

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Of the Board of Mayor And Aldermen**  
**Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee**  
**January 11, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Thompson's Station was called to order at 7:05 p.m., on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005 at the Thompson's Station Community Center. Members and officials in attendance were: Cherry B. Jackson, Mayor; Sarah H. Benson, Alderman; Corey Napier, Alderman; Larry D. Craig, City Attorney; and Douglas G. Goetsch, City Recorder. Absent: None.

The minutes of the December 14, 2004 meeting were previously submitted and motion to approve the minutes was made by Alderman Benson, seconded by Alderman Napier, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

**Announcements** - Mayor Jackson stated that it is anticipated that the Household Survey would be compiled and ready to be presented by the City Planner at the February meeting of the Municipal Planning Commission. Citizen committees would also be formed by the February or March board meeting dates. She also stated that the Red Cross Blood Drive would be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center.

**Old Business** - City Attorney Craig stated that he had received some correspondence from the attorney for Smith Trucking about damage to Sedberry Road and was working on this issue. He also stated that the Town had received the signed agreement with the H.B. & T.S. Utility District for wastewater billing and collection services.

**Second Reading of Ordinance 04-009**

Next presented to the board was the second reading of Ordinance 04-009 that establishes a privilege tax for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption upon premises within the municipality. City Attorney Craig explained the ordinance and noted that a referendum on this issue was passed by the electorate in the November 2004 election and a public hearing on this ordinance was held before tonight's meeting, but no one came forward to speak for or against the ordinance. After discussion, motion to adopt on second reading was made by Alderman Benson, seconded by Alderman Napier, and the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

**First Reading of Ordinance 05-001**

Next presented to the board was the first reading of Ordinance 05-001 that establishes the position of City Administrator. City Attorney Craig explained the ordinance that describes the position in detail, and includes that the City Administrator reports to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and administers the business of the municipality. After discussion, motion to adopt on first reading was made by Alderman Benson, seconded by Alderman Napier, and the ordinance was unanimously adopted. Alderman Benson made a motion to hold a public hearing on this ordinance at 7:00 p.m. on February 8, 2005 at the Community Center. Alderman Napier seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

**First Reading of Ordinance 05-002**

Next presented to the board was the first reading of Ordinance 05-002 that changes the zoning for properties on Sedberry Road from *Rural (R)* to *Suburban Estate (SE)*. The affected parcels are:

- a. Map 131, Parcel 12
- b. Map 131, Parcel 12.02
- c. Map 131, Parcel 12.03
- d. Map 131, Parcel 7
- e. Map 131, Parcel 7.01

It was noted that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of this rezone request at their December meeting. After discussion, motion to adopt on first reading was made by Alderman Benson, seconded by Alderman Napier, and the ordinance was unanimously adopted. Alderman Benson made a motion to set a public hearing on this ordinance on February 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Thompson's Station Community Center.

**Discussion on Amending the Beer Ordinance** - City Attorney Craig outlined some differences in the town's beer ordinance and the state liquor laws. This included that the beer ordinance has some distance requirements from schools, churches, hospitals and public gathering places, however the state liquor laws have no such distance requirements. This could result in an establishment receiving approval to sell liquor but not beer. Alderman Benson stated that it seems that the beer ordinance and liquor laws should be more consistent. Mayor Jackson suggested that deleting the application of the distance requirement for hospitals and public gathering places. Alderman Napier suggested keeping the 300-foot distance requirement but address the public gathering place reference. The sense of the board was to keep the 300-foot distance requirement but remove the reference to hospitals and public gathering places in the beer ordinance.

**Discussion on Amending the Impact Assessment Fee Ordinance** – City Attorney Craig stated that currently the county charges a \$1.00 per square foot impact fee for residential construction and the town charges \$.22 per square foot. The county has no impact fee for non-residential construction, but the town does have a \$.34 per square foot impact fee. He suggested the board consider revising the fees for the future. The board decided to consider changes at the February meeting.

**Other New Business**

City Attorney Craig stated that he had little luck in getting a response from Charter Communications regarding negotiating a cable television franchise agreement for the town and may need to pursue reaching an agreement with another provider. The board asked him to try one more time to get Charter's attention.

City Recorder Goetsch stated that the town budget needs revision for the current fiscal year and he would present a revised budget for consideration at the February meeting.

**Community Input** - Next the floor was opened to citizens for community input and concerns, but no one came forward with any comments.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Cherry B. Jackson, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas G. Goetsch, City Recorder