

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen**  
**Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee**  
**October 13, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009, at the Thompson's Station Community Center with the required quorum. Members and staff in attendance were: Leon Heron, Mayor; Sarah Benson, Alderman; Corey Napier, Alderman; Greg Langeliers, Town Administrator; Doug Goetsch, Town Recorder; Todd Moore, Town Attorney; Wendy Deats, Town Planner; Richard King, Building Codes Official; and Lisa Stewart, Town Clerk.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting were previously submitted, and were approved unanimously upon a motion by Alderman Benson and second by Alderman Napier.

**Announcements:**

- Mr. Langeliers noted that Thompson's Station Road West was projected to re-open a few days ago; however, because of the rain, Bell Construction has asked that it remain closed through October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Alderman Benson asked if it is probable they will be done by then, and Mayor Heron pointed out that the road is fully paved with the binders in, with some shoulder work remaining. They've repaired a number of sections that were damaged and would be functional if opened now.

- Mr. Langeliers stated that the bids were opened for the Safe Routes to School project today for the main portion and a letter was sent to TDOT for their review. After TDOT awards the bid, a pre-construction meeting will be set and construction should begin shortly after that.

Mayor Heron asked if the award of this contract requires any action from this Board, and Mr. Moore (Town Counsel) stated that it will be party to an agreement, suggesting approval for the Mayor to enter into same.

This will be addressed under 'Other New Business'.

- A public hearing is being held regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that will relate to various funding available through grant opportunities. This will be held Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town's Community Center. Mr. Langeliers explained that a public hearing is the first step and must be held before we can proceed any further.

Alderman Benson asked if the grant application will be made by Staff (Mrs. Deats) or will a consultant be used.

Mrs. Deats noted that Ben Stewart, with the Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC), will preside over this public hearing and facilitate / assist Staff in the process.

- Mayor Heron asked about the bids for the playground equipment, and Mr. Goetsch stated that the Community Association met to open the bids and will meet again October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. to have some questions answered before making a choice. Mrs. Deats reviewed the bids for the Board, also noting that Staff has not heard back from Middle Tennessee Electric.

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

**Old Business:**

Mrs. Deats updated the Board regarding the bicyclists, distributing sign options to be looked at and can start looking at costs when we're ready. She also searched again for other ordinances in the middle Tennessee area and can only find one in Belle Meade, that has two (2) sections. One states that they need to be wearing reflective gear, and part two states that they can only ride single file.

Alderman Napier asked about checking out side the state, maybe in California, or others that may be more bicycle friendly; and Mrs. Deats stated that she can.

Mayor Heron commented that an ordinance in lieu of the State regulations could be adopted, pointing out that he was contacted by another resident relating to the bicyclists. He suggested a bicycle thoroughfare plan to consider where to locate the signs and information flip-boxes.

Mrs. Deats pointed out that if an ordinance is adopted, that information can be included in the brochure that will be created. She also noted that if the Town adopts an ordinance, we'll need a mechanism to enforce it; stating that Belle Meade's police department enforces theirs.

After further discussion, Mrs. Deats stated she will continue to research this issue.

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Mrs. Deats informed the Board that Staff has been working on a survey to be completed by Town residents to identify issues and constraints to be used toward the Comprehensive Plan Update. It will be on the Town website and copies available at the Town Hall. Staff is considering a notification of the survey to every resident by postcard.

**Item 1 - ~~Second Reading of Ordinance 09-014~~ regarding Codification of the Town's Municipal Ordinances. WITHDRAWN**

Mr. Goetsch noted, in reviewing his copy, the wording of "city" rather than "town", and to have that correction included with any Mr. Moore also has. MTAS is still working on the corrections but was not able to get it back to us by tonight's meeting.

**Item 2 - Second Reading of Ordinance 09-015 to add Windmill Standards to the Zoning Ordinance.**

Mrs. Deats reviewed the standards.

Mayor Heron opened the public hearing.

- A. **Public Hearing for Ordinance 09-015** (as advertised in the September 27<sup>th</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. Moore asked if the Board wanted to consider a restriction of one (1) windmill per a certain acreage, noting that the way it currently reads does not prohibit that.

**After discussion, Mayor Heron made a motion to amend section "A." to add that there be 'no more than one (1) windmill per five (5) acre parcel. Alderman Napier seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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

**Item 3 - Second Reading of Ordinance 09-016 to add Temporary Use / Event Standards to the Zoning Ordinance.**

Mrs. Deats reviewed the standards, noting no changes by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Heron opened the public hearing.

- A. **Public Hearing for Ordinance 09-016** (as advertised in the September 27<sup>th</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 Napier made a motion to approve and adopt this ordinance. Alderman Benson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Item 4 - First Reading of Ordinance 09-017 to Adopt the 2006 International Building Code.**

Mrs. Deats explained this to be a housekeeping item, noting that the Town is currently using the 2003 International Building Codes. One amendment is being recommended to Section 105.5 with the language to be as follows:

“In order to obtain approval of an extension, the applicant shall diligently pursue completion of the project within 180 days as determined by the Building Official. Additional fees will apply. Upon approval of the extension, work shall be conducted continuously and will be subject to review by the Building Official.”

This amendment will give the Building Official the authority to determine the amount of work, if it is being diligently pursued, and be the responsible party for extensions when appropriate.

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

Mayor Heron set the public hearing for this ordinance to be November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Item 5 - First Reading of Ordinance 09-018 to Amend the Permit Fee Schedule.**

Mrs. Deats indicated the updated exhibit copies she distributed showing the actual red-line changes / additions, and reviewed the amendments.

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

Mayor Heron set the public hearing for this ordinance to be November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Item 6 - Resolution 09-004 to Renew the Inter-local Cooperation Agreement with Tennessee Municipal League (TML).**

Mr. Goetsch noted the hand-out of the agreement. Mr. Moore explained the management pool was designed to provide insurance to municipalities, and a few changes have been made; therefore, TML has asked the Town to approve our continued participation in the pool through this resolution.

Alderman Benson asked if the changes are significant, and Mr. Moore stated that they are not. It is primarily how the risk management and their board operates.

**Alderman Napier made a motion, seconded by Alderman Benson, to accept and approve this resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**Item 7 - Resolution 09-005 to Re-Apply for the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) for 2010.**

Mr. Langeliers stated that we were notified that the Town was not selected in the 2009 program and since there is no cost to the Town to re-apply, he suggested we try again.

**Alderman Benson made a motion to accept and approve this resolution. Alderman Napier seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Other New Business:**

Mr. Moore referenced the previous discussion regarding the Safe Routes to School bid.

**Alderman Napier made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute a contract with the construction bid chosen for the Safe Routes to School project. The motion was seconded by Alderman Benson, and passed unanimously.**

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Mrs. Deats referenced a request from Scout master, Richard Cole, that has the Christmas tree lot at Heritage Commons every year. He has requested the Board waive the \$100 fee.

**Alderman Benson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Napier, to waive the fee as requested for the Boy Scout troop. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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Alderman Napier noted that he was questioned by someone living in Bridgemore as to when something was going to be done about Critz Lane.

Mr. Langeliers stated that he has contacted a couple of engineer firms for estimates for cores to determine the depth of existing asphalt and rock – approximately \$1,200 to \$ 1,800 – that also included a few on Dean Road. Staff will develop a plan on how to proceed after the information from the cores is received.

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Mayor Heron pointed out that there are two (2) nominations that need to be filled by December 2009, which will be to replace Mr. Brown Daniel on the Planning Commission, and Mr. Archie Buttrey's term is expiring on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayor Heron stated he will get a list of considerations to the Board prior to their November meeting.

**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 7:49 p.m.

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Corey Napier, Vice-Mayor

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

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