

Bob Jenkins, new Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Board, expressed his gratitude for the City's support last year. He looks forward to expanding that support. He announced the annual banquet will be held January 27 and the guest speaker will be Bob Arnold.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


 Claudia Davis, City Recorder


 Bobby Jones, Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: January 27, 2005

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: City Hall

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

Absent: Bobby Jones

Also Present: Joe Haynes, Jim Thomas, Claudia Davis, Julie High, Phillip Gibson, Bennie Lane, Rick Gregory, Susan Rotkiewicz, Maxine Rotkiewicz, Richard Pope, Bill Brasier, Tim Ellis, Representative Debra Maggart, Senator Diane Black, Charlie Morrow, Winston Gaffron, Julie Oaks

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Garrett. Prayer was offered by Tim Ellis.

A motion was made by Manning to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2005 regular commission meeting as submitted with the meeting time changed to p.m.. The motion was seconded by Cordell and passed 4-0.

Pope reported that Chief Hutcherson is revisiting all the business and residential addresses in the proposed expanded service call areas. He is working with Jay Leeman to prepare maps of the area also. He plans to present a final recommendation at the next commission meeting.

Gregory reported that he and Thomas attended the Sumner County Commission meeting January 24, 2005 regarding our request to change the authority and responsibility of our Planning Board from a municipal board to a regional board. The chairman of the commission will be forming an ad hoc committee to study this issue.

Thomas reported he has spoken to Megan McCrary's family and they appreciate the city's interest in creating a memorial for Megan. They want to be involved in the selection process but have not been able to meet with him. Cordell suggested and Thomas agreed that there would not be any urgency placed on them to get this done.

High reported she is preparing an RFP process to send out to area banks in mid February and should have a proposal to present in March or April.

High reported on the approximate delinquent taxes and fees referenced by Finch at the last meeting. The amounts he referred to were from June 30, 2004. Since that time, \$175,000 has been collected in delinquent property taxes leaving a balance of approximately \$90,000. The \$50,000 referenced as a balance of delinquent business taxes is just a guess. The amount of business tax owed is determined by the report from a business based on their gross receipts, so there is not a definitive amount to report. With four different classes coming due at different times, the amounts are a moving target with old past dues being paid and new delinquencies being added. Court fines and fees referenced as \$250,000 are also just a best guess estimate. There is a specific process being followed to collect these funds.

Thomas referred to Garrett's recommendation last summer to pursue getting landscaping on Conference Drive. There were no funds in the budget then or now but he is moving ahead with a plan for streetscaping Conference Drive. A master plan from Ragan Smith Associates will require \$8,000 to produce. As plans are presented to the City for tracts along Conference Drive, landscaping can be included in the requirements for approval. Garrett inquired if there are funds in the current budget to

pay for the plan. Thomas stated he is trying to find the revenue. Ellis has made him aware there may be some consideration for this project from a 50/50 cost share grant program from the Forestry Division.

Finch attended the TML Elected Official Academy with Thomas and expressed his gratitude to TML and MTAS for the exceedingly helpful classes. He asked Thomas to inquire about holding a class here for the City's officials.

At Garrett's inquiry, Lane reported they have secured bids to make repairs on the Hernandez property on Long Hollow Pike. He is trying to find the funds in the budget to pay for this project.

Regarding the proposed renewal of the City's medical insurance policy, Manning stated he feels there are a lot of misconceptions about what the plan does and does not do. He feels Thomas can explain the plan and clear up any questions the employees have. He feels over the past four or five years, a lot of the benefits the City provides the employees have eroded. To name a few, matching funds for the retirement accounts and employees were limited in scope in incremental pay raises, whether they be merit or cost of living. And now, we are asking them to take a threefold hit on their insurance plan. He looked at the plans and suggested to change the co-pay for prescriptions and doctor visits and forgo the plan that increased the out of pocket expenses toward the deductible. In all reality, someone who reaches the higher deductible will basically not be out any more money, but he or she that is in that margin will spend more money. The City employees have good benefits but they are not as good as they have been. In his opinion, when we ask our employees to do belt tightening, we should look at all other aspects of the city's business. Regardless of what this Commission says, if the vote is three to two or four to one or five to none, he is a member of the Commission and if the policy is set, he will share in the heat because that is the job all the Commission has chose to do. He would like to see at budget time, we don't include any more funds for the Mainstreet Streetscape Plan, for Forward Sumner, for the Chamber of Commerce, the Help Center or any other discretionary funds because we are piggy-backing what funds we have off of our employees. He feels it is a good plan but he would like to see not such a deep cut this time. Finch stated he looked at all the plans and this kind of decision is always tough. You can't make everybody happy. One of his obligations is to balance the budget, to live within our means and to be good stewards of the tax dollars. None of our citizens want a tax increase. We have a pretty tough situation that we are looking at with our sewage situation. Metro has told us that our sewage rates are going to go up potentially four times. We do not know what we are going to have to do to protect our citizens from that kind of increase. His employees have the same plan as the new plan proposed for the City and he and his employees pay a whole lot more for that plan. All employees want to make more money and want better benefits and more time off. That is the nature of any employee and employer relationship. He feels the new plan is fair, reasonable and equitable and the employees have an awful good deal. I know there is some history regarding lost benefits that he is not versed on, but if there are inequities in the pay structure, he would rather that be addressed on a case by case basis and take care of any inequities that may exist. He has looked at the pay scale and he does not believe there are inequities in the positions that he is familiar with. When you try to balance an extraordinary benefit package in order to balance the pay, it muddies the water and makes it more difficult to do what should be done with pay issues. He appreciates and values every employee and feels they do a great job. He wants to always be fair to the employees but he also recognizes his obligation to the citizens and taxpayers. He came to the conclusion that this plan is equitable and fair. Garrett inquired if Cordell had any comments about the plan and he did not. Garrett reviewed that Thomas had five agents representing seven companies who presented proposals. All five companies on their initial visit had a greater out of pocket expense factor than we are going to. They could not believe that our current out of pocket was as low as it is. Our current deductible is very unusual in today's market. Every government, business enterprise and non-profit is wrestling with some way to contain healthcare costs. He feels the City has a very generous plan. He feels it is the right decision when you consider all the facts and our citizens. Cordell stated he was at the meeting Monday morning and he is for it and feels it is a good plan. Garrett noted to Thomas that since there are three Commissioners who feel this is the right thing to do, that this will be the plan that they will adopt.

Consider Ordinance No. 04-652 on first reading, an ordinance to rezone 25.88 acres on Willis Branch Road, S. C. Tax Map 143, part of Parcel 51 from R-40 to Low Density Residential Planned Unit

Development (LDRPUD). A motion was made by Manning to defer indefinitely Ordinance No. 04-652, seconded by Finch. Passed 4-0.

Consider Ordinance No. 05-653 on first reading, an ordinance to rezone 12.05 acres on Willis Branch Road, Sumner County Tax Map 143, part of Parcel 51.03, from R-40 to High Density Residential Planned Unit Development (HDRPUD). A motion was made by Manning to defer indefinitely Ordinance No. 05-653, seconded by Finch. Passed 4-0.

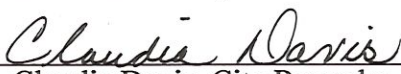
Consider Ordinance No. 05-⁶⁵⁴~~564~~ on first reading, an ordinance deleting and revising certain portions of the Goodlettsville Municipal Code regarding the operation of Parks and Recreation facilities. Ellis stated this ordinance will delete the section prohibiting baby strollers on the trails and creates a new section authorizing him to govern specific use of park facilities. Finch asked if there were standards that somebody publishes that he will be following that any new rules will be measured against. Ellis stated there will be rules to follow but it is also a matter of common sense. He gave an example of someone taking their dog onto the soccer fields and the health hazard that creates. This section would give him the authority to tell that person they can't have their dog on the soccer fields. Finch questioned what the citizen's recourse would be if they feel a rule is unfair. Ellis stated they can appeal to the City Manager and ultimately to the Commission. After discussion, the Commission agreed that if a problem arises from this action, the Commission can change the policy. A motion was made by Finch to approve Ordinance 05-654 on first reading, seconded by Cordell. Passed 4-0.

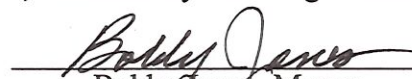
Winston Gaffron from the Tennessee Department of Transportation presented a report on the I-65 widening project. Haynes asked that he report to Commissioner Nicely that the City appreciates the way he handled the Conference Drive project when he came into office. Garrett asked Gaffron to convey his recommendation to TDOT to consider an ingress and egress off of Vietnam Veteran's Parkway with I-65 North.

At Finch's inquiry, Brasier reported on getting a traffic signal at Long Hollow Pike and Northcreek Boulevard. A traffic study has been completed and there are sufficient warrants for a signal and the project has been approved. Gaffron agreed to check on the installation timeframe and report to Brasier.

Senator Black and Representative Maggart expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to visit the meeting and offered their help whenever needed.

A motion was made by Cordell to adjourn at 5:49 p.m., seconded by Manning. Passed 4-0.


Claudia Davis, City Recorder


Bobby Jones, Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: February 10, 2005

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: City Hall

Present: Jerry Garrett, Jeff Cordell, Gary Manning

Absent: Bobby Jones, John Finch

Also Present: Joe Haynes, Jim Thomas, Claudia Davis, Julie High, Bennie Lane, Susan Rotkiewicz, Maxine Rotkiewicz, Bill Brasier, Tim Ellis, Terry Hutcherson, Dean Birdwell, Steven Holland, Jane Birdwell, Carlos Andrews, Neal Glass, Lynn Solomon, Division 3 and Division 4 State Champion Soccer Teams, and a host of their friends and families

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Garrett. Prayer was offered by Rev. Neal Glass.

A motion was made by Manning to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2005 regular commission meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Cordell and passed 3-0.

Presentations were presented by Ellis and Garrett to the Tennessee State Soccer Association Tide Cup Division 4 State Champions and the Tennessee State Soccer Association Division 3 State Champions.