

Minutes of the Meeting
Of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee
March 13, 2012

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Thompson's Station was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on the 13th day of March, 2012, at the Thompson's Station Community Center with the required quorum. Members and staff in attendance were: Ron Barrett, Alderman; Sarah Benson, Alderman; Nina Cooper, Alderman; Brinton Davis, Alderman; Greg Langeliers, Town Administrator; Doug Goetsch, Town Recorder; Todd Moore, Town Attorney; Richard King, Building Codes Official; and Wendy Deats, Town Planner. Mayor Corey Napier was unable to attend the meeting. As vice-mayor, Alderman Benson opened and officiated the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

The minutes of the February 14, 2012 meeting were previously submitted. Alderman Cooper made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Alderman Barrett seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Announcements:

Ms. Deats stated that the Town was teaming with Vanderbilt to add exercise stations in the Town Park. Vanderbilt has committed to donating \$5,000 per year for five years with the goal of adding several exercise stations within the Park. The first phase is scheduled to be installed before June 30, 2012. Also, Ms. Deats stated that a wooden train structure that is being built for the Town Park, funded in part by the Thompson's Station Community Association, should be installed in the next few weeks.

Mr. Langeliers announced that a special called meeting of the Board has been scheduled for March 27, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The purpose of the meeting is to consider recommendations for the repair to Cell #2 of the Regional Wastewater Plant.

Town Administrator's Report: (copy on file)

Mr. Langeliers' written report dealt with the proposed change to the Town's employee medical insurance plan. The Town was going to have an 18% increase in the cost of medical insurance in the coming year if the present coverage is maintained. After detailed analysis with the Drury Group, an insurance broker/consultant, it was determined that switching to a high-deductible health savings account plan would provide coverage very close to the current plan and keep the total cost to the Town at the current year's rate. The Board concurred that the switch to a health savings account made sense both for the employees and the Town.

Town Recorder's Budget Report: (copy on file)

Mr. Goetsch stated that the current financial statements are matching closely to budget. The 2012-2013 budget process would be underway soon and Mr. Goetsch asked the board members to let him know of any specific budget items to include in the new budget. Alderman Benson asked why the

liability insurance costs seemed low and what coverage it included. Mr. Goetsch replied that the town has \$1,000,000 of liability coverage as well as some tort law liability limitations under state law. Mr. Moore stated that the town was covered under the tort liability statutes and that was probably one reason for the relatively low cost, as well as not having a police or fire department.

Old Business:

Bruce Meyer with Sheaffer Wastewater Solutions LLC provided the Board with an update on the wastewater related projects currently underway. The repairs to Cell #2 will be discussed fully at the March 27th meeting with a recommendation to the Board. Repairs to the main pump station are essentially complete and are waiting for final inspection by the state electrical inspector and will probably be back online in a few weeks. Also being looked at are changes in how septage is handled when brought in by the septage haulers.

Mr. Langeliers stated that since the Town's purchase of the lot in Heritage Commons last month, he had been in contact with some non-profit entities about finding an area for ball fields to serve the community. Because the town would have to maintain this lot anyway, it might be possible to utilize this lot for two or more ball fields. It might be desirable to have one of the non-profit entities act as the primary responsible party in scheduling and monitoring the use of these potential fields. The Board concurred that this was something to explore further and Mr. Langeliers stated it might possible to have a proposal or more information on how to proceed at the April board meeting.

Item 1 – Second Reading of Ordinance 12-003 that Annexes One Parcel within the Town's Urban Growth Boundary.

Ms Deats stated that this parcel, Map 131, Parcel 011.00, is approximately 183 acres and is located south of S.R. 840 and west of Sedberry Road. Ms. Deats stated that there were no changes from the first reading of this ordinance. One inquiry from a neighboring property owner was received and asked whether any development was planned for this property. Ms. Deats said the Town knew of no development plans and this property was in the Town's Urban Growth Boundary and the neighboring properties were already within the town limits.

Public Hearing: No one came forward with any comments.

After discussion, Alderman Barrett made a motion to adopt Ordinance 12-003 on second reading. Alderman Cooper seconded the motion and the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item 2 – Second Reading of Ordinance 12-004 that Annexes Four Parcels Within the Town's Urban Growth Boundary.

The affected parcels are:

- Map 132 Parcel 002.00
- Map 132 Parcel 003.00
- Map 132 Parcel 004.01
- Map 118 Parcel 009.02

Ms Deats stated that these parcels total approximately 145 acres and are located north of S.R. 840 and Tollgate Village, along the west side of Columbia Pike. Ms. Deats said she received one phone call regarding the proposed annexation regarding the zoning for the property and the potential harm to the Harpeth River due to any development of this land. She told the caller that zoning was not part of this annexation ordinance and any possible impact to the river would be dealt with as development plans are submitted. Also, Mr. Barry Alexander was sent a letter regarding these annexations, but the mailing address obtained from county records was incorrect and he did not receive it in a timely manner. Ms. Deats stated that prior to tonight's meeting she provided him a copy of the letter and answered his questions regarding this annexation

Public Hearing: Mr. Barry Alexander inquired about the location of the properties and was provided a map of the area and told that there was no proposed development for these parcels.

After discussion, Alderman Cooper made a motion to adopt Ordinance 12-004 on second reading. Alderman Barrett seconded the motion and the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item 3 – Second Reading of Ordinance 12-005 that Annexes One Parcel within the Town's Urban Growth Boundary.

The affected parcel is Map 132, Parcel 039.00, approximately 145 acres, and is located north of S.R. 840 and east of Columbia Pike.

Public Hearing: No one came forward with any comments.

After discussion, Alderman Cooper made a motion to adopt Ordinance 12-005 on second reading. Alderman Barrett seconded the motion and the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

New Business:

Alderman Barrett asked about plans for paving Thompson's Station Road West. Mr. Langeliers stated that this would be discussed during the budget process. That road and Standing Oaks Road were identified as the roads most in need of repair. Because of the length of Thompson's Station Road West, it would probably have to be done in phases. Alderman Benson inquired if there had been any further discussion with TDOT about their responsibility to repair that road. Mr. Langeliers replied that he was waiting to see how they worked with Williamson County on their roads, but he was not hopeful that they would be of any further help.

Alderman Cooper informed the board that the Economic Development Steering Committee will be holding a networking breakfast on March 28th at the Tennessee Equine Hospital at 7:30 a.m.

Community Input and Concerns:

Mr. Barry Alexander thanked the Board and Staff for their efforts in trying to make Thompson's Station a better place to live. Alderman Benson thanked Mr. Alexander for his contributions to the town, including the new trail in the Town Park.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Corey Napier, Mayor

Attest: 

Douglas G. Goetsch, Town Recorder