

Town of Thompson's Station
Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Minutes of the Meeting
February 10, 2015

Call to Order.

The 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 Tuesday, February 10, 2015 with the required quorum. Members and staff in attendance were: Mayor Corey Napier; Alderman Brinton Davis; Alderman Sarah Benson; Alderman Brandon Bell; Alderman Graham Shepard; Town Administrator Joe Cosentini; Finance Director Doug Goetsch; Town Planner Wendy Deats; Town Attorney Todd Moore; and Town Recorder Leah Rainey.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Minutes. The minutes of the January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting and January 20, 2015 Special Called Meeting were previously submitted.

Alderman Davis moved to accept the minutes from both meetings as submitted. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Service Awards Presentation. Mayor Napier recognized former Aldermen Ron Barrett and Nina Cooper for their contributions to the town and presented them with Iron Spike awards. The board members expressed their thanks and appreciation.

Public Comments.

Mr. Dan Costello of Spring Hill discussed the Spring Hill Thompson's Station Rotary Club and its various initiatives in the community. He invited the board to attend a Rotary meeting to learn more and asked that they reach out if there is anything the Rotary Club can do to be of service to the town.

Mr. Roger Nixon of 2704 Brenda Street discussed concerns about the Whistle Stop wastewater request and the town's current capacity for treating wastewater. He said he felt this developer had not played fair in past dealings with the town and asked that the taps not be granted to Whistle Stop.

Matthew Gary of 2700 Brenda Street discussed concerns about the Whistle Stop wastewater request and said he opposed granting taps to the developers who were involved with the development of the wastewater facility which was in need of repair. He requested that the board give a monthly report on the taps issued to each subdivision, including Bridgemore, Canterbury, Tollgate and a nameless subdivision.

BOMA Reports

Alderman Shepard discussed the timeline for noticing meetings and suggested publishing the full packets on the town website one week in advance of town meetings.

Mr. Cosentini agreed to start putting packets on the website, with the exception of anything that might be attorney-client privileged.

Alderman Shepard discussed the flooding on the Marlins' property and asked for an update on what was being done to solve the problem.

Mr. Cosentini said survey work had determined that the neighbor's pond was the primary cause of the problem, and the town and county were looking at ways to correct the drainage of that pond.

Alderman Shepard discussed the Crystal Clear franchise agreement and said that, if the town decides to renew the franchise agreement or to negotiate a new one, they should make sure that the subdivision residents and Crystal Clear customers are not worse off financially as a result.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Cosentini reviewed his report and discussed the RFQ for architectural services to explore options and costs to renovate the community center to include office space.

Alderman Benson moved to approve the RFQ for architectural services. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Cosentini gave an update on the PlaceMakers project and announced that the public planning charrette would take place March 9-12. A project website with further details would be forthcoming.

Finance Report

Mr. Goetsch reviewed the financial documents from the packet and made himself available to answer questions.

Unfinished Business:

Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance 15-001 – amending Ordinance 14-006 which amends the annual budget and tax rate for FY 2014-2015.

Mr. Goetsch reviewed the changes since First Reading. He noted that there was no change to the tax rate.

Public Hearing: No one came forward to speak.

Alderman Davis moved for approval on Second Reading. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Alderman Shepard asked for an update on meeting with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority regarding telecommunications and benchmarking other towns for construction access enforcement.

Mr. Cosentini gave updates on both items.

Mayor Napier expressed concern over litter in Thompson's Station.

New Business:

Wastewater Request: Whistle Stop – Phase 1

Mr. Cosentini reviewed his staff report and the history of the project. He recommended that the Board approve the request for 46 taps, with the conditions that 1) no additional approvals for Whistle Stop be considered until applicant develops and obtains approval for a wastewater master plan; 2) that the Heritage Commons tie-in be temporary, and that the master plan to be developed include Phase 1 so the subdivision would not be sending effluent to multiple facilities; and 3) that the applicant continue working with staff on modifications to the site development plan and all off-site improvements.

Applicant representative Tom King of Whistle Stop LLC discussed the project and took questions from the Board.

After discussion, Alderman Benson moved to defer until more information was provided by the developer. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Alderman Bell moved to deny the wastewater request. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance 15-002 – amending Article VI Sign Standards of the town Zoning Ordinance

Mrs. Deats reviewed her staff report and said the Planning Commission had reviewed the request and moved it to the Board for consideration.

The Board and staff discussed the process for submission and staff review of proposals to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Moore noted that if major changes were made between First and Second readings, his recommendation was for the Planning Commission to review the changes before final vote.

The Board and staff discussed enforcement of the Sign Standards.

After discussion, Alderman Benson moved to approve Ordinance 15-002 on First Reading and set a Public Hearing on March 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-002 – authorizing the Town Administrator to negotiate an agreement for engineering consulting services related to the town's wastewater system with Smith Seckman Reid, Inc.

Mr. Cosentini discussed the RFQ process and the proposed agreement.

After discussion, Alderman Benson moved for approval. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Resolution 15-003 – to accept a Civil War Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant in the amount of \$202,472.21 and to approve a grant agreement with the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, and to authorize the mayor to execute said agreement.

After discussion, Alderman Davis moved for approval. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Appointments:

Mayor Napier nominated Kim Peterson to the Design Review Commission.

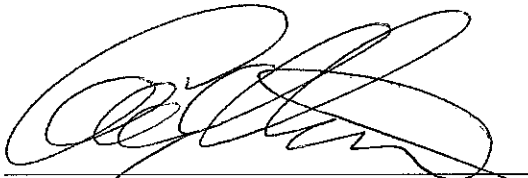
Alderman Benson moved for approval of the appointment. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Alderman Bell moved to nominate Bob Whitmore to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. David Coleman recommended that subdivisions get in touch with Keep Williamson Beautiful to coordinate community cleanup efforts.

Adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.



Corey Napier, Mayor



Leah Rainey, Town Recorder