MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: March 25, 1999 Time: 6:30 pm Place: City Hall

Present: Bobby Jones, Johnny Long, Jerry Garrett, Jim Thomas
Absent: Jim Driver

Also Present: David Wilson, John Wright, Joe Haynes, Phillip Gibson, Jack Tompkins, Tommy Deloach, Terry Hutcherson, Mike Alsup, Dean Birdwell, Pam Birdwell, Phillip Uldrich, Dennis Sellers, Rauline Tedder, Frank Connor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones. Prayer was offered by David Wilson. On a motion by Garrett, seconded by Long, the minutes of the March 11 regular meeting were approved by a vote of 4-0.

Consider amendment to Resolution No. R99-201, a resolution to amend the policy regarding appointments to city boards. The City Manager stated that an amendment has been proposed for Resolution No. R99-201, which was adopted at the February 25 meeting. The City Attorney stated that a motion to reconsider the resolution would be the proper procedure. Motion by Thomas to reconsider Resolution No. R99-201. The motion died for lack of a second.

Without objection the Mayor deferred making appointments to fill positions expiring on various city boards until the next meeting because of the absence of Commissioner Driver.

Consider Resolution No. R99-202, a resolution to amend the city travel policy. The City Manager stated that Commissioners Driver and Thomas had suggested amendments related to approving travel requests of the City Manager and Commissioners. Motion by Thomas to adopt Resolution No. R99-202 to approve those amendments. The motion died for lack of a second.

Consider Resolution No. R99-203, a resolution to amend the employee sick leave policy. The City Manager explained that hardship situations have occurred since sick leave was restricted to employees only. Prior to 1992 sick leave was available for illness or injury of a member of the employee's household requiring the employee's personal care or attention, but abuse of that policy led to the change. Commissioner Thomas has suggested that the policy be changed to allow sick leave for illness or injury of an employee or the spouse, child, step-child, parent, or step-parent of an employee requiring the employee's personal care or attention. Since the proposed amendment is not yet in written form, Commissioner Garrett moved that action be deferred until the next meeting. Seconded by Long. Passed with Jones, Long, and Garrett voting for the motion and Thomas abstaining.

Consider declaring certain property surplus and holding an auction in April. The Purchasing Director stated that it has been three years since the last surplus property auction and that quite a bit of storage space is being taken by surplus property, including at least five vehicles, several computers, and furniture. The City Manager stated that the Goodlettsville Elementary School had requested that the City consider donating old computers to the school. Motion by Garrett to approve an auction of surplus property, excluding any computers that the Goodlettsville Elementary School would want, and to authorize the Purchasing Director to choose the date and auctioneer. Seconded by Long. Passed 4-0.

The Mayor stated that Hollywood Street is now open though paving is incomplete.

Commissioner Thomas stated that his reason for abstaining on the motion to defer action on the sick leave policy was because the current practice leaves employees unable to know exactly when they can take sick leave.

The City Manager asked if the current travel policy is sufficient since no action was taken on the resolution to amend it. The Mayor and Commissioner Garrett stated that they believe it can stay as it is since there has been no abuse of the policy. Commissioner Thomas stated that he believes it is wrong not to have a policy for the city manager's and commissioners' travel.

The City Manager stated that Calvary Chapel church had drawn up an agreement related to connecting to the City sewer system. The City Attorney stated that the agreement is rather abbreviated and that he needs to work on it before it is considered by the commission.

The City Manager asked the commission to consider approving payment of fire hydrant fees to Madison Suburban Utility District. He recommended not paying the late fees and negotiating for a change of the sewer billing fee agreement to one similar to Metro's. The City Manager stated that the City needs to write a letter to Madison Suburban formally requesting a change in the sewer billing fee contract. Motion by Long to authorize the City Manager to take action to pay the fire hydrant fee bill less late charges and to negotiate a change in the sewer billing fee. Seconded by Thomas. Commissioner Long asked if the hydrant fee covers repairs to the hydrants. The Fire Chief stated that the utility district is responsible for and pays for all repairs. The motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Thomas reported that the 911 problem was discussed at today's ECD board meeting. The City has requested that calls to 911 from inside our city limits be automatically transferred to our dispatchers. The ECD board will consider the request at its next meeting in April.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

John Wright

John Wright, City Recorder

Bobby Jones

Bobby Jones, Mayor