

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee
September 13, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Thompson's Station was called to order at 7:15 p.m., on the 13th day of September 2005 at the Thompson's Station Community Center. Members and officials in attendance were: Cherry B. Jackson, Mayor; Sarah H. Benson, Alderman; Corey Napier, Alderman; Larry D. Craig, City Attorney; Greg Langeliers, City Administrator; and Douglas G. Goetsch, City Recorder. Absent: None.

The minutes of the August 9, 2005 meeting were previously submitted and were approved upon a motion by Alderman Benson and second by Alderman Napier.

Announcements

Mayor Jackson reminded the board that the Thompson's Station Community Association was holding their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 8th from 7 – 11 a.m. at the Community Center.

Old Business

City Attorney Craig stated that the person responsible for some guardrail damage had turned this issue over to their insurance company for resolution and payment should have been received by now. Apparently the payment was never sent or lost in the mail and another check was to be sent to resolve this issue.

Second Reading of Ordinance 05-014 – Next presented to the board was the second reading of Ordinance 05-014 that amends the town budget for 2004-2005. City Recorder Goetsch stated that this ordinance amended the budget by allocating an additional \$100,000 from the General Fund for road repairs due to the additional cost needed to complete the resurfacing of Thompson's Station Road East. It was noted that a public hearing on this ordinance was held before tonight's meeting and no one came forward to speak for or against this item. After discussion, Alderman Benson made a motion to adopt on second reading, Alderman Napier seconded the motion, and the ordinance passed unanimously.

Second Reading of Ordinance 05-015 – Next presented to the board was the second reading of Ordinance 05-015 that amends Ordinance 04-001 for review fees and engineering charges, and repeals the permit fee schedule in Resolution 04-008. City Administrator Langeliers stated that a few minor changes have been made since first reading and explained the changes. It was noted that a public hearing on this ordinance was held before tonight's meeting and no one came forward to speak for or against this item. After discussion, Alderman Napier made a motion to amend the ordinance from the first reading. Alderman Benson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Alderman Benson made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, Alderman Napier seconded the motion, and the ordinance was unanimously adopted.

First Reading of Ordinance 05-016 – Next presented to the board was the first reading of Ordinance 05-016 that would grant a non-exclusive franchise to Crystal Clear Networks, LLC for cable television within the town limits. City Attorney Craig stated that this franchise was identical to the one granted to Charter Communications. He added that Charter had yet to sign their agreement despite repeated attempts by town officials to contact them. Alderman Napier asked why this was not put up for bid and City Attorney Craig explained that this was a non-exclusive franchise awarded by the town and not subject the bid process. The town would receive a franchise fee from Crystal Clear for the services they provided to customers within the town limits. A public hearing before second reading would allow the board and citizens to ask questions of Crystal Clear about the services they plan to provide. Alderman Benson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 05-016 on first reading, Mayor Jackson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously adopted. Mayor Jackson made a motion to set a public hearing on this ordinance on October 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Alderman Benson seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

First Reading of Ordinance 05-017 – City Attorney Craig explained that due to the problems in getting a response from Charter Communications in regards to signing the franchise agreement with the town, he had prepared this ordinance that repeals the franchise granted to Charter by repealing Ordinance 05-009. He also had prepared a letter to Charter explaining the issues and reasons for repealing the franchise. After discussion, Alderman Benson made a motion to authorize mailing the letter and adopting Ordinance 05-017 on first reading. Alderman Napier seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted. Mayor Jackson made a motion to hold a public hearing on Ordinance 05-017 on October 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Alderman Benson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Discussion on Utilizing Wastewater Line on Highway 31 – City Administrator Langeliers stated that the town had received bids for using an abandoned H.B. & T.S. Utility water line along Highway 31 from the Thompson’s Station Road intersection to the Heritage Commons wastewater treatment plant. This involves testing, repairing and replacing sections of pipeline and is known as “Phase I” of the overall plan for sewer availability for this portion of town. He also stated that the Public Works Advisory Committee was working on providing estimates for tap fees and user rates for potential new customers from the intersection area. Neal Westerman with James C. Hailey & Company explained the bids to the board and noted that Hall Excavating from Franklin had submitted the lowest bid at \$81,986 for Phase I. He stated that change orders could be issued at a later date should the board wish to add additional work in the future, such as taking the line northward to the regional wastewater plant now under construction or to provide service to the “Old Town” area of Thompson’s Station along Thompson’s Station Road West. After discussion, Mayor Jackson made a motion to declare as apparent low bidder and award the contract for Phase I to Hall Excavating. Alderman Napier seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Other Business

City Administrator Langeliers stated that the Community Plan Advisory Committee was working on developing design standards for the town and hoped to hold a public hearing next month for citizen input. Alderman Napier stated that he wanted to make sure developers paid their fair share of impact fees for infrastructure costs. City Administrator Langeliers stated that some of that had been addressed in the existing impact fees and new building permit fees established tonight.

Alderman Napier questioned whether the Board of Zoning Appeals needed two more members as stated in the zoning ordinance and City Attorney Craig stated that when the zoning ordinance was adopted, the mention of five members in the BZA was an editorial oversight. Review of the minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen indicates that three members were intended for the BZA and the zoning ordinance needs to be amended to reflect this.

Mayor Jackson stated that City Recorder Goetsch could now work two days a week at Town Hall and made a motion to change his schedule and salary from one day a week to two days a week. Alderman Napier seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Community Input - Next the floor was opened to citizens for community input and concerns:

Kay Gibbs of 4570 Columbia Pike stated that blasting from the Regional Wastewater Plant construction site was very strong and she was concerned that it might cause damage to her home.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Cherry B. Jackson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Douglas G. Goetsch, City Recorder