

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee
September 9, 2008

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Thompson's Station was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. on the 9th day of September, 2008, at the Thompson's Station Community Center with the required quorum. Members and staff in attendance were: Leon Heron, Mayor; Sarah Benson, Alderman; Corey Napier, Alderman; Greg Langeliers, Town Administrator; Doug Goetsch, Town Recorder; Todd Moore, Town Attorney; Wendy Deats, Town Planner; and Lisa Stewart, Town Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

The minutes of the August 12th, 2008 meeting were previously submitted, and were approved unanimously upon a motion by Alderman Benson and second by Alderman Napier.

Announcements:

Mr. Langeliers made the following announcements:

- A recommendation has been made from Evan Sanders to re-file again for the Transportation Enhancement grant and a resolution has been prepared if this Board would like to consider this as a non-agenda item.
- He referenced the requests made by some to be annexed into Town that are not in our Urban Growth Boundary, requiring a referendum; and that he and Town Counsel have prepared a resolution that would require an action from this body tonight in order to meet the deadlines for the November ballot.
- Phase 1 sewer line is being laid out by the surveyor and the blasting crew is ready to begin tomorrow.
- The contract has been modified to get the bids out for the culverts on Thompson's Station Road West and those should go out by the end of next week.

Town Administrator's Report: (copy in file)

Mr. Langeliers pointed out the Public Works suggestions relating to the use of the Town's Park for soccer and ball fields, concluding that the Soccer Association can coordinate the teams practice times; however, the park is a passive park and those paying to rent the pavilions will have first choice.

Regarding rental of the Community Center, several residents and groups have a good tract record for consistent events and would be allowed to continue renting the facility. Other private events would be excluded and would have to be some sort of organization (church, 501-C-3, Red Cross, MOMS Club, etc.) to be worked through the renting process. Parties, birthdays, weddings, etc. would be discontinued, unless it's a resident that has a consistently good tract record for the past several years.

Mayor Heron expressed concern relating to the use of the Park for soccer practice fields and how to prevent arguments between teams if the Town is not notified of their scheduling. Mr. Langeliers stated that he can request a schedule from the Soccer Association. Mayor Heron reiterated that this is a Williamson County based association and that the Town does not receive funding from Williamson County, that does have their own Parks and Recreation Department.

Discussion continued regarding the growing number of teams, monitoring, mediating disputes, potential future soccer fields, requests from a County school, and coverage under the Town's insurance.

Mayor Heron stated that he is in agreement with how it is being handled by the Town Administrator with the Williamson County Parks and Recreation Department / Soccer Association, the suggestion from the Public Works Committee, and to continue unless problems arise.

Relative to the rental of the Community Center, Mayor Heron agreed with the recommendation from the Public Works Committee, as did Alderman Napier. Alderman Benson noted there should be flexibility for those living in the community since that's the purpose of the facility, other than the Town's meetings. Alderman Napier wanted to confirm that it will not be rented on a consistent basis to any one group on a monthly, recurring schedule; and all agreed.

Old Business:

There was none at this time.

Item 1 - Second Reading of Ordinance 08-017 Amending Section 5500 of the Zoning Ordinance "Sign Standards".

Mayor Heron opened the public hearing, which was advertised in the August 25th, 2008 edition of the *Williamson AM* newspaper, on the Town website, and various postings in Town.

There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Mrs. Deats reviewed the changes made since the first reading, noting that these changes were approved for recommendation by the Planning Commission at their August meeting.

Discussion followed relating to temporary signs, banners, removal enforcement, signs that are currently not permitted, signs being posted and removed over the weekend, safety hazards of those parking to put out and pick up signs, and an inventory of signs that will be considered "grandfathered".

Alderman Napier made a motion, seconded by Alderman Benson, to accept and approve this ordinance on second reading. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item 2 - Second Reading of Ordinance 08-008 Adopting the Updated Design Review Guidelines.

Mayor Heron opened the public hearing, which was advertised in the August 25th, 2008 edition of the *Williamson AM* newspaper, on the Town website, and various postings in Town.

Mr. Langeliers noted that there were no changes from the first reading and was recommended by the Planning Commission.

There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Alderman Benson made a motion to accept and approve this ordinance. Alderman Napier seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Item 3 - First Reading of Ordinance 08-018 Adopting State Traffic Offenses and Rules of the Road.

Mr. Moore explained the Town's option to adopt the State laws regarding traffic violations, to be able to cite and prosecute through the General Sessions Court and Williamson County Sheriff's Department.

Alderman Napier made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading. Alderman Benson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Heron set the public hearing for this ordinance to be October 14th, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Other New Business:

Mayor Heron referenced the resolution for the annexation referendum (08-003) and asked if all listed have asked to be annexed. Mr. Langeliers stated that all were, except parcel 31.00 on map 144 is in the process of being verified.

After further discussion, Alderman Napier made a motion to accept Resolution 08-003 calling for a referendum of annexation of certain territory identified on the attachment. Alderman Benson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Heron referred to the resolution (08-005) to file again for the Transportation Enhancement Program.

Alderman Napier asked if the Town missed any technicalities that could be addressed in this submittal. Mr. Langeliers stated that his communications with Mr. Sanders indicated that it was outstanding; however, Mr. Sanders did request that the articles and public interest relating to the Taste of Thompson's Station be made available to include in this packet.

Alderman Benson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Napier, to accept Resolution 08-005. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Goetsch indicated the letter from the State Comptroller, Department of Audit, that is received each year noting their acceptance for the report filed and any findings. Their findings for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, requested that, of the Town's established Funds (General Fund, Wastewater Fund, and State Street Aid Fund), the State Street Aid Fund should be reported separately; rather than included in the General Fund as previously reported.

Community Input and Concerns:

There were none at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Leon Heron, Mayor

Attest: _____
Doug Goetsch, Town Recorder

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