

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: September 28, 2000

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: City Hall

Present: Bobby Jones, Johnny Long, Jerry Garrett, Jim Driver, Jeff Cordell

Also Present: Joe Haynes, David Wilson, John Wright, Jim Thomas, Terry Hutcherson, Phillip Gibson, Mike Alsup, Phillip Uldrich, Bill Brasier, Frank Cardwell, Claudia Davis

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones. Prayer was offered by Joe Haynes. Motion by Long, seconded by Cordell to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2000 regular meeting. Passed 5-0.

Mayor Jones recommended Gary Manning to be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board to serve in the unexpired term of Mary Ann Gourley Hagan. Motion by Driver to approve this appointment, seconded by Garrett. Passed 5-0.

Consider **Resolution No. 00-225**, a resolution to enter into a contract with Madison Suburban Utility District to administer, bill and collect sewer service charges. David Wilson stated this contract will reduce our rates to the same rate Metro is paying. By 2003 our rate will be reduced to 5% which is almost half the current amount and will benefit our sewer funds. Motion by Cordell to approve **Resolution No. 00-225**, seconded by Long. Passed 5-0.

Garrett questioned Brasier about the construction work on Main Street at the old bank building which is a traffic hazard. Brasier indicated Madison Suburban Utility is making water line repairs. He stated he would call Friday morning to determine how long the repair will take and encourage them to complete the job as soon as possible to eliminate this dangerous situation.

Long questioned Wilson about the City's drug testing policy. Thomas stated there is a draft under final review by the City Attorney and TML. The policy should be ready for consideration at least by the second meeting in October for approval of the plan and a budget to implement the policy. Wilson added that a drug policy for government entities is much different than for the private sector. Haynes agreed, stating the open records act and employee privacy and confidentiality make it difficult and delicate to create a policy of this nature. He commended Thomas and TML for their work on this issue.

Mayor Jones asked Wilson and Driver to meet with Gary Manning for orientation to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Thomas introduced Frank Cardwell, Principal of Beech High School since 1999. He stated Mr. Cardwell has made a great impression on the Beech community in his plans to maintain the status of this school and carry out great plans for its future. Cardwell stated he has never lived in a better community and never been involved with better students. Beech is a school without a town. About half of his students either live in or just outside Goodlettsville and he wants to make sure he is in touch with all their constituents. They are establishing a "Beech High School Foundation" to subsidize projects and needs of the school not funded by the county. One objective is to eliminate fees so that all students could participate in any activity. There are currently at least 50 basic needs on campus that funding from this foundation can hopefully address in the future. He encouraged Goodlettsville's involvement and input and to feel that Beech High School is a "Goodlettsville" school. He commended this entire community for the strong sense of pride. His Assistant Principal at Simpson County Kentucky where he was the former Principal, is Walter Heath, a former football great from Goodlettsville High School. Cardwell stated he remembers the reputation this community had during his days of playing ball and that spirit is just as strong now. He stated the Foundation will benefit students and thus the entire community who benefit from having a top-notch school in their area. Garrett stated the City has always enjoyed a very cordial relationship with Beech High School and is sure that will continue in the future. Mayor Jones thanked Cardwell for the good job he is doing. Cordell expressed his appreciation to Cardwell for the great job and "for being the 'second' best school in Sumner County".

Wilson stated TDOT has notified the City that our estimated portion of the Conference Drive widening project is \$1,275,767. This amount must be deposited in their office by October 27, 2000. The project is scheduled for December bid letting and construction should start next spring. We have budgeted \$1,075,000 and had agreed to borrow the funds. Wright stated one option is to borrow from the sewer funds but the investment rate of interest on these funds is currently higher than the TML bond rate. If funds are borrowed from the TML Bond Fund, the average time to obtain a loan would be four to five weeks. After discussion of the time frame involved, Wilson stated he would proceed with getting the application for a loan from TML and a resolution would be scheduled to be considered at the first October Commission meeting. Garrett stated if needed the funds could be borrowed from the Sewer funds on a temporary basis.

Chief Gibson requested permission to spend \$1,500 out of capital expenditures for a rescue trailer for the mobile air unit. Motion by Long to approve, seconded by Cordell. Passed 5-0.

Chief Hutcherson requested permission to spend \$1,200 as a capital expenditure out of their supplies account to purchase a new computer for the Communications Supervisor, Jay Luthey. Motion by Driver to approve, seconded by Long. Passed 5-0.

Phillip Uldrich requested permission to spend \$3,000 to purchase a new heavy duty laser printer which is shared in the Administration Department. Motion by Cordell to approve, seconded by Driver. Passed 5-0.

Wilson stated Rob Wheeler's father is in Critical Care at Skyline Medical Center after suffering a stroke. He would appreciate everyone remembering them in their thoughts and prayers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Claudia Davis, City Recorder



Bobby Jones, Mayor