

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Mayor And Aldermen
Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee
August 10, 2004

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Thompson's Station was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on the 10th day of August 2004, at the Community Center. Members and officials in attendance were: Cherry B. Jackson, Mayor; Sarah H. Benson, Alderman; Larry D. Craig, City Attorney; and Douglas G. Goetsch, City Recorder. Absent: John T. Neal, Alderman.

It was noted that the July 13, 2004 meeting had been cancelled, so the minutes of the June 8, 2004 meeting were previously submitted and were approved upon a motion by Alderman Benson and second by Mayor Jackson.

Mayor Jackson reminded the board of the upcoming Red Cross blood drive to be held at the Community Center.

Williamson County Mayor Rogers Anderson and County Commissioner Houston Naron presented a county proposal for a sales tax increase in the county of ½ of 1 percent. Normally the local option sales tax is split between the local municipality and the county school district, but this proposal would designate that the entire amount raised by this increase would go to fund county schools. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Naron presented extensive documentation of the pressure on the county school district due to massive growth in the county and projected future growth. They were visiting all the cities in Williamson County to ask each city to enter into an interlocal agreement to authorize the city's portion of the proposed increase to be directed to instead go to the county school district.

Next presented to the board were Resolutions 04-003 and 04-004 that adopted a Plan of Service for parcels that the town would annex pursuant to the requests made by the respective property owners. The parcels were identified as:

- Map 152, Parcel 45.01
- Map 130, Parcel 31.01
- Map 130, Parcel 33
- Map 130, Parcel 34

After discussion, Mayor Jackson made a motion to adopt Resolutions 04-003 and 04-004. Alderman Benson seconded the motion, and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Next presented to the board was the first reading of Ordinance 04-007 that annexes the properties identified in Resolutions 04-003 and 04-004 into the town corporate limits. After discussion, Mayor Jackson made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading and set a public hearing on this ordinance for 7:00 p.m. on September 14, 2004 at the Community Center. Alderman Benson seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Jackson explained that TDOT had asked the board to consider changing the speed limit on Highway 31 to be 45 m.p.h. throughout the city limits. The recent addition of Independence High School prompted them to make this suggestion. Mayor Jackson made a motion to support changing the speed limit on Highway 31 to 45 m.p.h, Alderman Benson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. City Recorder Goetsch was directed to send a letter to TDOT notifying them on the Board's support for this proposal.

Mayor Jackson stated that the Red Cross had sent an agreement to be signed by the town allowing them to use the Community Center as a local headquarters in the event of a disaster in the area. After discussion, Alderman Benson made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the town. Mayor Jackson seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

City Attorney Craig updated the board on the situation regarding the proposed traffic signal on Highway 31 at the entrance to Independence High School. His research concluded that although the County had approved the final site plan, no plat had been filed. TDOT was working with the school district on the process for approving a signal assuming the road was a public roadway. The road is currently a private road owned by the school district and there is some question whether it has been built according to approved plans, including the signage constructed at the entrance. Mayor Jackson suggested it might

require a meeting with the new school superintendent to get all issues resolved. The town could not assist until these questions had been answered.

City Attorney Craig stated that he had met with Mr. Puckett of the H.B. & T.S. Utility District regarding having them provide billing and collection services for the future wastewater treatment facilities that are being constructed or considered. The H.B. & T.S. proposal was to provide these services for a 7½ % fee on the gross billing amount. Sheaffer International had made a proposal of a flat fee of \$5.00 per customer per month. This decision needs further analysis to determine the best approach to take. City Attorney Craig also stated that the TDEC permit for the Heritage Commons development had been received by the town.

City Attorney Craig stated that two applications had been received in response to an ad the town had placed for a part-time building inspector and codes enforcement officer. He suggested the board discuss criteria to evaluate the candidates and set up interview dates. Hopefully the board could decide on one of the candidates at the September meeting of the board.

Alderman Benson mentioned that she had been contacted by a local citizen regarding an overgrown lot on Pantall Road and asked what action the town could take to remedy the situation. City Attorney Craig stated that the county indicated they were not going to take any action, but the town could have the lot mowed and place a lien on the property until repaid by the property owner. Mayor Jackson stated that she would talk to the county codes enforcement officer and report at the September meeting.

City Attorney Craig reminded the board that the town must give the county 90 days notice of the intention to take over the building inspection and codes enforcement functions within the town. The board will soon have to also consider establishing wastewater fees for customers using a wastewater treatment plant within the town. The board should also consider establishing a few regional plants rather than several smaller plants.

Mayor Jackson stated that the Del Webb Company had set two dates for community meetings to discuss their plans for a retirement community on the Adam's property on the eastern edge of Thompson's Station. The meetings are scheduled for August 23rd and September 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Mayor Jackson and Alderman Benson discussed the earlier presentation by the county officials regarding the proposed increase in sales tax to be used to support county schools. Alderman Benson made a motion to authorize the mayor to respond favorably to the county's proposal. Mayor Jackson seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Next the floor was opened for community input and concerns.

Ms. Paula Pulliam, principal of the Heritage Elementary School, expressed her shock that the tree line on the Heritage Commons development had been removed when grading began at that site. She mentioned that several parents were concerned as well.

Ms. Mary Khim suggested that Del Webb Company send postcards to residents living nearby their proposed development notifying the residents of the upcoming community meetings.

City Attorney Craig then directed the board's attention to the proposed maintenance agreement prepared by Sheaffer International. The board went through each provision of the agreement and came up with further questions to send back to Sheaffer for clarification. City Attorney Craig suggested obtaining more information of expense items and stated he would get with the city engineers for technical issues and try to have more information for the September meeting.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Cherry B. Jackson, Mayor

Attest:

Douglas G. Goetsch, City Recorder