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REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: September 22, 2011 Time: 6:30 Place: City Hall

Present: Gary Manning, John Coombs, John Finch, Dan Bloodworth, Jane Birdwell

Also Present: Jim Thomas, Tim Ellis, Senator Joe Haynes, Alicia Prince, Richard Pope, Phillip Gibson, Julie High, Dawn Freeman, Amy Mitchell, Phillip Uldrich, Greg Waite, Linda Moss, Ann Crawford, Susan Rotkiewicz, and others.

Mayor Manning called the meeting to order. Dr. Harry Yates offered prayer. Mayor Manning led the chambers in the pledge of allegiance.

City Recorder Prince called the roll: Mayor Manning present, Vice Mayor Coombs present, Commissioner Finch present, Commissioner Bloodworth present, and Commissioner Birdwell present.

Consider approval of the minutes of the regular Commission meeting on September 08, 2011. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Coombs to approve the minutes after a date error correction was made. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and motion passed unanimously 5-0.

The following citizens spoke in regards to the bulk propane storage and refueling station being proposed in the City of Millersville.

1. John Matthews of 913 Barnett Drive
2. Carl Sumruld of 711 Park Drive
3. Cheryl Maplesden of 2075 Katherine Drive
4. Linda Lowery of 505 Natalie Drive
5. John Tidwell of 847 Loretta Drive

The following citizens spoke in regards to Pleasant Green Swimming Pool:

1. Don Deering of 307 Draper Circle
2. Jeff Davis of 311 Draper Circle

City Manager Jim Thomas informed the Commission that the Tennessee Forestry Association conducts a project called Project Learning Tree which provides seminars and training for classroom teachers on environmental issues. It is a state-wide program and mostly done by volunteers. He stated that Amy Murray of the Public Works Department was being recognized as "Promoter of the Year" of Project Learning Tree by this organization. Amy has conducted four seminars for teachers and there are over 1200 students impacted by her classes.

City Manager Thomas gave the floor to Finance Director Julie High for her financial overview.

Commissioner Finch stated that, later in the meeting, he would like to ask for unanimous consent from the Commission to consider a resolution to send to the City of Millersville supporting the citizens' concerns regarding the propane distribution facility and encouraged the members of the Commission to attend the meeting on October 6th when the Millersville Board of Zoning Appeal is scheduled to consider this issue.

Vice Mayor Coombs stated that a couple of weeks ago, the Goodlettsville Ministerial Association conducted a 9/11 memorial service led by Dr. Harry Yates. He thanked Dr. Yates for their efforts and for the exceptional job they did with the service.

Consider issues relative to the Pleasant Green swimming pool. City Manager Thomas provided Commissioner Finch with some information that he had requested regarding what the fee structure would need to be going forward to render the operation of the pool revenue neutral. He explained that using the numbers available to him, the rates would have to be increased 2.37 times what was charged this last season. He gave an example of a toddler who last season paid $3.00 admission would have to pay $7.10 and a family pass last season of $200.00 would be $475.00 to reach the revenue neutral goal. Commissioner Finch stated to City Manager Thomas that this was exactly the information he wanted and corrected the record for those who believed that the pool was not losing money. He stated that with all the operating expenses being factored in to the operation of the pool, the pool has lost money for the last five years.

There was discussion concerning the different pool options. Commissioner Finch made a motion to move forward with plans, studies, and pricing to seriously explore Option 3 (the pool within a pool), employ a competent pool/design engineer, go thru the bid process to obtain hard numbers, and that we be willing to apply 100% of Pleasant Green insurance reserve (which is now $417,000). Part of the study would be financing options and understanding the debt service. An additional part of his motion is that we do a rate study which would place our rates at the time the renovated pool is open at 90% of market rates within some reasonable 20 mile radius of Goodlettsville. Commissioner Finch stated that he believed that all the information is needed in order to make a solid decision. Vice Mayor Coombs seconded the motion and it passed with a 3-2 vote. Commissioner Finch, Vice Mayor Coombs and Commissioner Bloodworth voted aye. Mayor Manning and Commissioner Birdwell voted no.

Consider a cost-of-living adjustment for City employees. Vice Mayor Coombs made a motion to approve the budgeted 3% cost of living adjustment for all City employees retroactive to July 1st, 2011. Commissioner Bloodworth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 5-0.

Consider Resolution No. 11-488, a resolution to commit funding of the City's financial match to an MPO grant under the Active Transportation Program. City Manager Thomas explained that this is a grant program through the Active Transportation Program which has a short deadline to make the application for the grant. Funds have to be directed towards pedestrian and bicycle transportation facilities and activities. He stated that in viewing the critical needs in those areas, they feel that Rivergate Parkway from the interchange to Rivergate Mall would be the best use of the grant money if awarded. Adopting the resolution would recognize that the City would be prepared to make the 20% match commitment required if the grant was awarded to the City of Goodlettsville. There was discussion. Commissioner Finch made a motion to disapprove the resolution. There was no second and the motion failed.

Commissioner Bloodworth then made a motion to approve Resolution No.11-488. There was no second and the motion failed.

At this time, the Commission revisited the subject of the resolution that was mentioned earlier. Commissioner Finch asked for unanimous consent to consider a resolution to the City of Millersville regarding the propane facility. There was unanimous consent from the Commission to proceed with the resolution. Commissioner Finch made a motion that this Commission adopt a resolution asking the City of Millersville deny approval of the propane facility that is being considered there. He requested that the Vice Mayor hand deliver the resolution and that the Vice Mayor read it (as Mayor Manning would be out of town during that time) at the October 6th meeting and asked the Mayor to contact the Millersville Mayor Toole and express the feelings of this Board and as a good neighbor ask him to use his influence to do all he can to prevent that facility from locating there. Commissioner Bloodworth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 5-0. This resolution would be Resolution No. 11-489.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8.01 p.m.

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