

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: July 24, 1997

Time: 6:30pm

Place: City Hall

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

Also Present: David Wilson, John Wright, Joe Haynes, Todd Moore, Bill Terry, Bill Brasier, Tommy Deloach, Phillip Gibson, Terry Hutcherson, Jack Hunnicutt, Richard Pope, B. Gayle Patterson, Debbie Robinson, employees of the fire and police departments and their families

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jones. Prayer was offered by Johnny Long. On a motion by Long, seconded by Driver, the minutes of the June 26 regular meeting were approved as written by a vote of 5-0.

The Mayor expressed his thanks to employees of the fire and police departments for their response to the accident on I-65 involving a diesel tanker which caught fire. He recognized the Fire Chief who summarized the events of that day and who introduced Rusty Tinnin, who helped rescue the truck driver from his burning truck, as the real hero of the day. The audience gave Tinnin a standing ovation. Each of the commissioners, Senator Haynes, and Chamber of Commerce Director Debbie Robinson all spoke to express their appreciation of the dedication and professionalism of the members of the fire and police departments and their pride in the City of Goodlettsville and its employees.

Consider a resolution to permit continuation of the 3.6% indexing in calculating retirement benefits until June 30, 1998. The City Manager explained that the state legislature initiated the indexing in 1991 to increase retirement benefits for retirees of noncontributory employers such as the City of Goodlettsville and has extended it annually since then, requiring employers to adopt the resolution each year. Motion by Driver to adopt Resolution No. R97-186. Seconded by Garrett. Passed 5-0.

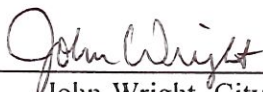
Consider an ordinance to establish fees for use of public rights-of-way within the City. The City Attorney stated that the Tennessee Municipal League had provided a sample ordinance which he has reviewed and about which he has some concerns. Utilities have always had access to rights-of-way without paying fees, and he believes that cities trying to impose fees will be sued by the utilities. Motion by Garrett to defer consideration of the ordinance until a legal precedent has been set or until advised to proceed by the City Attorney. Seconded by Long. Passed 5-0.

The City Manager added his thanks to the fire and police departments and stated that it is his honor and pleasure to work every day with all the City employees and that he is proud of their daily work as well as their response to emergencies.

The Purchasing Director reported that the only bid for replacement of fuel tanks at Public Works exceeded the budgeted amount of \$75,000 by nearly \$15,000. The only other company that can do the work could not bid because of a backlog of thirty other jobs. Motion by Thomas to approve an increase in the budget amount to \$90,000 using some of the \$50,000 budgeted for unanticipated expense. Seconded by Driver. Passed 5-0.

Debbie Robinson reminded everyone of the Goodlettsville Community Night at the Nashville Sounds game on Friday, August 1, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


John Wright, City Recorder


Bobby Jones, Mayor