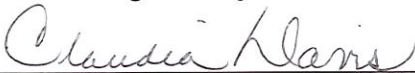


The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


 Claudia Davis, City Recorder

 Jerry Garrett, Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: January 10, 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, Richard Pope, Tom Tucker, Julie High, Tim Ellis, Phillip Gibson, Larry DiOrio, Dawn Freeman, James Lyle, Rick Gregory, Charlie Morrow, Rev. Harry Yates, Johnny Long, Susan Rotkiewicz, Steve Parker, Toby Compton

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garrett. Prayer was offered by Rev. Harry Yates. 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 December 13, 2007 regular commission meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Cordell to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manning and passed unanimously 5-0.

City Manager Thomas reported that a request for proposal has been developed and published for a visual equipment system for Massie Chambers. The RFP has also been sent directly to potential vendors. Vice Mayor Finch directed Thomas to advertise the RFP in The Tennessean. Thomas stated he will also republish the RFP in The Ledger with a revised submission date to give adequate response time.

City Manager Thomas reported he has spoken to officials with NES regarding street banners and they have been very helpful to provide their requirements. A pro forma budget has been prepared and shared with David Wilson, Executive Director of the Chamber. For a banner on every other pole on Main Street, Long Hollow Pike and Rivergate Parkway, for the initial design, purchase of the first banners, installation hardware, installation, and execution of fees between the City and NES, the cost would be approximately \$52,000. There is also an annual pole rental fee to NES in the amount of approximately \$26 per foot of pole space and the banner is five feet. He has spoken to four different vendors and is using the numbers from the vendor who he believes to be the most knowledgeable and who the City has done business with in the past.

City Manager Thomas called on Parks Director Tim Ellis, who reported that the transfer from Luckey Development Company, for property they have donated to the City for park use, has been finalized and the deed has been recorded. The property taxes were to be paid by Luckey through the date of their ownership.

City Manager Thomas presented information and discussed the issues involved with the Tennessee's Senior Property Tax Freeze Act which will require some action from the Commission in the future. Mayor Garrett asked Thomas to place this issue on the agenda for the next Commission meeting as an ordinance to implement a local option property tax freeze for taxpayers 65 years of age or older according to the provisions required by the state legislation.

City Manager Thomas presented information regarding the Public Safety Officers Retirement Act of 2007. He stated that he served on the committee with police and fire officials from across the state to study this issue and he believes this is a very good provision. While there are technical issues to the act, the basic points of the act provides police officers and firefighters to receive unreduced retirement benefits at age 55 with 25 years of service with bridge benefits to the age of 62, and mandatory retirement at age 60. At the request of Vice Mayor Finch, Thomas was directed by Mayor Garrett to present this issue to the Commission after thirty days to allow staff to provide more facts on the financial implications, with projections of the cost to the City in five, ten, fifteen and twenty years.

City Manager Thomas reminded the Commission that the City comes under the requirements of the Government Accounting Standards Bureau (GASB) Rule 45 on July 1, 2008 to fund Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB). The Commission must make a decision from several funding options to be implemented on July 1st.

City Manager Thomas reported the City's employee health care benefit contract expires February 29th. The initial proposal reflects a 19% increase in premiums. Staff is reviewing possible options that will enable the City to continue to provide quality benefits, and will bring a recommendation before the Commission at the January 24, 2008 meeting.

City Manager Thomas reminded the Commission that due to the change in the City's municipal election date, the terms of Commissioners Cordell, Manning and Finch will expire prior to the next election and the Commission has the authority to extend their terms by ordinance if they chose to do so. Mayor Garrett directed Thomas to place an ordinance for this issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Cordell thanked everyone who was involved in helping Jackson Shannon on his return from surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital, in a full body cast. He thanked Vice Mayor Finch for offering his airplane and searching out options on commercial aircraft, but it was not possible to get him on a plane with the cast. They had to drive him home and he did arrive two days before Christmas. When he arrived home, the Goodlettsville Fire Department were there to get him into the house, along with, as usual, City Manager Jim Thomas was there at the front door, ever the ambassador for this City.

Vice Mayor Finch sincerely thanked City Manager Thomas for the information packets that he sends out in advance of the meetings. The Commission can have a full understanding of the issues before they get to the meeting and it helps the Commission make better quality decisions.

Mayor Garrett directed City Manager Thomas to schedule a six month budget review.

Mayor Garrett directed James Lyle from Public Works to check on the overlay on East Cedar Street where Madison Utility only applied an overlay over half the street. He stated this has existed for far too long and Madison Suburban Utility should not have been allowed to only pave half the street. If they are not going to pave it, he requested that this street be put on the list to be repaved in the street maintenance schedule.

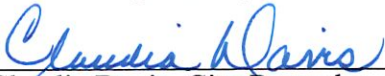
Steve Parker, Parker & Associates, presented the final audit report of the City's finances for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Mayor Garrett asked City Manager Thomas to place an ordinance on the agenda for the next meeting to amend the budget to correct an item in the audit at the recommendation of the auditors.

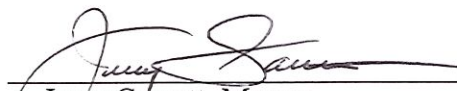
Consider a recommendation of the Goodlettsville Beer Board to amend the City's Beer Ordinance. City Manager Thomas reported that in 2006, the Responsible Vendors Act was adopted by state law. The Beer Board has met and recommends adoption of an amending ordinance so that the City is compliant with this 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, City Recorder


 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