

CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MAY 22, 2012

PRESENT

SCOTT FOSTER, MAYOR
STEVE BROWN, ALDERMAN
ARLENE CUNNINGHAM, ALDERMAN
TOMMY ELSTEN, ALDERMAN
HAMILTON FROST, 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

ABSENT

GARRY FORSYTHE, VICE-MAYOR
CHRIS GALLAHER, ALDERMAN

AGENDA

Sprouse moved; seconded by Stamper for approval for consideration of Ordinances 2012-10, 2012-11, 2012-12, 2012-13, 2012-14, 2012-15, 2012-16 and 2012-17 as the Finance Committee did not meet for review of these items.

There was a unanimous vote for approval to add the above items to the agenda and for acceptance of the agenda.

MINUTES

West moved; seconded by Frost for approval of the May 8, 2012 minutes.

There was a unanimous vote for approval.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

David Whitt, 1030 Margaret Drive, addressed the Board encouraging publicity of “May as Building Code Month” as it is important for citizens to be aware of the importance of building codes.

E.P. Ausbrooks, 140 Fairways Drive, addressed the Board stating his pleasure to see drainage and street lights issues included in the proposed budget. He cited the need for an approved drainage plan for uniform planning and the need for various types of street lights in particular neighborhoods.

Donna DeSopo, 101 Chambliss Court, addressed the Board stating now is the opportunity to make the city a great city by addressing drainage and street light issues and urged these projects be funded in the proposed budget.

As there was no one else desiring to speak, Foster declared Citizens Comments closed.

REPORTS

Finance Committee – reported a special meeting will be held on May 29 at 5:15 p.m.

General Committee – no report.

Public Safety Committee – no report.

Public Works Committee – no report.

Capital Projects Committee – no report.

Planning Commission – no report.

Mayor – reported the State is grinding the asphalt from New Shackle Island Road in preparation for repaving; reported construction work is continuing on the bypass at Indian Lake Boulevard and interim closures of the Indian Lake Boulevard bridge are expected and reported Vanderbilt University, using MPO stationary, will be mailing approximately 600 surveys to Hendersonville residents to help identify ways the physical environment affects them.

Elsten questioned the City’s status in the federal flood insurance program.

Foster explained the City was in the process of adopting the revised floodplain maps at the time of FEMA’s deadline but is now reinstated in the program.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The caption of Ordinance 2012-09 was read on first reading, an Ordinance rezoning property to be known as a medical office complex located on the east side of New Shackle Island Road and on the south side of Wessington Place, 100 and 102 Wessington Place and approving a Preliminary Master Development Plan to govern the development of said property. Elsten moved; seconded by Long.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2012-09 on first reading.

The caption of Ordinance 2012-10 was read on first reading, an Ordinance accepting a Federal Emergency Management Agency 2008 Port Security Grant Program for the purchase of public safety equipment. Elsten moved; seconded by Cunningham.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2012-10 on first reading.

The caption of Ordinance 2012-11 was read on first reading, an Ordinance accepting a Federal Emergency Management Agency 2011 Port Security Grant Program for the purchase of equipment for the Fire Department. Stamper moved; seconded by Elsten.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2012-11 on first reading.

The caption of Ordinance 2012-12 was read on first reading, an Ordinance amending Ordinance 2011-08 accepting a Federal Emergency Management Agency 2010 Port Security Grant Program for the purchase of a fire and rescue boat. Elsten moved; seconded by Stamper.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2012-12 on first reading.

The caption of Ordinance 2012-13 was read on first reading, an Ordinance to adopt a City budget and to appropriate funds for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Sprouse moved; seconded by Stamper.

Long moved; seconded by West to amend Ordinance 2012-13 by increasing the inmate expense account in the Public Works' budget from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

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

Frost stated he would like to see an outside engineering review of the City's drainage issues to look for enhancements and to secure a second opinion.

Cunningham questioned the cost for these services.

Foster stated he feels \$30,000 would secure a study and these funds could come from the proposed bond.

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Brown stated he feels the City should have options and the money does not have to be spent unless there is a good feeling about it. He further stated he feels a study would be a help to the City.

Frost moved; seconded by Brown to amend Ordinance 2012-13 to add \$30,000 to the professional services line item in the Public Works' budget to fund an engineering review of drainage issues.

Public Works Director Jerry Horton stated the City's drainage study is based on field data and it would not hurt to have another opinion. He explained \$30,000 will get an opinion but not much detail.

Sprouse stated his confusion at spending \$30,000 to ask to bring in a professional when the City's staff has the manpower and opportunity to do the projects.

Stamper stated his concern that the Southburn Drive area could be moved down the list and questioned how many people need to review a situation before any action can take place.

Horton stated the Public Works Committee members are aware of the situations in the City and reviewed the most important criteria to determine the list of projects. He stated an outside engineer could take the same information and may give it a different perspective.

Foster stated he feels it will be a good idea to get a second opinion. He stated the age of infrastructure needs to be reviewed as it must be a living plan. He further stated if money is appropriated for a study, it will be used to the best of the City's ability.

Long questioned how the City of Gallatin benefited from obtaining such a service.

Foster stated they were given a five year plan.

Qualls stated the Board can choose to hear from a consultant and determine if such a study is needed and no money would be spent until it is decided if such a study is needed.

Hoback cited input on the Southburn Drive area from outside engineers in the past and stated he cannot support this amendment as he has faith in the Public Works Department.

Brown stated the Public Works Department has not done a bad job but it would be prudent to hear from other professionals.

Frost stated he feels the time to do this is during the budget discussion and once the information is received by the Board it can be determined how the funds will be allocated.

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Foster stated if the professional services funds are not spent on a study they could be used on other projects.

Frost stated he would want the Board to be advised before the funds are spent.

West stated she feels this could also be a good idea for street lighting as well.

Hoback called for the question.

There was a majority vote for approval on the above amendment to Ordinance 2012-13 with Hoback and Stamper voting nay.

Foster declared the motion carried.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2012-13, as amended, on first reading.

Brown stated he did vote for the budget but does have a conflict of interest as he is employed by a non-profit entity.

The caption of Ordinance 2012-14 was read on first reading, an Ordinance fixing the rate of taxation in the City of Hendersonville, Sumner County, Tennessee. Brown moved; seconded by Sprouse.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2012-14 on first reading.

The caption of Ordinance 2012-15 was read on first reading, an Ordinance imposing a fee in the amount of \$255.00 for the purpose of funding "A Universal System of Domestic Garbage Collection and Disposal". Cunningham moved; seconded by West.

There was a majority vote for approval of Ordinance 2012-15 on first reading with Hoback voting nay.

Foster declared the motion carried.

The caption of Ordinance 2012-16 was read on first reading, an Ordinance accepting Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Funds for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for a replacement pumper/engine. Elsten moved; seconded by Stamper.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2012-16 on first reading.

The caption of Ordinance 2012-17 was read on first reading, an Ordinance accepting Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Funds for the Assistance to

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Firefighters Grant (AFG) to purchase replacement extrication equipment. Elsten moved; seconded by Frost.

There was a unanimous vote for approval of Ordinance 2012-17 on first reading.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Elsten moved; seconded by Sprouse for approval of the appointment of Judith Burt to serve on the Hendersonville Arts Council.

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

Upon motion and second and followed by a unanimous vote for approval, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved: Scott Foster, Mayor

Attest: Kay Franklin, Interim City Recorder