

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen**  
**Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee**  
**April 14, 2009**

**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 approximately 7:00 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009, at the Thompson's Station Community Center with the required quorum. Members and staff in attendance were: Leon Heron, Mayor; Sarah Benson, Alderman; Greg Langeliers, Town Administrator; Doug Goetsch, Town Recorder; Todd Moore, Town Attorney; Wendy Deats, Town Planner; and Lisa Stewart, Town Clerk. Alderman Corey Napier was unable to attend.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting were previously submitted, and were approved unanimously upon a motion by Alderman Benson and second by Mayor Heron.

**Announcements:**

Mr. Langeliers made the following announcements:

- The April Planning Commission has been cancelled.
- The Williamson County School Board held a work study last night and they agreed to recommend approval of both sections of the Safe Routes to School plan, which has been completed. Mr. Fortney, with the School Board, expressed his thanks to Mrs. Halvorson for all her work on this project.
- The training session on Friday in Memphis has been confirmed, and two (2) Staff and three (3) Planning Commissioners will be attending.
- The Taste of Thompson's Station Festival is scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> of May.

**Town Administrator's Report.** (copy in file)

**Old Business:**

Mr. Langeliers stated that there may have been some confusion regarding the notice to proceed on the culverts previously bid for replacement; however, an e-mail sent today should have corrected any misunderstanding.

**Item 1 - Second Reading of Ordinance 09-005 to Revise the Town's Zoning Map to Modify the Zone for Heritage Commons.**

Mrs. Deats reviewed the report, recommending the modification from High Intensity to Planned Commercial.

- A. **Public Hearing for Ordinance 09-005** (as advertised in the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 edition of the *Williamson AM* newspaper, on the Town website, and various postings in Town).

Mayor Heron opened the public hearing.

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

**Alderman Benson made a motion to approve and adopt this ordinance. Mayor Heron seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Item 2 - Second Reading of Ordinance 09-006 to Increase the Number of Aldermen from Two (2) to Four (4).**

Mr. Moore reviewed the increase in the Board from three (3) to five (5) to be effective for the November 2010 election.

- A. **Public Hearing for Ordinance 09-006** (as advertised in the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 edition of the *Williamson AM* newspaper, on the Town website, and various postings in Town).

Mayor Heron read an e-mail sent from Alderman Napier, in his absence, stating that the ordinance looks fine to him and he likes the wording relating to the 'highest vote totals' determining the length of the terms.

Craig Cooper, of 1726 Old Thompson's Station Road, stated that he feels its very opportune, during this significant pause, to add people to our Board so that when we do begin to see the growth we'll be ready for it, rather than trying to catch up with it when it happens. He is in favor of this as a great opportunity to acclimate others to what the Town is wanting to accomplish and be able to better represent our citizens.

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

**Alderman Benson made a motion, seconded by Mayor Heron, to approve and adopt this ordinance. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**Other New Business:**

Mr. Langeliers referenced previous discussions regarding the invoice, that seemed high, from the Williamson County Election Commission for the November election. He ran comparison numbers based on population since we were billed the same amount as Fairview and Nolensville; and approximately per capita, the cost to Thompson's Station citizens was three (3) times as much as the City of Fairview and twice as much as the residents of Nolensville. It was noted that the early voting provided here was not only a convenience for the Town, but also our neighbors in the City of Spring Hill; and if that is some how calculated into the Election Commissions' billing process. Mr. Langeliers stated that the upcoming budget has been revised for this allowance and this Board will be reviewing that budget at next month's meeting.

Mayor Heron suggested the Town Administrator meet with Ann Beard, the Election Administrator, to better understand what the Election Commission expects from the Town. He noted that they use our facility at no charge, they did not give us proper notification of the last election, causing significant problems with re-scheduling / cancelling those who had already rented this facility, and we would like to know exactly how the Election Commission will be charging us in the future. Mayor Heron suggested Mr. Langeliers take this opportunity to present the per capita costs / calculations to the Election Commission, noting that the current bill will be paid; however, adding that we do not want this to be a recurring issue for the Town.

Alderman Benson also pointed out the difficulty the Town had at the last referendum to get the correct vote count; and she suggested talking with Tom Murdic, who is the Chairman of the Election Commission.

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Mayor Heron wanted to make the public aware of an unfortunate increased number of incidents (just in this last month) requiring the response of the Williamson County Sheriff's Department in the Town limits (ie: burglaries, theft, and vandalism), which could be a sign of the economic times. The Sheriff's Department will be stepping up patrols in various areas and he suggested being more aware of locking up your belongings and securing your surroundings; and also to be cautious of strangers, contacting the Sheriff's Department if you are uncomfortable.

**Community Input and Concerns:**

There were none at this time.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:18 p.m.

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Leon Heron, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Doug Goetsch, Town Recorder

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