

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee
May 10, 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 10th day of May 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; Greg Langeliers, City Administrator; and Douglas G. Goetsch, City Recorder. Absent: None.

The minutes of the April 12, 2005 meeting were previously submitted and were approved upon a motion by Alderman Benson and second by Alderman Napier.

Announcements

Mayor Jackson stated that road construction on Thompson's Station Road East would begin on May 16th and would start at the Lewisburg Pike end and proceed west to Columbia Pike. She also asked citizens to submit recipes for the planned TSCA cookbook.

City Administrator Langeliers stated that the Planning Committee and Public Works Committee had both met and future meetings were scheduled. He also stated that a citizen had sent him a letter asking the board to consider expanding the number of board members. Mr. Langeliers said this was something for the board to seriously consider, but suggested taking no action until the expansion could be coordinated with the 2006 election cycle. Mr. Langeliers also stated that he had traded e-mails with the property owner that has the brick pillars next to the roadway on Thompson's Station Road East and hoped to resolve this issue soon. Also he stated that he has received the operating permit for the regional wastewater treatment plant from TDEC.

Mayor Jackson introduced Nancy Conway and Duane Murray representing the Williamson County Chamber of Commerce. They asked the board if it was desired that the Chamber include Thompson's Station businesses in their membership since the town has not yet formed a chamber of commerce. The chamber promotes business in the community and maintains contacts with state and federal officials on issues affecting the town and businesses within the town. Board members expressed support for including Thompson's Station businesses within the Williamson County Chamber of Commerce.

Second Reading of Ordinance 05-010 - Next presented to the board was the second reading of Ordinance 05-010 that would prohibit the commercial sale of fireworks within the city limits. City Attorney Craig explained the ordinance and noted the effective date would be August 1, 2005, which allows the current vendor of fireworks to finish the season with the upcoming Fourth of July holiday. It was noted that a public hearing on this issue was held before tonight's meeting and no one came forward to speak for or against this ordinance. After discussion, motion to adopt on second reading was made by Alderman Napier, seconded by Alderman Benson, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Second Reading of Ordinance 05-011 - Next presented to the board was the second reading of Ordinance 05-011 that amends the budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. City Recorder Goetsch stated that in addition to the \$250,000 added to the budget for resurfacing of Thompson's Station Road East, he had made some minor reclassifications to some budget items. It was noted that a public hearing on this issue was held before tonight's meeting and no one came forward to speak for or against this ordinance. After discussion, motion to amend from first reading was made by Alderman Benson, seconded by Alderman Napier, and the amendments were unanimously adopted. Alderman Benson then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 05-011 as amended. Alderman Napier seconded the motion and the ordinance was unanimously adopted.

First Reading of Ordinance 05-012 - Next presented to the board was the first reading of Ordinance 05-012 that would amend the Town wastewater ordinance. Mayor Jackson stated that it was hoped that the newly formed Public Works Committee would have had time to meet and discuss this proposed ordinance before tonight's board meeting, but that it was not able to be scheduled in time. Alderman Napier made a motion to defer action on this ordinance until the Public Works Committee had time to review it and make comments. Alderman Benson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

First Reading of Ordinance 05-013 – Next presented to the board was the first reading of Ordinance 05-013 that establishes the budget and property tax rate for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. City Recorder Goetsch covered the key line items of the budget and explained that predicting the coming year would be difficult as estimating the build-out of the newest approved developments was almost impossible at this point in time. After discussion, Alderman Benson made a motion to adopt on first reading, Alderman Napier seconded the motion, and the ordinance was unanimously adopted. Alderman Benson made a motion to hold a public hearing on this ordinance on June 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Thompson's Station Community Center. Alderman Napier seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Consideration of Resolution 05-002 – Next presented to the board was Resolution 05-002 that authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement with the company building the regional wastewater treatment plant for the Tollgate Village development that puts into writing how the plant capacity will be allocated. Alderman Napier agreed that it was important to have this agreement in writing, but felt that it was premature to do so tonight. He felt that it was important to have the Public Works Committee to review it and make comments before the Board took any action. He felt that more input from the citizens was needed and wanted to empower the Public Works Committee with more responsibility. Alderman Benson commended City Attorney Craig for a very thorough agreement, but agreed that allowing the Public Works Committee to review it was a good idea. Alderman Napier made a motion to defer action on this resolution, Alderman Benson seconded the motion and it was unanimously agreed to defer action. Mr. Jim Cross representing the Tollgate Village development told the Board he had been working on this development for 2½ years and further delays would be very costly and would like a date set for this to be addressed. Mayor Jackson agreed that it was important to resolve this issue and hoped to have on the agenda for the June meeting of the Board.

Community Input - Next the floor was opened to citizens for community input and concerns:

Roger Jankowski of 2705 Tollie Lane read portions of the Household Survey to the Board and stated that he wanted them to seriously consider the findings of the survey. He also questioned waiting until the 2006 election to expand the board.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Cherry B. Jackson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Douglas G. Goetsch, City Recorder