

CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2011

PRESENT

SCOTT FOSTER, MAYOR
GARRY FORSYTHE, VICE-MAYOR
STEVE BROWN, ALDERMAN
ARLENE CUNNINGHAM, ALDERMAN
TOMMY ELSTEN, ALDERMAN
HAMILTON FROST, ALDERMAN
CHRIS GALLAHER, ALDERMAN
JIM HOBACK, ALDERMAN
JACK LONG, ALDERMAN
FRED QUALLS, ALDERMAN
SCOTT SPROUSE, ALDERMAN
MATT STAMPER, ALDERMAN
LISA WEST, ALDERMAN
JOHN BRADLEY, CITY ATTORNEY
KAY FRANKLIN, INTERIM CITY RECORDER

AGENDA

Sprouse moved; seconded by Gallaher for acceptance of the agenda.

There was a unanimous vote for approval.

PRESENTATIONS

Foster presented a Proclamation to Big Brothers Big Sisters representative Tiffany Dobson proclaiming January 2012 as "Mentoring Month".

Dobson expressed her appreciation for the proclamation and stated they are stepping up the mentoring program in Sumner County.

MINUTES

Frost moved; seconded by Cunningham for approval of November 22, 2011 minutes.

There was a unanimous vote for approval.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS

David Whitt, 1030 Margaret Drive, addressed the Board stating his opposition to the proposed funding for the bike trail along Sanders Ferry Road. He stated he is unsure of the amount of transportation that will take place on the trail and is unsure of the need to spend money on this. He cited drainage issues and the lack of street lighting as priorities.

Donna DeSopo, 101 Chamblis Court, addressed the Board citing the low level need of a bike trail and that the funds should be put toward drainage and street lighting. She stated the lights are needed due to crime and are an unmet need from the City.

Nancy Manis, 175 Bayshore Drive, addressed the Board as owner of Barefoot Charlie's Restaurant located on Sanders Ferry Road stating the proposed bike trail will benefit the area. She cited the lack of sidewalks on a street full of families needing a safe place to walk. She stated the trail will be good for tourism and growth.

Bruce Day, 144 Fairways Drive, addressed the Board expressing his appreciation for completing the nucleus of the greenway trails and stated once all trails are completed, they will be the best way to get around town. He stated the trails are in constant use and are good for the citizens' health and the City's economy and environment.

Tom Evans, 109 Leeward Point, addressed the Board explaining the CMAQ funds awarded for the bike trail can only be used for highway programs and may not be available in the near future. He explained as this project has been in discussion for seven years, costs have increased and this will probably be enough funding for trail from Gallatin Road to Creekwood Marina. He cited citizen involvement in the planning sessions for trails and greenways since the late 1990's.

David Hardin, 709 West Main Street, addressed the Board as owner of Biker's Choice stating his support of the proposed bike trail. He cited the need for the trail for youth transportation and as a way to help relieve congestion on the Sanders Ferry peninsula. He stated the City is fortunate to receive the grant money and provide a way to improve citizens' health, strengthen families and enjoy the City.

Tony Gottlieb, 153 Sanders Ferry Road, addressed the Board stating the biggest investment a person can make is preventative healthcare through exercise such as walking. He cited the age of the population on the Sanders Ferry peninsula and the need for safe walkways. He stated this is not a large investment for the City but will benefit many and affect their quality of life. He urged support for the appropriation.

Arlene Burgess, 200 Sanders Ferry Road, addressed the Board expressing support for the proposed bike trail. She stated the dangers of walking along Sanders Ferry Road and that the occupants of her building are excited to have this trail.

REPORTS

Finance Committee – no report.

General Committee – no report.

Public Safety Committee – discussed traffic control recommendations for The Expo Center; reported the \$100,000 technology grant was not awarded to the Police Department and discussed an \$88,000 grant for radio equipment for the Police Department.

Public Works Committee – received an update on Mansker Farms Subdivision; reported paving and other improvements will be forthcoming in Savannah Subdivision with funding from their line of credit; reported an ordinance appropriating funds for street lighting will be reviewed further; reviewed the EVO Charging Systems contract and recommended an ordinance appropriating funds for alternative transportation infrastructure.

Capital Projects Committee – no report.

Planning Commission – no report.

Mayor – reported the EVO project will have ten stations in different areas of the City; reported the turn lane into the new Sam's is being finished this week; reported a "No Left Turn" sign has been installed at Memorial Park and Gallatin Road; thanked the Whitten Elementary School choral group for their performance tonight and Beautiful Hendersonville for providing the Christmas decorations in City Hall and hosting tonight's reception; reported the Board meeting and Finance Committee meeting scheduled for December 27 are cancelled.

West moved; seconded by Cunningham for approval of the EVO Charging Systems contract.

There was a unanimous vote for approval.

West asked to receive a status report on drainage projects.

Public Works Director Jerry Horton reported curb repair is on-going and silt has been removed from Drakes Creek and we are waiting for an additional TDEC permit to proceed with more silt removal.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The caption of Ordinance 2011-39 was read on second and final reading, an Ordinance accepting federal funding proceeds in the amount of \$7,397,132.00 and appropriating \$9,246,414.00 for construction projects. Elsten moved; seconded by Hoback,

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2011-39 on second and final reading.

The caption of Ordinance 2011-42 was read on second and final reading, an Ordinance accepting federal funding proceeds in the amount of \$1,190,400.00 and appropriating \$297,600.00 for alternative transportation infrastructure. Qualls moved; seconded by Forsythe.

Stamper stated he has reviewed this ordinance and will support it but does question this item being put ahead of other needed projects.

Forsythe moved; seconded by Sprouse to amend Ordinance 2011-42 as follows: "Further the funding for this ordinance shall come from previously borrowed funds, and that Ordinance 2009-7 is hereby amended, in as much as \$297,600.00 of the previously estimated excess funds will not now be required to be repaid on the \$4.1 million capital outlay note as originally intended."

There was a unanimous vote for approval of the above amendment.

Cunningham stated she has determined the city is fortunate to be awarded these funds which will improve the quality of life and the safety of the citizens.

Elsten stated he had no intention of voting against the greenway but did question the repayment of the debt. He stated he will support this ordinance to better utilize the lake.

Hoback called for the question.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2011-42, as amended on second and final reading.

The caption of Ordinance 2011-40 was read on first reading, an Ordinance accepting and appropriating funds in the amount of \$6,900.00 for a damaged Public Works vehicle. West moved; seconded by Sprouse.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2011-40 on first reading.

The caption of Ordinance 2011-41 was read on first reading, an Ordinance accepting and appropriating funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 for paving on Center Point Road. Gallaher moved; seconded by West.

Horton explained the City is holding a letter of credit for a road cut for utility installation from Hallmark Hyundai. He stated it was more feasible for them to give the required funds to the City to use when paving Center Point Road in order to get a better paving job.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2011-41 on first reading.

The caption of Resolution 2011-23 was read, a Resolution to adopt a Debt Management Policy for the City of Hendersonville.

Forsythe explained the State requires cities to adopt a Debt Management Policy. He further explained no debt limits are dictated but the policy stresses the importance of considering the amount of debt, how it is to be repaid and how it is to be financed. He stated, as always, State approval must be obtained before any debt is incurred.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Resolution 2011-23.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Gallaher moved; seconded by West to group the following:

- Vote on the reappointment of Elbert Jones to serve on the Industrial Development Board;
- Vote on the appointment of Scarlet Morgan to serve on the Personnel Board.

Qualls moved; seconded by Brown for approval of the above appointments.

There was a unanimous vote for approval.

Upon motion and second and followed by a unanimous vote for approval, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Approved: Scott Foster, Mayor

Attest: Kay Franklin, Interim City Recorder