

voters at the Davidson County Election Commission office.

Richard Pope, 816 Loretta Drive, regarding the election date, stated that the Commission made their original decision seven days after the tornado. Luckily, there were no fatalities or serious injuries from that storm, but the City probably suffered its most devastating financial loss ever for one event. FEMA and insurance will subsidize the losses, but those expenses will have to be initially paid by the city very soon. The vote to hold the city election separate from the general election reflects the Commission's unnecessary spending of taxpayer's money. The election cost estimated at \$7,500 to \$20,000 has been viewed by the Commission as a very insignificant amount in the city's budget. Over the last three years the City has gone through financial crisis and there have been a lot of cuts in the budget. That has all been understood by employees and citizens. However, there have been many times departments and employees have been asked to cut less than this amount and those amounts have been viewed as very important. He asked the Commission to remember in the upcoming budget, when they ask the various departments to cut this amount or less, that it is a very insignificant amount in the overall budget of the City and should not be considered very important to cut. By voting the way they have on this issue, they have won the battle, but by the election date they may lose the war.

Jane Birdwell requested that since the Commission has chosen to spend extra City funds to hold a separate election that they spend a little more and advertise the election in the Tennessean so that all citizens will be aware of the date.

James Ghee, owner of property at 412 Bell Street, asked for clarification about the City's use of FEMA funds to assist residents with removing demolition debris. Commissioner Manning clarified that the funds he previously discussed were from Homeland Security, available for equipment and materials for the City to purchase to better enable the City to serve it's citizens. Partial structures still standing are the responsibility of the property owner through private insurance and assistance from FEMA. City Manager Thomas asked Mr. Ghee to come by City Hall so that he can explain and discuss all the avenues of assistance that might be available.

Bill Brasier reported that Public Works will continue to accept storm debris at their facility. Waste Management will begin removing the debris from the collection sites.

Robert McCain, 818 Dickerson Road, asked for clarification of where the voting polls will be for the city election. City Manager Thomas stated there will be voting polls at Madison Creek Elementary School, Delmas Long Community Center and the First Baptist Church. He also commented that he liked the idea of utilizing Homeland Security funds but that stories abound regarding Homeland Security's failure to deliver on their promises. He cautioned the City to not go out on a limb for a big amount of money.

Commissioner Cordell made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Claudia Davis, City Recorder



Bobby Jones, Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: May 11, 2006

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

Present: Bobby Jones, Jerry Garrett, Jeff Cordell, Gary Manning, John Finch

Also Present: Jim Thomas, Joe Haynes, Claudia Davis, Tim Ellis, Bennie Lane, Jack Tompkins, Terry Hutcherson, Jane Birdwell, Richard Pope, Phillip Uldrich, Terry Hutcherson, Russell Freeman, Brock Rust, Phillip Gibson, David Wilson, John Cannon, Ken Castleberry, Susan Rotkiewicz, Maxine Rotkiewicz, Billy Butler, Bill Vecchione, and a number of other citizens

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones. Prayer was offered by Ken Castleberry.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cordell to approve minutes of the April 25, 2006 special called city commission meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manning and passed unanimously 5-0.

City Manager Thomas thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their help in distributing flyers concerning help with tornado recovery. David Wilson expressed his appreciation for the confidence placed in him to serve as the tornado recovery consultant. He reported that there are now six citizens that he is assisting. He has referred two of the six to the Department of Commerce and Insurance and two have been referred to FEMA. He is still gathering information on the two other situations to determine how they can be helped and match them with resources that can address their problems. He added that this City has a tremendous group of employees and it has been his pleasure to come back and work with them for this short period of time.

City Manager Thomas thanked Jane Birdwell for her help in involving Stephani Ryan's office to help citizens with insurance problems. Jim introduced Stephani, Director of the Consumer Insurance Services Section of the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance. She explained that her office helps consumers dealing with complaints or inquiries regarding their insurance company or their agent. They provide a variety of services including educational opportunities and complaint mediation. She offered these services to the local tornado victims.

City Manager Thomas asked the Commission to consider a non-agenda item to approve a resolution to name May 15 through May 21 as Relay for Life Week. Commissioner Manning made a motion to approve Resolution 06-677. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Garrett and passed unanimously 5-0.

City Manager Thomas asked for recommendations from the Commission for the days they would like to have early voting available at city hall for the October 3rd city election so that the Coordinator at the Election Commission can proceed with plans. Following discussion of various dates, a motion was made by Commissioner Cordell to have early voting available at city hall on September 14, 23 and 26. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finch and passed 5-0.

Vice Mayor Garrett thanked David Wilson for his willingness to serve as the tornado recovery coordinator. He also thanked Russell Freeman for his work with the area attorneys to provide pro bono legal services to the tornado victims. He asked the Mayor to write letters to those attorneys for their willingness to help.

Commissioner Finch inquired if the roads included in a memo from Bill Brasier include repaving any roads where there is construction traffic causing the damage. If developers or contractors are damaging the city streets, he does not feel the citizens should pay for the repairs. In particular, he inquired about West Twelve Stones Crossing. City Manager Thomas stated the City does have responsibility for the final overlay. Bonding for the infrastructure on this phase expired and because of that the City has the responsibility to go in and finish that work. That was a mistake the City made in not monitoring that bond. The developer declared bankruptcy before the City could recover any damages for those streets. He confirmed that a very effective system is now in place to monitor bonds for developments.

Commissioner Finch noted the media has made allegations in Hendersonville that the codes inspector wasn't doing a thorough job and a lot of the damage was worse because of faulty construction. He questioned if the City of Goodlettsville is doing a thorough job. City Manager Thomas replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Finch questioned a statement included in an article from the Mayor and Vice Mayor in the current issue of The Ledger, reporting to the citizens that the City has a surplus of \$3,200,000. The article conveys the impression that this City has \$3,200,000 that we do not need. If that is the case, we rejected over \$1,000,000 in requests from departments in the last budget process and he would like to reconsider funding those requests. Major cuts were made several years ago including cuts in employee benefits. He would like to see some of that \$3,200,000 for wise uses and if we don't need it, then look at a tax reduction to the citizens if we have that much extra money. Mayor Jones responded that that was not stated as a surplus. Vice Mayor Garrett stated that the amount was the surplus figure as of the end of March. He stated that we know this is a moving figure and that we have a stated goal that our surplus would never be under \$2,000,000. Commissioner Finch stated he is afraid many citizens may be misled that the City has \$3,200,000 that we really don't have. By contrast, there is an article in the TML paper where the Governor states there is a \$16,000,000 surplus at the state level. It is clear as you read that article that the \$16,000,000 is money the state did not anticipate having and expects to have left over at the end of their fiscal year. He stated he does not believe the City expects to have \$3,200,000 left over at the end of June. Mayor Jones denied they had stated that in the article. Commissioner Finch suggested that a clarification for the citizens is in order because it seems that there are citizens who are misled by this information. Mayor Jones stated they were answering a prior story that implied the City could not buy note paper. Vice Mayor Garrett stated his purpose in making the statement was to convey that the Commission is very prudent with the City's finances.

Commissioner Manning asked Chief Hutcherson to address a sight issue. The line of sight for vehicles coming out of Dorris Avenue is being blocked by vehicles parked at an adjacent property which is a landscape company.

Commissioner Manning asked the Commission to agree to suspend the Commissioner's pay for ninety days in response to the extra expenses incurred by the City from the tornado. He would like to be paid only for the expenses incurred for insurance coverage only. This would save roughly \$6,500. These salaries come from the Administration Department and there have been a lot of overtime pay from this department. This department includes the largest group of the City's salaried employees and he feels those individuals worked overtime and deserve additional compensation. This could also help fund the costs incurred from holding a separate election. Vice Mayor Garrett stated he would support that resolution. Commissioner Finch stated he would also support the resolution with no compensation and even extend the suspension beyond ninety days. He stated he would be happy to give up his pay to fund more early voting days. Commissioner Cordell stated he would also support the resolution, adding that he has never done it for the pay. Vice Mayor Garrett suggested the City Manager draft such a resolution and put it on the agenda for the next meeting. Mayor Jones agreed.

Commissioner Manning inquired why there are no residential trash cans at The Hill Place. Jack Tompkins stated he would check on the policy for multiple units.

Commissioner Cordell thanked Tim Ellis for getting the church softball leagues back at Moss Wright Park.

Consider Resolution No. 06-311, a resolution to establish fees charged by the City of Goodlettsville for municipal services. City Manager Thomas stated this resolution resets any fees that have already been established and in some cases would create fees for certain services. Commissioner Finch questioned the net impact of these changes on an annual basis. City Manager Thomas stated based on current permits, the changes should be \$130,000 in new funds and \$40,000 revenue from new fees for a total of \$170,000 total additional funds. Commissioner Finch made a motion to approve Resolution No. 06-311. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Garrett and passed unanimously 5-0.

Consider Ordinance No. 06-674 on second reading, an ordinance to replace Ordinance No. 89-413 (as

amended), the Zoning Ordinance of Goodlettsville, Tennessee, by changing, adding and deleting various provisions. Planning Director Gregory requested the Commission defer this ordinance so that changes in new flood maps can be incorporated into the new zoning ordinance. A motion was made by Commissioner Cordell to defer Ordinance No. 06-674. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Garrett and passed 5-0.

Consider Ordinance No. 06-682 on first reading, an ordinance authorizing the City of Goodlettsville to waive certain fees and spend public funds to assist affected private property owners in recovery from a tornado event of April 7, 2006. City Manager Thomas stated this ordinance authorizes the City to waive certain fees that it typically charges for and to expend public funds in certain situations to assist property owners, specific to the April 7, 2006 tornado. This will put the City in compliance with state law enabling these actions. Commissioner Manning made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 06-682 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cordell and passed unanimously 5-0.

Consider Ordinance No. 06-680 on first reading, an ordinance to amend Title 11, the official zoning map of the Goodlettsville Municipal Code, Ordinance No. 89-413, as amended, by changing the zoning classification of certain property at Bass Street as shown on Davidson County Tax Map 18-16, parcels 102 and 103. Commissioner Manning made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 06-680 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Garrett and passed unanimously 5-0.

Consider Ordinance No. 06-681 on first reading, an ordinance to amend Title 11, the official zoning map of the Goodlettsville Municipal Code, Ordinance No. 89-413, as amended, by changing the zoning classification of certain property of Gentry-Russell on Willis Branch Road from R-40 to LDRPUD. Commissioner Cordell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 06-681 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Finch and passed unanimously 5-0.

Billy Butler commended City Manager Jim Thomas for doing a fine job. He asked for clarification on the issue of \$3,200,000 being in the bank. Finance Director Julie High stated that was the City's bank balance at the end of March. He recommended that the Commission not raise the property tax rate this year. He also indicated to Mayor Jones that he plans to run for Commissioner.

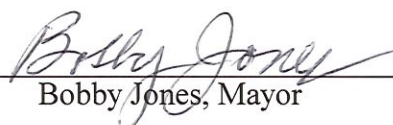
Bill Vecchione stated he endorses what Commissioner Finch recommended that the comments about the city's surplus figure be clarified. Read on the surface, a lot of citizens, including himself and particularly his wife who has a special interest in that figure, were very excited about that amount. He suggested that a fifty word message in the next edition could clarify that that is a floating figure and subject to increase or decrease. He thanked the City's employees for the excellent services they provide.

Commissioner Finch asked for a report from any citizens who had attended the work session regarding the tornado recovery. They were asked to appoint a spokesperson and come back to this meeting with a list of issues or complaints that they have. A citizen from 219 New Brick Church Pike reported they have not gotten all the owners together yet but he will by the next meeting. He expressed his appreciation for the offer of pro bono legal service and everything the City has done for them. He did recommend that FEMA should be more helpful in the interim of getting responses from individual insurance. Commissioner Finch and City Manager Thomas encouraged all victims to call David Wilson as the coordinator to get assistance with any of their needs. Commissioner Finch stated their complaints were heard at the last meeting and the Commission authorized \$90,000 extra dollars to fund additional clean up that was not covered by other resources. The audience expressed their gratitude for those funds.

Commissioner Cordell made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Claudia Davis, City Recorder



Bobby Jones, Mayor