

Town of Thompson's Station
Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Minutes of the Meeting
06/12/2018

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 June 12, 2018 with the required quorum. Members and staff in attendance were: Mayor Corey Napier; Alderman Brandon Bell; Alderman Graham Shepard; Alderman Brian Stover; Town Administrator Joe Cosentini; Town Clerk Jennifer Jones; Town Finance Director Tammy Womack and Town Attorney Todd Moore. Alderman Ben Dilks was unable to attend

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Minutes. The minutes of the May 8, 2018 regular meeting as amended, and the May 31 Special Session were presented.

After discussion, Alderman Bell made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried by all. Alderman Stover then made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2018 Special Session. The motion was seconded and carried by all.

Public Comments:

None

Paul Bizier with Barge Design gave a Wastewater Study update.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-011, an Ordinance of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee which amends the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.**

Mr. Cosentini reviewed the amendments to the budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment. There being none, public comment was then closed.

After discussion, Alderman Bell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-011, an Ordinance of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee which amends the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. The motion was seconded and carried by all.

- 2. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-012, an Ordinance of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.**

Mr. Cosentini and Mrs. Womack reviewed the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

After discussion, Alderman Stover made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-012, an Ordinance of the Town of Thompson’s Station, Tennessee adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

After discussion, Alderman Stover made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2018-011, an Ordinance of the Town of Thompson’s Station, Tennessee which amends the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. The motion was seconded and carried by all.

- 3. Request for Wastewater:**
- a. TriStar Energy**
 - b. Avenue Downs**
 - c. Holt Property**

Mr. Cosentini reviewed his reports and recommends deferral of all Wastewater requests until the wastewater study is complete and the repairs are made to Cell #1.

Alderman Bell recused himself from the vote due to a conflict of interest because his employer is doing business with TriStar Energy.

After discussion, Alderman Stover made a motion to defer all three requests for wastewater until the August meeting. The motion was seconded and carried by all, minus Alderman Bell who had recused himself.

New Business:

- 4. Resolution 2018-012, a Resolution of the Town of Thompson’s Station, Tennessee to award the bid and approve a Contract for Improvements to the Intersection of Thompson’s Station Road East and Clayton Arnold Road and the paving of Clayton Arnold Road and to Authorize the Mayor to sign the Contract.**

Mr. Cosentini reviewed his report and recommended that the BOMA award the bid and approve a contract for improvements.

After discussion, Alderman Stover made a motion to award the bid and approve a Contract for Improvements to the Intersection of Thompson’s Station Road East and Clayton Arnold Road and the paving of Clayton Arnold Road and to Authorize the Mayor to sign the Contract. The motion was seconded and carried by all.

- 5. Resolution 2018-013, a Resolution of the Town of Thompson’s Station, Tennessee to approve a Conservation Easement within Preservation Park related to the Battle of Thompson’s Station.**

Mr. Cosentini and Mr. Moore presented the information regarding the Conservation Easement in Preservation Park.

After discussion, Alderman Bell made a motion to defer Resolution 2018-013, a Resolution of the Town of Thompson’s Station, Tennessee to approve a

Conservation Easement within Preservation Park related to the Battle of Thompson's Station with the understanding that we are looking into impervious surfaces and the trail system and the extent of the actual easement to the August meeting or until clarification is received. The motion was seconded and carried by all.

Mr. Tom Puckett with HB & TS then came before the Board to ask for consideration for a water easement to run through Preservation Park to a potential water tank site. The Board agreed to put the item on the agenda in August.

Mr. Cosentini went over the Town Administrator position profile with the Board and recommended that the profile is posted on ICMA and Gary Jaekel will be the point of contact for applicants.

After discussion, Alderman Bell made a motion to have Mr. Cosentini finalize the posting for Town Administrator and any comments by the Board be sent in by July 21, 2018. The motion was seconded and carried by all.

Alderman Stover addressed Town Logo and Town Letterhead use recommending an Ordinance to govern the use of the Town logo and Town letterhead.

After discussion, Alderman Bell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-013, an Ordinance of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee to amend Title 1 of the Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 4 and by amending Chapter 3 related to the use of Town Logos and Letterhead. The motion was seconded and carried by a vote of 3 to 1 with Alderman Shepard casting the dissenting vote.

Alderman Graham Shepard then read the following Statement into the record:

Re:

Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting May 8, 2018

This statement serves as my response to Mayor Corey Napier's negative comments and unfair actions during the May 8, 2018, Board Of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) meeting.

Mayor Napier made several negative comments and then, each time, unfairly used his position to deny me an opportunity to respond. Mayor Napier also arbitrarily shut down discussion prior to a vote on Developer requested zoning amendments.

These actions align with Mayor Napier's long standing behavior pattern of unfairly and, on at least one occasion, illegally attempting to silence political speech he disagrees with.

Comments and Actions:

1. Mayor Napier claimed I "ATTACKED" Town Attorney Todd Moore during the April 2018 BOMA meeting. This comment was a blatant distortion and worse, Mayor Napier did not allow me to respond.

All residents should know what really happened.

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I simply asked our Town Attorney to provide his legal opinion with regard to two statements made by Alderman Brandon Bell.

I also asked our Town Attorney if he had any discussions with regard to the lawsuit filed by the Tollgate Developer. When he answered “yes,” I asked if he told anyone on the Board about those discussions.

These straightforward questions were the sum total of what Mayor Napier would have residents believe was an “attack.”

2. Mayor Napier declared that I made “**ASININE**” and “**BONEHEADED**” allegations during the April 2018 BOMA meeting and worse, did not allow me to respond.

Again, all residents should know what really happened.

During discussion prior to voting on Developer requested zoning amendments to allow construction of approximately 300 townhomes and condominiums in the front of Tollgate, Mayor Napier chose not to provide a single reason why he was voting FOR the amendments. I found Mayor Napier’s exercise of his “right to remain silent” less than forthcoming, especially given his “*Growth Without Regret*” campaign promises and prior vote to prohibit townhomes and condos from being built in the front of Tollgate.

Based on Mayor Napier’s unwillingness or inability to articulate even one reason, I decided to speculate. I said one possible reason Mayor Napier might be voting FOR the amendments was desire for personal financial benefit. My reasoning centered on the restaurant he owns, Circa, and the fact that these zoning amendments would simultaneously generate more potential customers AND reduce potential competition from new restaurants.

I trust most people can understand my reasoning and decide for themselves just how “asinine” and “boneheaded” my comments were.

3. Mayor Napier did not allow me to complete a public apology and justified his speech silencing action by saying it was “**POLITICAL**” and “**HOT AIR**.”

Yes, my apology would have been “political” because everything every Board member says is “political.” However, it would not have been “hot air.”

So now, in writing and for the official record, I will apologize to every Thompson’s Station resident who voted for Alderman Brian Stover because I asked them to. All residents should know that Alderman Stover distributed flyers promising he would NOT vote to permit construction of townhomes and condominiums in the front of Tollgate. All residents also should know that Alderman Stover gave me his word of honor that he would NOT do so.

I am deeply disappointed in myself because I misjudged Alderman Stover’s character. I trusted him. I believed he would keep his campaign promise and word of honor. I then asked many Town residents to vote for him but, regrettably, Alderman Stover

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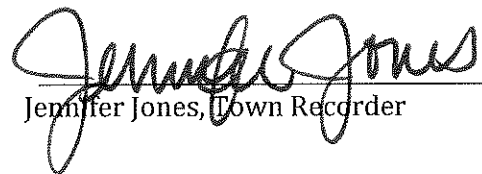
demonstrated he is untrustworthy by voting on May 8, 2018, to permit construction of townhomes and condominiums in the front of Tollgate.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Corey Napier, Mayor



Jennifer Jones, Town Recorder