

Minutes of the Meeting
Of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee
May 8, 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 8th day of May, 2012, at the Thompson's Station Community Center with the required quorum. Members and staff in attendance were: Corey Napier, Mayor; Ron Barrett, Alderman; Sarah Benson, Alderman; Nina Cooper, Alderman; Brinton Davis, Alderman; Greg Langeliers, Town Administrator; Doug Goetsch, Town Recorder; Todd Moore, Town Attorney; and Richard King, Building Codes Official.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

The minutes of the March 27, 2012 meeting were previously submitted. Alderman Benson made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Alderman Davis seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Announcements:

Mr. Langeliers stated that two truckloads of playground mulch were to be delivered to the Town Park on May 10th and Town Staff and volunteers would be spreading it in the playground area the following day. Also, plans were underway for an exercise station to be built in the Town Park funded by donations from the Vanderbilt University Medical Center and the Williamson Medical Center.

Town Administrator's Report: (copy on file)

Mr. Langeliers referenced his written report and invited any questions from the Board.

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

Mr. Goetsch briefly discussed the Town's cash position and stated that he would discuss the budget situation in more detail when the budget ordinance agenda item was being reviewed later this evening.

Old Business:

Wastewater Plant Update -

Mr. Bruce Meyer with Sheaffer Wastewater Solutions, LLC stated that on tonight's agenda was consideration of a consulting agreement with Littlejohn Engineering Associates for the purpose of preparing a bid package for the repair of Cell No. 2 of the Regional Wastewater Plant. He provided some background on Littlejohn and Mr. Langeliers stated he was familiar with Littlejohn's work on other projects in Williamson County. Mr. Meyer stated that the project was a little behind his proposed schedule, but efforts were being made to catch up.

Mr. Meyer stated that he and Town Staff were looking at various properties for use for the irrigation of effluent as needed for TDEC permit requirements. Mr. Langeliers stated that one property under consideration is located on West Harpeth Road and he was meeting with the property owner later this week.

Mr. Meyer stated that the Heritage Commons Wastewater Plant is operating with no major issues. The pumps and controls at the Regional Plant are being tested by Town Staff to make sure they are ready for operation when needed. He also stated that a compactor had been acquired by the Town for potential use by septage haulers at the main pump station. The compactor is being tested and would allow the concept to be examined over the next few months.

Alderman Benson asked about how the reuse water could be utilized by Mars Petcare. Mr. Meyer replied that additional equipment and treatment of effluent would be required to meet TDEC's standards on reuse. Mayor Napier asked about the status of the newly installed electrical panel at the Main Pump Station and Mr. Meyer replied that it passed state inspection on the first visit by the inspector.

Mr. Langeliers mentioned that March 5, 2013 is the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Thompson's Station and he had been in contact with some Civil War historians about the possibility of staging an event to commemorate the battle. Time is of the essence to plan such an event and asked the Board if they had any interest in pursuing this concept. The Board indicated interest and Alderman Cooper stated she would bring this up at the next meeting of the Economic Development Steering Committee.

Mr. Langeliers stated that he gets contacted from time-to-time from people interested in locating a liquor store in the Town. He tells them that currently the Town has no provision for off-sale liquor sales and that a referendum must be held and passed in order for this to occur. With an election scheduled for this November, it presents an opportunity to put a referendum on the ballot if action is taken soon. A previous attempt was made to get a petition with enough signatures to put it on the ballot a few years ago, but not enough signatures were obtained in time. Mr. Moore mentioned that the petition needed signatures representing 10% of the voters in the most recent election. Mr. Moore also mentioned that this process required no action by the Board, that private citizens should be involved in the petition process. Mr. Langeliers wanted to bring it to the Board's attention because of the short timeline.

First Reading of Ordinance 12-006 Establishing the Budget and Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Mr. Goetsch presented the budget and stated that no property tax change is being proposed. He explained changes being proposed from last year's budget and indicated that additional changes would probably be made at the second reading of the ordinance in June. Major projects include the repairs to the Regional Wastewater Plant, the finishing of the Safe Routes to School project and the beginning phase of the Greenway & Trails Project. Alderman Cooper asked to add \$7,500 for a line item for economic development expenses and Mr. Goetsch suggested reducing the road repair line item by an equal amount.

After discussion, motion to adopt Ordinance 12-006 on first reading was made by Alderman Davis with the \$7,500 addition for economic development expenses and reducing the road repair line item by \$7,500. Alderman Benson seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Napier set a public hearing on Ordinance 12-006 to be held on June 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Resolution 12-005 to Submit an Application to the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the State Industrial Access Program

Mr. Langeliers stated that this resolution and related application were needed in order for the Town to work with TDOT on necessary road improvements related to the Mars Petcare relocation to Thompson's Station.

After discussion, motion to adopt Resolution 12-005 was made by Alderman Barrett, seconded by Alderman Benson, and it was unanimously adopted.

Resolution 12-006 to Approve an Agreement with Littlejohn Engineering Associates Related to the Repair of Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mr. Langeliers stated that this agreement is necessary to begin preparation of bid documents for the repair of the wastewater plant as discussed earlier by Mr. Meyer.

After discussion, motion to adopt Resolution 12-006 was made by Alderman Benson, seconded by Alderman Cooper, and it was unanimously adopted.

Discussion on Water Reuse Agreement with Mars Petcare

Mr. Langeliers stated that Mars Petcare would like to have an agreement with the Town to supply them with 50,000 gallons per day of reuse water. Mr. Langeliers said he has been discussing this possibility with Mr. Meyer and would work with Mr. Moore on drafting a document for consideration at the June board meeting.

Discussion on Establishing Ball Fields in the Heritage Commons Development

Mr. Langeliers stated that some grading work was being done on the two lots owned by the Town in the Heritage Commons development so that they could be mowed and maintained properly. It was thought that these lots could be prepared for use as unlighted ball fields for daytime use for youth sports groups in the community. Mr. Langeliers stated that some local youth sports groups might donate up to \$5,000 for topsoil to be added to the site. He had also spoken to Ms. Rebecca Wynd about having the Outdoor Encounter organization manage the site's use. The Board indicated that Mr. Langeliers should continue down this path to prepare the fields for use.

Other New Business:

No other new business was discussed.

Community Input and Concerns:

Ms. Teresa Dixson of 1746 Lewisburg Pike told the Board she believed the neighboring property, owned by Forrest Landscaping, was in violation of the Town's Zoning Ordinance. She mentioned that the property was not being properly maintained with overflowing dumpsters and dangerous vehicle traffic. She has an easement to use a driveway on the Forrest landscaping site and she wants to have the easement widened. She believes Forrest Landscaping is not following the site plan approved in 2007. Mr. Langeliers stated that this issue was on the upcoming Planning Commission agenda for discussion and review and would update the Board on their action.


Mr. Willis Gilliam of 2104 Lewisburg Pike told the Board as a member of the Municipal Planning Commission he had visited the Forrest Landscaping site and found they had located the dumpster near the Dixon's property line and were storing ammonium nitrate fertilizer in an unsecured manner. He felt additional landscaping and a privacy fence should be considered.

Alderman Benson asked Rebecca Wynd about a letter she received referencing the International Walk to School Day. Ms. Wynd stated she would talk to TDOT representatives about this event and report back to the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Corey Napier, Mayor

Attest: 

Douglas G. Goetsch, Town Recorder