

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen**  
**Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee**  
**June 9, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 May 12<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 introduced Philicia Gibson, attending tonight's meeting, with the Workforce Essentials Youth Summer Program and will be working with the Town for several weeks; and also helping with maintenance and lawn-care is Beau Blackwell.

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

**Old Business:**

Mr. Langeliers stated that he's working on a start date with Century Construction to begin work on the culverts and hopes to have that by the end of the week.

**Item 1 - Second Reading of Ordinance 09-007 to Amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009.**

Mr. Goetsch reviewed the amendments made to the current year budget.

- A. **Public Hearing for Ordinance 09-007** (as advertised in the May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 edition of the *Williamson AM* newspaper, on the Town website, and various postings in Town).

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

Mr. Goetsch explained the final changes, referencing the ordinance and worksheet. He noted the biggest change is the error being corrected by the State, where they assigned one of our new businesses to Maury County and was sending our sales tax to them. The State will be reimbursing the Town approximately \$103,000.

Mayor Heron noted that at first reading, it was proposed to take \$125,000 out of the Reserve Fund to balance the budget for the end of the year (June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009); however, with the increased sales tax from the new Kroger Marketplace, only \$30,000 will need to be transferred.

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

**Item 2 - Second Reading of Ordinance 09-008 to Establish the Budget and Tax Rate for July 2009 through June 2010.**

Mr. Goetsch reviewed the ordinance, projecting not having to use the Fund Balance at all and no increase in the property taxes.

- A. **Public Hearing for Ordinance 09-008** (as advertised in the May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 edition of the *Williamson AM* newspaper, on the Town website, and various postings in Town).

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

Alderman Benson referenced a request to lower the pump and haul rates to be closer to Columbia's rates and Mr. Langeliers noted that our rates are equivalent to the 'out of County' rates; however, he does plan to take this request to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Heron pointed out that this year's budget is approximately \$430,000 higher than last year's, adding that some of that is the Safe Routes to School grant of \$240,000 and a projected increase in Repairs and Maintenance of Roads of about \$260,000. There should be a significant increase in sales tax revenue because of the new Kroger Marketplace, but Staff has taken a conservative view since future projections are unsure based on the effect the idling of the G. M. Assembly Plant may have this fall.

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

Mayor Heron pointed out that the Town does have the lowest real estate taxes in Williamson County.

**Item 3 - First Reading of Ordinance 09-009 to Re-Zone Holmes, Dunn, and Simms Properties located on Lewisburg Pike to Planned Commercial.**

Mrs. Deats reviewed the report, recommending approval to move to a second reading.

Mayor Heron stated he thinks this to be fitting with the light industrial across the street and the SR 840 interchange.

Alderman Benson wanted to make sure adjacent property owners will be notified of the public hearing, and Mr. Langeliers stated that there will be public hearing signs posted on the property, as well as other postings and advertisements in the newspaper.

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

Mayor Heron set the public hearing for this ordinance to be August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Item 4 - First Reading of Ordinance 09-010 to Zone Parcels Annexed in the November 2008 Referendum to Planned Neighborhood.**

Mrs. Deats reviewed the report, recommending approval to move to a second reading.

**After discussion, Alderman Benson made a motion, seconded by Mayor Heron, to accept and approve the first reading of this ordinance. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Mayor Heron set the public hearing for this ordinance to be August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Item 5 - First Reading of Ordinance 09-011 to Modify Zoning to Recognize Property / Easement Dedication for Density / Intensity Bonuses.**

Mr. Langeliers reviewed the report, indicating a minor modification to the language per counsel's advise for more flexibility. He noted that this modification will go back to the Municipal Planning Commission for their review, which will be before this Board meets again.

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

Mayor Heron set the public hearing for this ordinance to be August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Other New Business:**

Mr. Langeliers referenced two (2) requests for a fireworks show (Kroger Marketplace and an individual at a wedding party in Tollgate Village) and he pointed out the Town ordinance that prevents the sale of fireworks, but not necessarily the use / display of them.

Mr. Moore, Town Attorney, agreed that the Town does not have an ordinance prohibiting fireworks use; however, stated that they will have to obtain a permit from the State Fire Marshalls Office and the State could require a licensed pyrotechnical expert to be in charge of the display.

Mayor Heron suggested Staff inform those requesting the fireworks shows that it is not restricted by the Town; however, a permit is required from the State Fire Marshalls Office.

**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 7:27 p.m.

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Leon Heron, Mayor

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

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