

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: August 12, 2010

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

Present: John Finch, Jerry Garrett, John Coombs, Dan Bloodworth

Absent: Gary Manning

Also Present: Joe Haynes, Jim Thomas, Tim Ellis, Julie High, Richard Pope, Rick Gregory, Tom Tucker, Claudia Davis, Dawn Freeman, Larry DiOrio, Bill Brasier, Phillip Gibson, Amy Mitchell, Jack Tompkins, Danny Okert, Harry Bell, Darla Hunley, James & Kim Sutton, Susan Rotkiewicz, John Ricks, Denver Schimming, Bobby Jones, Jane Birdwell, Herb Murphy, Ken Castleberry, Joyce Washington, Odie & Edna Shoulders, Emma Wilkerson, Earl & Helen Scott

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order. Rev. Ken Castleberry offered prayer. Mayor Finch led the chambers in the pledge of allegiance.

City Recorder Davis called the roll: Mayor Finch present, Vice Mayor Manning absent, Commissioner Garrett present, Commissioner Coombs present, and Commissioner Bloodworth present.

Consider approval of the minutes of the regular Commission meeting on July 22, 2010. A motion was made by Commissioner Bloodworth to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs and passed unanimously 4-0.

Jane Birdwell, 505 Debra Drive, voiced a complaint that she was working as a poll watcher at the primary election on August 10, 2010, and witnessed people who turned around and left, not following the detour around the road closure on Caldwell Drive to get to the Mansker's Center to vote. She stated this was an oversight and there should have been no road closures on the election day.

Herb Murphy, 112 Garrett Drive, expressed to the Commission and City employees that they have done an excellent job of handling the City's funds out of the meager property taxes it charges. He stated that last year he paid \$290.91 to the City, but he paid \$1,634 to Metro. We gets more bang for the buck in Goodlettsville than anywhere. He spoke in favor of raising taxes. The people who gripe about not getting services are the ones who gripe about paying higher taxes. We need a big emergency fund, even \$100 a year, or whatever it needs to be the next time to get that emergency fund. The chipper truck is down and several thousand dollars had to be shifted to go towards repairs. We don't need to shift money. He recommended that the City get that emergency fund established to meet such needs.

Odie Shoulders, 395 Patton Branch Road, expressed that it is strange that we've been talking about chickens when he read in The Ledger and is really concerned, that there had been seven homicides and thirty two rapes in the Madison Rivergate area. He stated that he understands that the kids want to have chickens, however it is a little bit different situation where he lives. There are twenty three houses from his area of Patton Branch Road to the intersection, which is about 2,500 feet. It is more like living in a subdivision. He has 13.62 acres, but only 260' of frontage. It is pretty congested there for chicken houses. Where he grew up in Smith County there were two homes on 1.2 miles. They had game chickens for a couple of years and they are very aggressive and territorial. He stated that his next door neighbor has game chickens and roosters now. The roosters can be heard by neighbors a half mile away. It is also difficult to take care of

and control the manure. He expressed that he and other senior citizen property owners in the area are very concerned that this situation will diminish their property values.

James Sutton, 3280 Patton Branch Road, expressed that he was very impressed with the Planning Board's presentation and review of the chicken issue. He has ten acres and does not believe that chicken coops diminish his property value. No one has any game chickens in the area that he is aware of and the children raising the chickens have won many blue ribbons and awards from 4H functions. The neighbor to Mr. Shoulders was asked to move his stuff and he did that to get along with his neighbors. He added that there were chickens in this area long before the area became part of the City.

Denver Schimming, 943 Old Dickerson Pike, at the corner of Dry Creek Road, expressed his concern about a sight problem for cars turning left from Dry Creek Road onto Old Dickerson Pike. That is a total blind spot and those cars cannot see any vehicles approaching the intersection from the right. Recently there was a minor accident, however he fears that this is a recipe for danger and someone could be seriously hurt. When they open the road into Dry Creek Farms, that will compound the problem. Commissioner Coombs noted that this is in Metro and he has talked to Rip Ryman about the vegetation growth. City Manager Thomas assured the Commission that we will take care of the issue.

City Manager Thomas reported that next Thursday and Friday, August 19th and 20th, 2010, there will be representatives at City Hall from the Sumner and Davidson County Tax Assessors' offices to meet with citizens to apply for property tax relief and the property tax freeze. They will be available from 8:30 to 4:00.

City Manager Thomas asked for consideration by the Commission to give unanimous consent to consider a time sensitive item that arose after the agenda was set. This item considers a proration of property tax for properties that were badly damaged in the May 2010 flood. If the Commission approves a resolution to participate in this proration, it must be registered with the tax assessors' offices by September 1, 2010. Mayor Finch asked for unanimous consent from the Board to consider this issue. A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett to hear this item at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bloodworth and passed unanimously 4-0.

Commissioner Coombs commented that by his observations of the election site being held at Manskers Station, that 70-80% were pleased with this location. He recommended a work session to consider issues regarding the flow of the voters and things that should be done before the November election to improve the arrangement. He recommended that City Manager Thomas work on getting some of the poll workers to participate in this work session. He added that he did not hear any complaints from anyone about the road closure on Caldwell Drive. Lee Hardaway, 1379 Madison Creek Road, worked the polls at Manskers on August 10th and stated that this site will not be big enough for a presidential election.

Mayor Finch reported that the new Metro Library in Goodlettsville will include features that no other libraries have, however their budget does not fund some of those enhancements. The Library Board is trying to raise \$2M for major pieces of art and gardens. There is consideration underway to donate the existing library property to the City. The Library Board has asked the City to consider a \$75,000 donation over the next two years. Commissioner Garrett suggested that the approximately \$35,000 building permit fee could be refunded to go toward this request. City Manager Thomas will place this issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

Consider Ordinance No. 10-746, an ordinance establishing a property tax rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Mayor Finch declared the public hearing open. No one spoke for or against this ordinance. Mayor Finch closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Commissioner Coombs to approve Ordinance No. 10-746 on second reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garrett. Mayor Finch thanked Herb Murphy for his comments earlier regarding the City's property tax rate. The property tax dollars by this rate will be the same dollar amount that we collected last year with this rate. The rate does go down. The rate was previously \$.66 and this rate is \$.6338. He has been asked by citizens why our rate is not adjusted back to the \$.66 that we are already accustomed to and someone thinks this would result in approximately \$100,000 revenue. He personally does not think that is a good idea because he feels it would be a property tax increase and it is not enough to make a substantial difference in this city and we need an increase that is far greater than this. He plans to lay-out a five year property tax rate plan that would have at least two increases. This Commission is torn because they are aware of the economic plight of our citizens, but the City has cut and cut and cut and there is not anything else to cut. There will be a reckoning day in the future that will require painful funding due to not funding things today. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Consider Resolution No. 10-429, a resolution to enter into an agreement for landscape design services relative to the City's 2010 TDOT Roadscape Grant. Assistant City Manager Tim Ellis reported that a request for qualifications for design services from a TDOT pre-qualified firm was issued by the City. The proposals were reviewed and the top choices were interviewed. Staff recommends the firm of Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. for these services. The grant process time line is frustrating and only one contract has been completed in five years, therefore he could not offer any time when this project might be completed. Commissioner Coombs thanked Ellis for his work on this and other grants and emphasized the importance of improving our image to travelers along the I-65 corridor. A motion was made by Commissioner Coombs to approve Resolution No. 10-429. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bloodworth and passed unanimously 4-0.

Consider Ordinance No. 10-747 on first reading, an ordinance to amend the City's Zoning Ordinance relative to the keeping of farm animals in certain zoning districts in the City. Planning Director Rick Gregory reported that these amendments were first reviewed by the Planning Board in a long and detailed meeting about changing the zoning ordinance to allow the keeping of chickens and chicken houses in certain zoning districts where they have not been previously allowed. Commercial chicken houses and hog pens are still prohibited. A motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 10-747 on first reading by Commissioner Coombs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bloodworth. Mayor Finch inquired if there were size and complexity limitations of a chicken coop versus a chicken house and Gregory responded that there was no distinction found in his research. A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett to amend the motion to prohibit roosters within the definition of chickens. Mayor Finch seconded Garrett's motion. Commissioner Coombs suggested it would be better to prohibit 'game roosters' as he's never known there to be chickens without roosters. Mayor Finch made a motion to amend the amendment to the original motion to prohibit game or fighting roosters within the definition of chickens. Commissioner Garrett gave consent to that amendment to his motion. Mayor Finch confirmed his consent to amend his second accordingly. The amended amendment to the original motion passed unanimously 4-0. Commissioner Coombs made a motion to amend the motion to replace the word chicken house with chicken coop. Commissioner Garrett seconded by motion. Mayor Finch recommended that there should be some size limitation and directed staff to study how other communities define a chicken structure

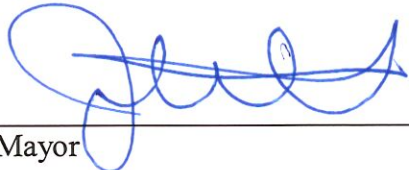
and what requirements or limitations they have for chickens, before the second reading on this ordinance. Coombs amendment motion passed unanimously 4-0. The original motion amended passed unanimously 4-0. Mayor Finch expressed that this issue has been funny and sad, considering there has been more citizens comments about chickens than any other City business this year which he feels is silly during these times. This City can't legislate common sense and judgment. He asked for consideration and care among neighbors going forward.

Consider Resolution No. 10-430, a resolution to approve applicability of T.C.A. §67-5-603(d) for proration of real property taxes of May 2010 flood-affected properties with substantial damage. A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett to approve Resolution No. 10-430. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garrett and passed unanimously 4-0.

Consider Resolution No. 10-431, a resolution to approve applicability of T.C.A. §67-5-606(c) for proration of personal property taxes of May 2010 flood-affected properties with substantial damage. A motion was made by Commissioner Bloodworth to approve Resolution No. 10-431. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garrett and passed unanimously 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.


City Recorder


Mayor

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Date: August 26, 2010

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

Present: John Finch, Gary Manning, Jerry Garrett, John Coombs, Dan Bloodworth

Also Present: Joe Haynes, Jim Thomas, Tim Ellis, Julie High, Richard Pope, Rick Gregory, Tom Tucker, Claudia Davis, Amy Mitchell, Jack Tompkins, Danny Okert, Susan Rotkiewicz, Jane Birdwell, Johnny Roberson, Andy Garrett, Tom Mosier, Rip Ryman, Daryl Blank

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Consider Resolution No. 10-432, a resolution to enter into an agreement with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (Metro) for the provision of wastewater treatment services by Metro. After discussion and confirmation that requested changes had been made to the agreement, a motion was made by Commissioner Garrett to approve Resolution No. 10-432. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Manning and passed unanimously 5-0.