Consider a recommendation of the Goodlettsville Beer Board to amend the City's Beer Ordinance. City Manager Thomas reported that in 2006, the Responsible Vendors Act was adopted by state law. The Beer Board has met and recommends adoption of an amending ordinance so that the City is compliant with this state law. He reported that he has just learned that the ABC has not adopted the final rules that are required under the legislation, therefore he recommended deferral of action on this matter. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Finch to defer this ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordell and passed unanimously 5-0.

Mayor Garrett expressed his sympathy to Fire Chief Phillip Gibson and his family at the loss of his Mother.

Mayor Garrett expressed to Toby Compton, representing Mayor Karl Dean's office, that there is a major business in Davidson County, just east of the mall, which is moving to Hendersonville. He has also heard that another major business is also going to vacate from the same commercial development which will leave two huge spaces. He is deeply concerned about the effect of the rapid growth of commercialism in the Hendersonville area and would hope that the Mayor (Dean) would call this to the attention of his Economic Development personnel, because when you have adjacent vacant buildings, even though it is not in our city, being adjacent to our city certainly has a bearing within our corporate limits. He added that we are getting intense competition from Hendersonville, as is Davidson County, and the situation needs the attention of Mayor Dean's Economic Development team.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Claudia Davis

Claudia Davis, City Recorder

Jerry Garrett

Jerry Garrett, Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: January 24, 2008 Time: 6:30 PM Place: City Hall

Present: Jerry Garrett, John Finch, Jeff Cordell, Gary Manning, John Coombs

Also Present: Joe Haynes, Jim Thomas, Richard Pope, Tom Tucker, Julie High, Tim Ellis, Phillip Uldrich, Larry DiOrio, Dawn Freeman, Ed Hendricks, Johnny Roberson, Jack Tompkins, David Wilson, Charlie Morrow, Susan Rotkiewicz, Chuck Reid

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garrett. Prayer was offered by Chuck Reid. In the absence of the City Recorder, Mayor Garrett noted for the record that all five Commissioners were present, along with the City Manager and the City Attorney.

Consider approval of the minutes of the January 10, 2008 regular commission meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Manning to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coombs and passed unanimously 5-0.

David Wilson, 510 Utley Drive, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Board for joining the Chamber Chairman's Circle last year. He also expressed his appreciation to Jim Thomas and his staff for all their help and great cooperation this year. He appreciates the opportunity for the LEADS Exchange to meet every Tuesday at City Hall. Since moving from their previous location, this program has exploded with thirty-five to forty people meeting every Tuesday. He presented a review of the Chamber's annual report and their financial position, with a copy of President Beth Wright's year end report. Even though they ended 2006 with a deficit, they have experienced a big improvement over the previous year with currently 450 members, an increase of about 75 new members. They have ended 2007 with a positive of about $33,000. This equates to a $44,000 turnaround in 2007. Two Chairman's Circle members have been added and he asked that the Commission consider joining the Chamber's Chairman's Circle again in 2008. Mayor Garrett thanked David for the report and he hopes the City's budget will allow the City to do that again. Vice Mayor Finch commended and thanked David for the Chamber's impressive success in 2007 and for the wonderful job he is doing.

City Manager Jim Thomas responded to a request from the Mayor to report on how the City stores electronic data. Information Systems Director Phillip Uldrich reported the City has seventy two computer work stations, six servers, other equipment and printers, and a firewall that protects from the outside world. Each work station requires a user name and password. The servers are behind three levels of physical security, and they also require a user name and password. There are only three on staff that have the user names and passwords for the servers. No work stations have any citizen's social security numbers on the hard drives. Citizen social security numbers that are captured due to a citation or arrest are stored through database software that requires additional user name and password on the servers. We do have files that have employee social security numbers that are used by payroll and human resources. These files are again stored by server access. The Police Department, dispatchers and officers, accesses information via computers from Metro and the State of Tennessee databases that have social security numbers. Those servers and mainframes are stored solely under the State and Metro's control. Those inquiries require extra levels of security from our personnel to access. Vice Mayor Finch inquired about laptops. Uldrich noted that the officers have laptop computers and the only access to social security numbers are on the Metro system and they are not stored on their laptop. The officers bring their laptops into the Police Department and lock them up at the end of their shift. He added that there is an external hard drive that we backup to and there is another system where data is also backed up. Mayor Garrett thanked Uldrich for his report.

City Manager Thomas reminded the Commission that Vice Mayor Finch and Senator Haynes, as the City Attorney, met with Mayor Dean and a few members of his cabinet before the holidays. Thomas stated he has learned that some other members of the MSUA (Metro Sewer Users Association), City of Brentwood and the Hendersonville Utility District, have also met with Rich Reibling, Mayor Dean's Finance Director, about the wastewater treatment contracts. Collectively, they have determined that the reception by Mayor Dean and his associates had the same tone and the message from these meetings is that it is their desire to work together to come up with an appropriate rate for both sides and to negotiate those contracts rather than litigate. The MSUA members met after the holidays and decided that the group should offer to pay Metro a fee increased by the same percentage as Metro residential customers. This would be considered as an interim rate until the new contracts are in place, hopefully by October 1. He requested concurrence with this proposal to be presented to Mayor Dean. Vice Mayor Finch inquired if we knew what the rate increase would be that would go into effect at the end of our contract in June. City Manager Thomas stated Metro is still awaiting recommendations from their rate consultants. The range that is being discussed is a 25 to 35% increase. Finch inquired if an increase in that range would cause an increase to our citizens or would the City absorb that increase until this issue is resolved? Thomas stated City Engineer Jack Tompkins has analyzed that scenario and determined that if it is in that range, it is about what we are paying for our wastewater treatment to Metro right now. Tompkins stated the proposal that is being sent to Metro converts our rate from a percentage of water bill to a metered sewer flow. Right now we are paying 41% of our sewer billing to Metro. Under this proposal, we would switch over to a payment based on an amount per 1,000 of actual metered sewer flow that goes to Metro. The calculations that he has done indicate that if Metro residential rates go up about 35%, we would pay Metro about the same amount that we are currently paying them. City Manager Thomas reminded everyone that this would be an interim rate. Vice Mayor Finch stated he is in favor of this proposal. It appears to him that ultimately there will be a substantial rate increase. There were no objections and Mayor Garrett authorized the City's support of the proposal letter to Mayor Dean.

City Manager Thomas stated he has received an unsolicited offer to purchase about a one half acre tract at Connell and Cartwright Street, adjacent to the Public Works compound. There is no immediate need for this property, but he would like to have authority to do some additional study and obtain an appraisal on the property to determine its fair market value. The owner's price has been offered at $185,000. There were no objections to obtain a professional appraisal on the property.

Mayor Garrett stated that the Chamber of Commerce recognized Reba Manning on her retirement. He suggested that the Commission also pass a proclamation to honor Mrs. Manning for her economic contributions to the City, operating a business here for thirty years, and to thank her for her citizenship and involvement in our city. A motion was made by Commissioner Coombs to approve proclamation honoring Reba Manning. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Finch and passed unanimously 5-0.

Commissioner Coombs announced there will be chili cook-off at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Saturday night at 6:00 p.m. to benefit special needs children so that they can attend church camp.

Commissioner Manning thanked the Mayor for his kind gesture on his Mother's behalf.

Mayor Garrett stated that he attended a Burton Hills neighborhood watch meeting Monday night. Regarding the new traffic light at Old Springfield Highway, they stated that Old and New Brick Church Pike have become major thoroughfares to bypass the traffic congestion. They asked the Commission to write a letter on their behalf to TDOT to shut that light down. Other citizens suggested a different light configuration such as keeping the light green while the turn arrow is on, or another lane to allow a turn lane and two lanes of traffic to continue on. These neighborhood citizens also stated the upper portion of Old Brick Church Pike near the intersection with New Brick Church Pike along the drainage ditch, there are stumps remaining from the tornado and they have become infested with skunks. These citizens asked that the City remove the skunks.

Consider Ordinance No. 08-707 on first reading, an ordinance to amend the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. City Manager Thomas stated this is a follow up to closing out year end books and the final audit. City Finance Director Julie High answered questions from Commissioner Coombs about a budget issue of $31,452. The addition of an officer and a new drug dog and training made the fund go over what had been budgeted. All expenditures are funded with drug fund collections and not supported from the general fund. The funds were available in the drug fund, this is only a matter that the expenditures exceeded the budgeted amount. A motion was made by Commissioner Cordell to approve Ordinance No. 08-707 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Finch and passed unanimously 5-0.

Consider Ordinance No. 08-708 on first reading, an ordinance to adopt Tennessee Senior Property Tax Freeze Program TCA 67-6-706. City Manager Thomas reviewed this item and provided supporting documentation for the draft ordinance. The ordinance has changed from the original draft. The implementation and administration of this program by the City will be in compliance with the rules as set forth by the State Board of Equalization. You would also ordain that the City may authorize the County Trustees of both Davidson and Sumner County to be the City's agent to certify eligibility for folks who want to participate in this program. He stated that these issues may be authorized, but that does not necessarily mean that that will happen. The request can be made and it can be accepted or denied by the county(s). If we do the task internally, there will be approximately a cost to the City of $30,000. Davidson County has adopted the tax freeze. If Sumner County does not adopt the tax freeze, we could not piggy back on their services. This will be reviewed by Sumner County in April. If this is adopted, that establishes 2008 as the base year for the City of Goodlettsville. Eligibility has to be established in the base year and applicants would have to reapply on an annual basis, even though we might not raise taxes this year or in the years to follow. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Finch to approve Ordinance No. 08-708 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manning and passed unanimously 5-0 by show of raised hands.

Consider Ordinance No. 08-709, an ordinance to extend the terms of office of three City Commissioners. City Manager Thomas stated Commissioners Cordell, Manning and Finch's terms of office will expire prior to their elected successors being sworn into office when the next election is held. A motion was made by Commissioner Coombs to approve Ordinance No. 08-709 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Mayor Garrett and passed unanimously 5-0 by show of raised hands.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Claudia Davis
Claudia Davis, City Recorder

Jerry Garrett
Jerry Garrett, Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: February 14, 2008 Time: 6:30 PM Place: City Hall

Present: Jerry Garrett, John Finch, Jeff Cordell, Gary Manning, John Coombs

Also Present: Joe Haynes, Jim Thomas, Claudia Davis, Tom Tucker, Julie High, Dawn Freeman, Captain Ken Jenkins, Rick Gregory, Danny Okert, Brenda Neely, Donnie Speakman, Jane Birdwell, Susan Rotkiewicz, Bill Evilcizer, Bill Barton, Terry Howell

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garrett. Prayer was offered by Bill Evilcizer. The City Recorder called the roll: Mayor Garrett present, Vice Mayor Finch present, Commissioner Cordell present, Commissioner Manning present, and Commissioner Coombs present.

Consider approval of the minutes of the January 24, 2008 regular commission meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Cordell to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Finch and passed unanimously 5-0.

City Manager Jim Thomas recommended that the employee / retiree group medical insurance plan be renewed effective March 1, 2008 with Blue Cross / Blue Shield of Tennessee as a Health Reimbursement Plan with $5,000 single ($10,000 family) deductible. Additionally, he recommended Group Benefits Systems, Inc. as the agency-of-record for the plan. This recommendation assumes a projected plan cost of $1,154,573. The cost of the plan expiring February 29th is $1,224,238. He also recommended that there be no change to the employee / retiree contribution towards the premium upon renewal. Prior to January 1, 2009, he will report to