

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee
November 8, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Thompson's Station was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on the 8th day of November 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 October 11, 2005 meeting were previously submitted and were approved upon a motion by Alderman Benson and second by Alderman Napier.

Announcements

Mayor Jackson announced that long-time resident Donnie Horton had recently passed away and expressed sympathy for his family.

Administrator's Report

City Administrator Langeliers stated that the Public Works Committee decided to have more structure and get a formal vote on items that are to come before the Board for decision-making. They also want to develop a method for adding items to their agenda. The Community Plan Committee is holding a public hearing on December 1st to get input on an overall plan for development within the town. He is also working on how to add staff for the expected growth in the near future. He identified a need for an administrative support person and an engineer. There is already a lack of room at Town Hall and the board needs to consider the options available for providing room for additional staff. Alderman Napier suggested developing a pro forma analysis of projected fee income based on various levels of growth and see if enough funds would be provided for additional staff. He was especially concerned with obtaining a professional certified engineer to oversee sewer plans and construction. City Administrator Langeliers stated that the town needs a comprehensive sewer plan detailed enough for planning future growth.

Old Business

City Attorney Craig stated that a claim for vehicle damage caused by a pothole was forwarded to the town insurance carrier for investigation and resolution.

First Reading of Ordinance 05-018

Next presented to the board was the first reading of Ordinance 05-018 that would increase the impact assessment fee charged by the town on new construction. After discussion, Alderman Napier made a motion to increase the fee as follows:

	<u>Current Fee</u> <u>Per Sq. Ft.</u>	<u>New Fee</u> <u>Per Sq. Ft.</u>
Residential Construction:		
Roads	.55	.80
Public Safety	.10	.10
Parks	<u>.10</u>	<u>.10</u>
Total	.75	1.00
Non-Residential Construction:		
Roads	.65	.80
Public Safety	.05	.15
Parks	<u>.05</u>	<u>.05</u>
Total	.75	1.00

Alderman Benson seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted. Mayor Jackson made a motion to hold a public hearing on this ordinance on December 13, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Alderman Benson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance 05-019

Next presented to the board was the first reading of Ordinance 05-019 that would amend the town zoning ordinance regarding the number of members on the Board of Zoning Appeals. City Administrator

Langeliers stated that both the Public Works Committee and the Community Plan Committee supported this change. After discussion, Alderman Benson made a motion to add two members to the BZA, one for a two-year term and one for a three-year term. Alderman Napier seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted. Alderman Benson made a motion to hold a public hearing on this ordinance on December 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Alderman Napier seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

First Reading of Ordinance 05-020

Next presented to the board was the first reading of Ordinance 05-020 that would establish a Business Tax for the town. City Recorder Goetsch stated that it was recommended the town establish this business tax as a source of revenue for the town. The State of Tennessee allows municipalities to establish a business tax and has established the rules and regulations for the types of businesses that can be taxed and the maximum rates that can be implemented. The town has contacted a firm called Revenue Discovery Systems that handles the billing and collection of business taxes so that no additional staffing to handle this function would be necessary at this time. The town could always take over the administration of this function at a later date. The planned growth of commercial enterprises within the town makes this a viable source of revenue for the town. After discussion, motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading was made by Alderman Napier, seconded by Alderman Benson, and the ordinance was unanimously adopted. Mayor Jackson made a motion to hold a public hearing on this ordinance on December 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Alderman Benson seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Other New Business

Mayor Jackson stated that she would like to reappoint Mr. Harold Wheeley to a three-year term on the Board of Construction Appeals and to appoint Mr. Tom Evans, for a three-year term, to replace Ms. Quen Brown on the Municipal Planning Commission, whose term expires on December 31, 2005. The board expressed their concurrence with these two appointments.

City Administrator Langeliers stated that the town has yet to receive a franchise fee check from Charter Communications and will follow-up on this situation.

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

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Cherry B. Jackson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Douglas G. Goetsch, City Recorder