

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen**  
**Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee**  
**December 12, 2006**

**Call to Order**

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006, at the Thompson's Station Community Center. Members and staff in attendance were: Cherry Jackson, Mayor; Leon Heron, Mayor-Elect; Sarah Benson, Alderman; Corey Napier, Alderman; Greg Langeliers, Town Administrator; Doug Goetsch, Town Recorder; Larry Craig, Town Attorney; and Lisa Stewart, Town Clerk.

Mayor Jackson introduced Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Cornelia Clark.

Justice Clark swore in Leon Heron as the Town Mayor; and Sarah Benson as Alderman.

The Board then recessed to hold the public hearing.

**Public Hearing**

The public hearing was held on the following ordinance that was advertised in the November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006 edition of the *Williamson AM* newspaper:

- Ordinance 06-015 to Adopt a Code of Ethics for the Town of Thompson's Station.

Mayor Heron opened the public hearing.

Mr. Craig reviewed each section, as required, to adopt the Code of Ethics.

There being no persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

**Re-Convene**

Mayor Heron re-convened the Board meeting with the required quorum.

**Elect a Vice-Mayor**

Mayor Heron asked for nominations for a Vice-Mayor.

Alderman Benson nominated Corey Napier; and was seconded by Mayor Heron, which passed unanimously.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting were previously submitted and were approved unanimously upon a motion by Alderman Benson and second by Alderman Napier.

**Announcements**

Mr. Langeliers stated that the paperwork has been signed to deed the regional sewer treatment facility over to the Town, pending recording of the necessary documents.

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He noted that the December Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts and not having a quorum.

Mr. Langeliers pointed out that the January and February Planning Commission meeting dates conflicted with national holidays, and they have been re-scheduled for the fourth Mondays of those months, being January 22<sup>nd</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

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He commented on the public input meeting that was held last night regarding the library, noting there was a lot of input from both sides of the issue.

**Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. Langeliers reviewed the report as follows:

Board of Zoning Appeals on 11/20/06

Conditional Use / Special Exception – Communications Tower Request by Williamson County Department of Emergency Communications to be located on parcel 14.03, map 153. The BZA approved the Conditional Use site plan for a communication tower on the water storage facility site adjacent to the southeast corner of the Town's park.

Planning Commission on 11/20/06 (Next Meeting: 1/22/07)

Re-Zoning:

A request for a Planned Neighborhood zoning designation for the "Club at Pleasant Creek", a proposed 55 and older community on the Reifschneider and Buswell property off Lewisburg Pike, was recommended to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen by the Planning Commission at their November 2006 meeting.

Final Plats:

Final plats were approved for sections 1B and 2 of the Fields of Canterbury development off Critz Lane.

Subdivision Regulation Variance Request:

A subdivision regulation variance was granted to allow for the installation of a PVC force main sewer line.

Public Works

The public works committee did not meet last month and items typically reviewed via that committee's agenda will be temporarily handled through the BOMA agenda.

**Old Business**

Mr. Craig stated that the re-scheduled dates of the Planning Commission will need to be advertised.

**First Reading of Ordinance 06-016 Requesting Re-Zone to Planned Neighborhood for The Club at Pleasant Creek located between I-65 and Lewisburg Highway.**

Alderman Benson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Napier, to approve this ordinance upon first reading.

Alderman Napier asked for the benefits and / or alternatives to re-zoning to a Planned Neighborhood; and Mr. Langeliers explained the various options of the planned district overlays.

Kristi Earwood, with The Harpeth Law Group, was here to represent the applicant and address any questions or concerns.

After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Heron stated that the public hearing for this ordinance will be set on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

**First Reading of Ordinance 06-017 to Amend the Composition and Expand the Size of the Planning Commission.**

Alderman Benson made a motion to approve Ordinance 06-017 upon first reading. Alderman Napier seconded the motion.

Mayor Heron explained that it was his suggestion to increase the members on the Planning Commission to allow for more participation and involvement from the Town residents. He also noted that he will be appointing a designee to serve in his position on the Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Heron stated that the public hearing for this ordinance will be set on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

**Second Reading of Ordinance 06-015 to Adopt a Code of Ethics for the Town of Thompson's Station.**

Alderman Napier made a motion, seconded by Alderman Benson, to adopt upon second reading Ordinance 06-015.

It was noted that no one spoke regarding this item at the public hearing held earlier.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Other New Business**

- Appointment to Planning Commission – Chairman Brown Daniel (term expires 12/2006).  
Alderman Napier made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Daniel to the Planning Commission for a term of three (3) years. Alderman Benson seconded the motion; which passed unanimously.
- Appointment to Board of Zoning Appeals – Chairman Archie Buttrey (term expires 12/2006).  
Alderman Benson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Napier, to re-appoint Mr. Buttrey to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of three (3) years. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Appointment to Board of Construction Appeals – Steve Carr (term expires 12/2006).  
Alderman Benson made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Carr to the Board of Construction Appeals for a term of three (3) years. Alderman Napier seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Appointment of an Alderman to Planning Commission.  
Alderman Napier made a motion to re-appoint Alderman Benson to the Planning Commission for the duration of her term, which is four (4) years. Mayor Heron seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.
- Letters from Williamson County Community Development to Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on the Town's behalf for the following:
  - Widening of I-65 from SR 96 to SR 840; and
  - Widening of Columbia Pike (US 31 / SR 6).Mr. Langeliers noted these letters were copied to the Board for their information and to keep them up to date; reminding them that Williamson County represents the Town on the executive board at MPO.

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Mr. Langeliers stated that bids are being received on the proposed re-alignment of Critz Lane. Staff is reviewing these and writing up a scope to be sent back to the bidders and returned for Staff to re-evaluate. At that time, this will be brought to the Board for their recommendation.

Mayor Heron noted that he has been attending the MPO meetings and Mayor Anderson is working towards a solution to the various road issues being faced by the Town.

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Mr. Craig referenced the ordinance to expand the Planning Commission, pointing out that the By-Laws will need to be updated as well and go before the Planning Commission.

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Mr. Craig asked if the Board wanted him to draft an ordinance relating to the residential automatic sprinkler systems. Mayor Heron stated that he would prefer to wait until public comments are received via meetings with developers, builders, etc. Mr. Craig suggested work sessions with the utility providers and others.

**Community Input and Concerns**

Mary Khim, of 2701 Brenda Street in Pecan Hills Subdivision, asked for a follow-up on the items remaining under bond in Pecan Hills, as follows: the pond, the cul-de-sac, signage, and landscaping.

Mr. Langeliers responded as follows:

- Both property owners affected at the cul-de-sac on Brenda Street have been notified and have responded requesting Planning Commission to re-consider their decision; and that will be on the January agenda of the Planning Commission meeting.
- Landscaping has been installed along Thompson's Station Road East and that bond will be released after it's determined the plants will survive.
- The pond on Stacey Street has been drained and the Town is now waiting for the homeowner's contractor to do their part. They have a deadline with a 'weather permitting' clause, so the process could slow through the winter.

Mrs. Khim pointed out that the initial request of one of the homeowners on Brenda Street was denied by the Planning Commission. She asked that considerations be given regarding safety at the cul-de-sac and to discourage speeding, such as the 'sleep strips'. Mr. Langeliers agreed that could be an option to be presented to the commission.

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Mayor Heron took this time to thank and commend all the citizens of the Town for their participation in the election. He thinks increasing the Board of Mayor and Alderman is important to encourage more participation. He plans to re-establish the Public Works Committee, to be chaired by Alderman Benson; and establish a Finance Committee with Alderman Napier as it's Chair. Mayor Heron recognized Cherry Jackson and David Coleman, noting their accomplishments during their terms as Mayor and expressed appreciation for same.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

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Leon Heron, Mayor

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