

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: June 8, 2006

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

Present: Jerry Garrett, Jeff Cordell, Gary Manning

Absent: John Finch, Bobby Jones

Also Present: Jim Thomas, Joe Haynes, Claudia Davis, Tim Ellis, Julie High, Bill Brasier, Jane Birdwell, Walter Williams, Jan Lanius, Vicky Ignatz, Rick Gregory, Billy Butler, John Cannon, Steve Hollard, Ernest Bleinberger, Susan Rotkiewicz

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Garrett. Prayer was offered by Joe Haynes.

Consider approval of the minutes of the May 25, 2006 regular city commission meeting. Regarding the Resolution to suspend the pay for commissioners, Commissioner Manning stated it was brought to his attention by a number of folks in the audience as well as a review of the tape of the meeting, that the Mayor did not vote on that Resolution. He asked that the vote be changed to reflect unanimous 3-0. Vice Mayor Garrett stated the Mayor asked him to share his comments if this matter came up, that he called for the vote to be unanimous and that he did vote. Commissioner Manning referenced the incident a few months ago where Commissioner Cordell brought up issues about Commissioner Finch's vote on the Planning Board. At that time, City Attorney Haynes advised that if someone does not vote then they lose their vote. He suggested that it might be best to adopt a roll call vote procedure. City Attorney Haynes suggested that consideration to approve the minutes should be deferred until the Mayor is present. Commissioner Manning made a motion to defer approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordell and passed unanimously 3-0.

Ernest Bleinberger presented a final report from Parsons Brickerhoff and Strategy 5, LLC on Phase 1 of the Retail Market and Economic Analysis of Goodlettsville. Vice Mayor Garrett stated the Commission has seriously considered the recommendation for someone to handle economic development, either as a staff person or a consultant. The proposed new budget does not include that provision but the Commission is very conscious of that need and it was the thought process that the City should pursue Phase 2 of this study to have all the information before hiring an economic development person.

City Manager Thomas reported a joint work session was held on Monday, June 5, 2006 with the Planning Board and the City Commission. The staff was given an assignment to identify the existing right-of-way on Old Brick Church and Bell Street. That information should be available for the July Planning Board meeting from the City's consulting engineers.

Commissioner Manning reported the joint meeting Monday night with the Commission, Planning Board and several members of the community, was at the request of the Commission. A lot of time is given by these individuals on the Planning Board and they make a lot of difficult decisions on behalf of the City. There were several members of the community at this meeting who were there seeking help from the City to rebuild their lives after the tornado. Manning stated that he was embarrassed that only two of the Commissioners showed up for the meeting that they had called. Tuesday morning, a member of the Planning Board called him and reiterated that feeling. He added that Monday was his 24th anniversary, but he attended the meeting and feels this is important business and a job that he asked for. He encouraged the Commission to be a little more mindful of their constituents. Commissioner Cordell responded that he has always said that his family is first, his church is second and White House High School is third. He promised that he will make every effort to do all that he can, but that has always been and always will be his position. Commissioner Manning stated that he understood Cordell's position but that he gave up being a private citizen and became a public servant when he asked voters for this job.

Vice Mayor Garrett read the following letter:

June 1, 2006
To the City of Goodlettsville
Letter of Appreciation
From Tom Ross, 331 Patton Branch Road

On May 30, this year, we had the misfortune to find my mother's body in her home. After dialing 911, the response was immediate. The on scene personnel were efficient, professional, and very considerate of our loss. I want all of you, from dispatch to responders to know how much I appreciate you. This city really does have the best people in the world. Again, THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN THIS MATTER. MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

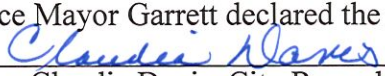
Respectfully,
TOM ROSS AND FAMILY

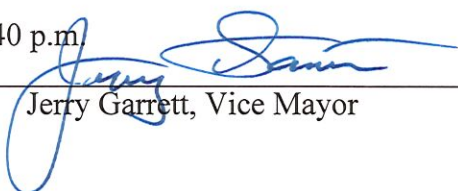
Consider Ordinance No. 06-683 on first reading, an ordinance to set the pre-appointment qualifications of and compensation of the city judge of the City of Goodlettsville, Tennessee. City Manager Thomas reviewed that the city charter and state law clearly states that the responsibility to set the qualifications and compensation for a city judge lays with the city commission. This action will put the city in compliance. The wording is non-specific so as not to box the city into a restrictive area where a judge could come from. Most other cities who have restrictions on residency do so by requiring them to live in the county. This ordinance states the judge must be licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee and to be a residence of Davidson or Sumner Counties. It also sets the compensation to not exceed \$10,000 and that the term will be for four years. Vice Mayor Garrett suggested that if the term is set at four years, that the ordinance should include a provision for removal for cause. Commissioner Cordell made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 06-683 to state that the judge serves at the pleasure of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manning and passed unanimously 3-0. Commissioner Cordell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 06-683 as amended on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manning and passed unanimously 3-0.

Consider Ordinance No. 06-684, an ordinance to adopt a budget and to set the property tax rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. City Manager Thomas stated this budget does not include a property tax increase, it reflects an increase in revenues and expenditures. The anticipated total budget will be \$18,482,660. Vice Mayor Garrett reviewed the highlights of the budget. Commissioner Manning made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 06-684 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordell. Vice Mayor Garrett made a motion to amend the proposed budget for contributions to raise the \$2,000 donation to \$10,000 to the Goodlettsville Help Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordell and passed unanimously 3-0. The motion to approve Ordinance No. 06-684 as amended passed unanimously 3-0.

John Cannon, 118 Paige Park Lane, inquired for clarification why there is no provision for an economic development person in the budget as recommended by the economic analysis by Parsons Brickerhoff. Vice Mayor Garrett explained that the current budget that will end June 30th included \$100,000 for economic development. A portion of those funds were used for Phase I of the economic study. The remainder of those funds will carry over into the new budget and will be used to continue the study. He stated that he believes when that study is completed by early fall, he anticipates the commission will amend the budget to hire an economic development person. Cannon encouraged the Commission to go ahead and consider filling that position now.

Vice Mayor Garrett declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Claudia Davis, City Recorder


Jerry Garrett, Vice Mayor