

Minutes of the Meeting
Of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee
April 9, 2013

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 the 9th day of April 2013, at the Thompson's Station Community Center with the required quorum. Members and staff in attendance were: Corey Napier, Mayor; Sarah Benson, Alderman; Brinton Davis, Alderman; Nina Cooper, Alderman; Ron Barrett, Alderman; Greg Langeliers, Town Administrator; Doug Goetsch, Town Recorder; Todd Moore, Town Attorney; Wendy Deats, Town Planner; Leah Rainey, Town Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

The minutes of the March 12th, 2013 meeting were previously submitted. Alderman Barrett made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Alderman Benson seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Announcements:

Mr. Langeliers gave an update on Phase II of the Safe Routes to School Project. He said the town had only received two bids, both of which were too high for TDOT's concurrence. Also, TDOT required that a bid advertisement be placed in a minority newspaper, which the town had not done for Phase I. Now the town would have to rebid the project again in all the requisite publications, but there was still a chance that TDOT would not concur. He noted the design budget had already been exhausted, and the town had spent money on engineering that would not be reimbursed. However, for the town to abandon the project would jeopardize Spring Hill's project, as the two were going to connect. He said his recommendation was to go forward with one more rebid, and if TDOT would not concur to the winning bid, the town would cut its losses and abandon its project.

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Mr. Langeliers reported that the Old Town Sewer installation project was underway, but was taking a few more weeks than anticipated because there was a lot more rock than expected.

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Mrs. Deats said a bid had been awarded for the town welcome signage and a contract was in the works.

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Mayor Napier noted that people had been running school bus stop signs on Pantall Road and Clayton-Arnold, and it was creating a public safety issue. He said more patrol was needed during school hours.

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Mr. Langeliers asked Mr. Moore to discuss the pending legislation regarding annexations, for the benefit of folks in the audience.

Mr. Moore said pending legislation would place a moratorium through July 2015 on annexations by ordinance, retroactive to April 1st. The moratorium had not yet been passed by either legislative body or signed by the governor, but it had committee approval and appeared likely to pass. If the town were to move forward with the West Side annexation on tonight's agenda, it may be nullified if the moratorium passes.

First Reading of Ordinance 13-006

Alderman Cooper moved to defer Ordinance 13-006 until the May 14th meeting. Alderman Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Town Administrator's Report: Mr. Langeliers said he had touched on everything he wanted to say during Announcements and was open for questions.

Town Recorder's Budget Report: Mr. Goetsch referred to the financial statements provided in the board members' packets and said everything was tracking pretty closely to budget. He noted that first reading of a budget amendment was further down on the agenda.

Wastewater Plant Update: Bruce Meyer of Schaefer Systems International reported that the systems were operating well. He said after the Old Town installation was complete, the focus would shift toward putting down treated reuse water.

First Reading of Ordinance 13-008 establish a zoning district for the recently annexed Ozzad/Riverbend Property

Mrs. Deats said this rezoning was being proposed in response to comments and requests made by nearby residents, who wanted some assurance of the density and land uses that would be permitted here. The town was proposing Low Intensity, as its surroundings were predominantly rural.

Alderman Davis moved to approve Ordinance 13-008 on first reading and set a Public Hearing and Second Reading on May 14, 2013. Alderman Benson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance 13-009 for the establishment of Commercial zoning, amending the Zoning Map to include the Commercial (C) district, amend Section 2303 of the Zoning Ordinance to include a description of the Commercial (C) zoning district and to amend Section 2400 of the Zoning Ordinance the Permitted Use Chart

Mrs. Deats said referred to the exhibits provided and to the Comprehensive Plan, which identified land along Columbia Pike and Lewisburg Pike in proximity to the State Route 840 interchanges as appropriate for commercial development. The proposed amendment would add 319 acres to the Commercial Zoning district. 197 acres were already zoned Planned Commercial. Together, this would make for a total of 516 commercially zoned acres in town.

After discussion, Alderman Cooper moved to approve Ordinance 13-009 on First Reading and set a Public Hearing and Second Reading for May 14, 2013. Alderman Barrett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Second Reading of Ordinance 13-007 Amending the Budget for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year

Mr. Goetsch first noted that there were no changes being proposed to the property tax rate, and no changes since First Reading. He noted that staff would begin working on next year's budget very soon and invited the board members to contact staff with their input.

Public Hearing: No one came forward to speak.

Alderman Davis moved to approve Ordinance 13-007 on Second Reading. Alderman Barrett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Mr. Langeliers said he had been working with the Mayor on consolidating the Public Works Committee and the Finance Committee into a new ad hoc Mayor's Advisory Committee. He had reached out to appointees and was planning the first meeting for May 2013, which would include discussion of next year's budget.

He also noted that the members for the Transportation Task Force Joint Committee with Spring Hill had been appointed.


Other New Business:

Mr. Langeliers said he was researching the cost of putting in a guard rail on Thompson's Station Road East, near Arbor Lakes subdivision, due to safety concerns by some nearby residents. He referred to the engineer's recommendation to install the guard rail and said he would let the board know when he received a cost estimate.

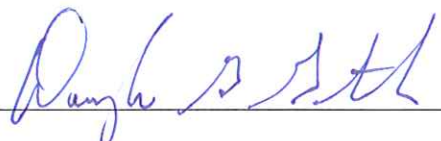
Community Input and Concerns:

Mr. Meyer said he wanted to bring to the board's attention that there had been several instances of speeding and drag racing on Clayton-Arnold Road near Tollie Lane.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Corey Napier, Mayor

Attest: 

Douglas G. Goetsch, Town Recorder