

BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 2009

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Tullahoma, Coffee and Franklin Counties, Tennessee met in a public session at the Municipal Building, in Tullahoma, on Monday, October 26, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Troy Bisby presiding and the following named members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen: James Blanks, James Eads, Jerry Mathis, Mike Norris, Greg Sandlin and Mike Stanton. Seven Board members were present.

Louis J. Baltz, City Administrator; Randall Morrison, City Attorney; and Rosemary Womack, City Recorder; were also present at the meeting.

The meeting was opened with an invocation delivered by Rev. Tim McGehee and he led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS –

Mayor Bisby introduced a group of students from the Robert E Lee Elementary School Energy Team. They performed a skit on conserving energy by recycling trash. He then presented the proclamation designating October 2009 as Energy Awareness Month to the students and their leader.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS –

Prior to the meeting, Ms. Robin Morrison had handed out a written comment received from Ms. Cynthia Wennemark and Mr. Ken Takagemi of 110 Autumn Lane (see copy of note in agenda packet).

Ms. Sarah Fitzgerald, 1203 Melrose Street, stated she wanted to see the property located near Shorts Springs be zoned open space.

Mr. Joe Hills, 1112 Country Club Drive, said that the land located near Short Springs, is an economic attraction that brings people to this area, let's keep it that way.

Mr. Everett Smith, 204 Provins Drive, supports the open space designation of the property located near Short Springs. He wants to maintain the inherent beauty of the area.

Mr. Duane Thorpe, 135 Woodmont Drive, stated he did not want to see the zoning changed for the area of land near Short Springs. He said the Tullahoma Utility Board did not request the zoning change, the Planning Commission is the one who has suggested the zoning change.

Mr. Patterson Lyles, 129 Breckenridge, said he was with the Friends of Short Springs. He would like to see this area preserved in it's present state, "wild and free".

Mr. Doug Traversa, 117 Kingsridge Blvd., stated he wanted the Board of Mayor and Alderman to clearly state what they want to use the land adjacent to Short Springs for in the future, and then the City should zone it accordingly.

Mr. Jeff Stewart, 1409 Old Estill Springs Road, said that the Short Springs area is near and dear to his heart. When he is there, he sees people from other areas not just from Tullahoma. He would like to see this area zoned for open space.

Mr. Lance Baxter, 203 Safley Drive, Chairman of the Planning Commission, stated he has a letter that is in the agenda (page 44) that address the zoning issues of the Short Springs area. He believes the land should be zoned as it is currently being used, open space.

Mr. Joe Loggins, 904 Westside Drive, said he wanted to urge the Friends of Short Springs to have a fund drive and earn the money to buy the land adjacent to Short Springs. He said he wanted the Board of Mayor and Alderman not approve the rezoning of this area and it should remain as R1.

Mr. Frank Collins, 1703 Country Club Drive, stated the land near Short Springs is a golden asset fot Tullahoma. He suggested we do not sell the property and keep it private property.

Mr. Tom Bentley, 208 Jamestown Drive, said he agrees with what the Planning Commission has suggested in regards to the land around the Short Springs area being zoned open space.

Mr. Dennis Horn, 114 St. Andrews Place, stated it is not about what the property (area around Short Springs) is worth, it is about the quality of life. He said we need to preserve something for our children and grandchildren.

Mr. George Orr, 102 Courtside Lane, stated that land near Short Springs is currently zoned R1 and should remain R1.

Mr. Lynn Sebourn, 207 Ashland Ct, stated that he was speaking as a citizen and not as a board member of the Planning Commission. His personal view is that the land (area around Short Springs) is being used as open space and it should be zoned open space.

Dr. Dick Fewell, 210 Short Springs Road, a member of the Utilities Board, said he was speaking as a citizen. He feels the land (area around Short Springs) is being re-zoned against the will of its owner, the Tullahoma Utility Board. He does not want to see the property zoned "open space". He feels it will decrease the value of the property.

Mr. Brian Skelton, 105 Blantonwood Drive, the general manager of TUB, stated that the Tullahoma Utility Board had not asked for the land adjacent to Short Springs to be re-zoned. He wants it to remain zoned as R1. Mr. Skelton believes the value will be diminished if it is zoned Open Space 1. He said that if the property is zoned as open space then the proper entity should buy the property from the rate payers of the Tullahoma Utility Board.

Mr. Volley Stone, 111 Lakewood Drive, said the quality of life is more important to him than a small incremental savings on water, if TUB sells the land adjacent to Short Springs. He stated that we should do something for the future, something we can be proud of not just a few houses.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN MATHIS – He stated that he attended the Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Mathis said that we entertained the Fox network at the Football Stadium for the Thursday night football game.

ALDERMAN EADS – Mr. Eads stated that he attended the Duck River Utility Commission and the city of Wartrace is closer to hooking up on line. He said he went to the Arnold Community Council Dinner meeting. Mr. Eads said he will be attending the Consolidated Communication Commission Meeting coming up this week. He stated that he appreciated all the people coming out and respectfully speaking this evening.

ALDERMAN BLANKS – Mr. Blanks said he attended the Tullahoma Economic Development Committee meeting this past week. He also went to the Tullahoma School Board meeting where they discussed their capital projects. Mr. Blanks stated he is still working on some plans for the renovation/reconstruction of the outdoor swimming pool.

ALDERMAN SANDLIN – Mr. Sandlin attended several meetings over the past two weeks that included; the Tullahoma Airport Authority Meeting, the Tullahoma Housing Authority Meeting, the Planning Commission Meeting. He stated he went to the Arnold Community Council Dinner and the joint Chamber of Commerce after hours gathering at George Dickel. Mr. Sandlin asked if the board would consider the idea of having a study session on what our ordinance says about who is suppose to pay for past due garbage bills and property taxes of a previous business owner.

ALDERMAN STANTON – Mr. Stanton said thanks to all of the citizens that recently sent him e-mails and the people who have phoned him. He wanted to thank Casta Brice for all of her help on the Heath Fair for the Employees of the City of Tullahoma. Mr. Stanton went to the Arnold Community Council Dinner meeting.

MAYOR PRO TEM NORRIS – Mr. Norris attended the joint chamber of commerce after hours at the George Dickel Distillery. He also went to a Finance Committee meeting where they discussed the school board debt issues.

MAYOR BISBY – Mayor Bisby stated he appointed Ms. Catherine Murray to the Planning Commission. This position is to be filled by a Mayoral appointment. She will be replacing Dr. Neil Loeffler, his term expired October 26, 2009.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY – No Report

REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jody Baltz said that he received a request from First Baptist Church of Tullahoma for a temporary street closure on Saturday, October 31st from 5:00 to 8:30. This is for a section of East Grundy Street from Atlantic to Washington.

A motion was made by Mr. Eads and seconded by Mr. Norris to approve the temporary street closure.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

Mr. Baltz wanted to make a correction to the agenda. The Board will be voting on Ordinance No. 1393 tonight, and it should be the second of three readings, not the first of three readings as printed on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 09-106 – Minutes of October 12, 2009 Regular Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 09-107 – September 2009 Financial Report

A motion was made by Mr. Stanton and seconded by Mr. Norris to approve the consent agenda as presented.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1392 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 961 OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, KNOWN AS THE TULLAHOMA ZONING ORDINANCE, for passage on the second of three readings.

Mayor Bisby read the caption for Ordinance No. 1392.

A motion was made by Mr. Eads and seconded by Mr. Sandlin to approve Ordinance No. 1392 for passage on the second of three readings.

A lengthy discussion followed.

An amendment was made to the motion by Mr. Blanks and seconded by Mayor Bisby to accept Ordinance 1392 and the new zoning map with the exception the property/portion of land (200 acres) that the Tullahoma Utility Boards owns which is adjacent to the Short Springs area should be amended back to open space.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

AYE: Bisby, Blanks

NAY: Eads, Mathis, Norris, Sandlin, Stanton

The vote being two (2) Ayes and five (5) Nays, the amendment failed.

Another amendment to the original motion was made by Mr. Sandlin to rezone the 3.26 acres (that sit directly in the center of the land adjacent to the Short Springs area) to open space. No one seconded the motion. After discussion that this area was used as an “old head-in” for utilities, Mr. Sandlin withdrew his motion.

Another amendment to the original motion was made by Mr. Sandlin and seconded by Mr. Norris to send the proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 1392 (as found in the agenda on page 47) from the Airport Authority to the Planning Commission for their review and comments.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

Mayor Bisby then called for a vote on the original motion on Ordinance No. 1392 as amended for passage on the second of three readings.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered

ORDINANCE NO. 1393 – AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 9 (BURGLARY AND ROBBERY ALARMS) OF TITLE 20 (MISCELLANEOUS), OF THE BOOK OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE AND TO SUBSTITUTE IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW CHAPTER 9 (BURGLARY AND ROBBERY ALARMS) OF TITLE 20 (MISCELLANEOUS), for passage on the second of three readings.

Mayor Bisby read the caption of Ordinance No. 1393.

A motion was made by Mr. Stanton and seconded by Mr. Mathis to approve Ordinance No. 1393 on the second of three readings.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

ITEM 09-75A – SURPLUS PROPERTY REQUEST – (UN-NUMBERED LOT ON EAST GRIZZARD ST., COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP NO. 124-F, GROUP D, PARCEL 8.01)

Mayor Bisby read the caption of Agenda Item 09-75A.

Planning and Codes Director, Dwayne Hicks gave the background information.

A motion was made by Mr. Blanks and seconded by Mr. Sandlin to donate the property to the Habitat for Humanity for the construction of a new home; direct the City Attorney to draw up the necessary legal documents, retaining all public easements and to word the contract so that we must see some building activity within two years or else it reverts back to the City; and to authorize the Mayor to execute the documents.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 09-108 – APPROVAL OF AIRPORT PROJECT FUND TRANSFER REQUEST FROM THE TULLAHOMA AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Mayor Bisby read the caption of Agenda Item 09-108.

Alderman Sandlin gave some background information.

A motion was made by Mr. Sandlin and seconded by Mr. Eads to approve the transfer of \$34,449 from line item 320-525000-936-010 - 2008 Airport Grants Project to line item 320-52500-938-010 – Runway Repairs and Upgrades.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

ITEM 09-109 – DESIGNATION OF REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS FOR SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM

Mayor Bisby read the caption of Agenda Item 09-109.

Mayor Pro Tem Norris gave some background information.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Norris and seconded by Mr. Stanton to designate \$50,000 in UDAG funds for the small business revolving loan program.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

ITEM 09-110 – APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF SOLAR POWERED RADAR SPEED SIGNS

Mayor Bisby read the caption of Agenda Item 09-110.

Police Chief, Paul Blackwell gave some background information.

A motion was made by Mr. Mathis and seconded by Mr. Norris to approve the purchase from the sole source vendor, Radarsign.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

ITEM 09-111 – REVIEW OF FY 2010 FIRST QUARTER REVENUES

Mayor Bisby read the caption of Agenda Item 09-111.

A motion was made by Mr. Norris and seconded by Mr. Sandlin to endorse the recommended plan; continue to monitor and re-assess after the second quarter.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

ITEM 09-112 – ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR PAVING

Mayor Bisby read the caption of Agenda Item 09-112.

Public Works Director, Wayne Limbaugh gave the background information.

A motion was made by Mr. Norris and seconded by Mr. Blanks to accept the paving bid and award the contract to overall low bidder Rogers Group, Tullahoma, TN.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at this time the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR