b) Alderman Dubois moved to advertise for bids; seconded by Alderman Evans. Discussion: Alderman Roark stated that bids may not be the best option to increase competition. Alderman Dubois amended motion to let sealed proposal; seconded by Alderman Evans. Discussion: Sealed proposal opening set for July 13th at 10am. Alderman Roark stated that we need to add more mailboxes and ports for staff and Board. Fire Chief Stuart confirmed that the fire department does not need a port. **Vote:** All favored.

8.3 Damages to Mr. Dunn's Pine Trees on Section of Marshall Woodard & Hannah Ford Rd: Vice Mayor Crook requested that item be moved to discuss at July COTW when more information is available.

8.4 2010/2011 Cheatham County Parks and Recreation Challenge Grant: a) Vice Mayor Crook moved to discuss; seconded by Alderman Roark. Discussion: Town was approved for \$5,000 matching grant to replace the roofs on the parks and recreation building and concession stand. b) Alderman Roark moved to accept; seconded by Alderman Evans. **Vote:** All favored.

8.5 Fire Department Application for Thomas Kosinski: Alderman Dubois moved to approve the three applications submitted; seconded by Vice Mayor Crook. **Vote:** All favored.

8.6 Fire Department Application for John Spann: (see 8.5)

8.7 Fire Department Application for James Murray: (see 8.5)

8.8 Independence Day Celebration Parking: Alderman Dubois moved to discuss; seconded by Vice Mayor Crook. Discussion: Attorney Smith recommended Town request a contract for annual use of the Elkins lot and in return Town will mow the property within two weeks prior to the event. Alderman Roark raised concerns that property isn't kept mowed per codes. Attorney Smith stated that citations should be issued for those not following the town ordinance regarding keeping

yards mowed. Charles Morehead commented from the audience that the town needs to enforce the codes. Alderman Dubois led discussion to determine if the Elkins' property is essential for the Independence Day celebration and then moved to have Attorney Smith draw up an agreement for Alderman Evans to deliver to Mr. Elkins prior to speaking with him; seconded by Vice Mayor Crook. Further discussion: Attorney Smith asked and it was confirmed by the Board that she has the authority to speak directly with Mr. Elkins. Charles Morehead again commented from the audience that Mr. Elkins does not mind the city using his property for the Independence Day celebration. Alderman Evans commented that a phone call is necessary before spending the money to draw up an agreement. Attorney Smith stated that it should cost under \$100 to draft the document. **Vote:** Alderman Roark, no; Alderman Evans, no; Mayor Ray, yes; Alderman Dubois, yes; Vice Mayor Crook, yes. Motion passed.

8.9 Forestry Grant: Alderman Roark moved to approve Fire Chief to seek grant and for Town to match up to \$3,000; seconded by Vice Mayor Crook. No discussion. **Vote:** All favored.

8.10 UV Light for Sewer: Alderman Dubois moved to approve; seconded by Mayor Ray. Discussion: Vice Mayor Crook stated that Atlantic UV Corp. is the sole provider for the needed UV light for the sewer and it will cost \$2,975. **Vote:** All favored.

9) **Adjournment:** Vice Mayor moved to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Evans.
Adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Terri L. Ray, Mayor

Shana C. Jordan, Recorder

Date Approved