

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: August 27, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

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

Absent: John Coombs

Also Present: Russell Freeman, Jim Thomas, Tim Ellis, Claudia Davis, Julie High, Tom Tucker, Phillip Uldrich, Tommy DeLoach, Richard Pope, Rick Gregory, Dawn Freeman, Bill Brasier, Chip Spencer, Jane Birdwell, Susan Rotkiewicz, Joyce Washington, Bubba Willis, Fred Harper

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Finch. Rev. Fred Harper offered prayer. Mayor Finch led the chambers in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Consider approval of the minutes of the August 13, 2009 regular commission meeting. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Manning to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bloodworth and passed unanimously 4-0.

Bubba Willis, 775 Long Hollow Pike reported there continues to be problems with parking at Madison Creek Elementary School whenever there is any meeting or event. He owns the adjoining property and guests of the school continue to park in his yard. He has had to repair broken water lines, ruts in his yard, and a broken water meter box. He asked for help from the City to control this problem on his private property. He added that he has worked for the City for 31 years and thanked the Commission and staff for allowing him to be a City employee. He is now retired but stated he loved his job and misses it every day. Mayor Finch asked Police Chief Pope and City Manager Thomas to look into the parking problem. Commissioner Garrett expressed his appreciation for Bubba's 31 years of dedicated service to the City.

Economic Development Director Tucker informed the Commission that many progressive cities are holding development forums to allow the Commission, staff, and the Planning Board to hear from prominent local developers about what things make them want to come to an area. All the Commission members agreed that this was an excellent idea and encouraged Tucker to proceed with plans to organize a development forum.

Finance Director High presented a report on the financial statistics through August 2009.

Assistant City Manager Ellis reported that Public Works will be targeting the interstate interchange areas over the next three weeks, beginning at the Highway 31/41 and I-65, cleaning up brush and overgrowth, mowing and removing litter. It was clarified that the City has a \$50 litter fine, which is the maximum amount allowed for a municipality. The State has a \$500 litter fine. Mayor Finch reminded the Commission to understand that there will be price tag down the road for the all the beautification directives they have made to the staff.

Consider ratification, based on the city manager's recommendation, of the Board of Commissioners' August 13, 2009 adoption of Resolution No. 09-401, a resolution to enter into an

agreement between the City of Goodlettsville and Tyler Technologies, Inc. of Lubbock, Texas under which the City will purchase computer software known as "Financial and Administrative Solution for the City of Goodlettsville." At the recommendation of the City Attorney, the recommendation City Manager Thomas made to the Commission to purchase computer software from Tyler Technologies should have been in writing. The Commission now has his written recommendation for this purchase. A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett to ratify Resolution 9-401. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bloodworth and passed unanimously 4-0.

Consider Resolution No. 09-904, a resolution authorizing the use of City personnel, supplies, materials and equipment to maintain grounds in the City's corporate limits laying in right-of-ways of other government entities. City Manager Thomas stated this resolution gives authority to commit City resources for right-of-ways that do not belong to the City. He added that TDOT has given their permission in writing for us to access their right-of-ways and TML Risk Management has also provided their approval of this activity. The budgetary impact for these activities will be hard to determine, however, the City's mowing contractor has quoted \$1,000 per mowing for the Highway 31/41 area. Mayor Finch stated it is certainly not the City's intent to take over the State's responsibility, but to dress up the areas better than they have been maintained. Ellis is working to get the State to mow the interchanges every time they mow the interstate. Mayor Finch noted that this is another opportunity to talk to TDOT to heighten their awareness of our desire to improve our city both for the aesthetics and the economic elements. Commissioner Bloodworth noted that before the next mowing season it would be helpful to have a more concise amount of the economic impact the City could incur to maintain all the areas in question for an entire season. Ellis stated that information will be available and hopefully their program will include the interchanges with their I-65 mowing contract. City Manager Thomas stated the City's beautification efforts do not require an amendment to the budget at this time but to be more effective, over the winter as we consider next year's budget, staff will have to look at the equipment and personnel requirements or to acquire services to do a good job. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Manning to approve Resolution No. 09-904. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bloodworth and passed unanimously 4-0.

City Manager Thomas reported that he and Finance Director High have met with a representative from MTAS who is reviewing our Purchasing Policy and Procedures. The MTAS representative will take our policy and review it with State law requirements and determine if we need to amend the current policy to put us in compliance. The staff would like recommendations from all the Commissioners. A work session has been tentatively scheduled for September 24 prior to the Commission meeting to hear recommendations from MTAS, discuss recommendations from the staff for amendments that we need or want, and to get input from the Commission. Mayor Finch stated he would like the City's purchasing policies to go further into the market and include a formalized review and qualification process.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.


 Claudia Davis, City Recorder


 John Finch, Mayor