

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
January 8, 2008

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on January 8, 2008 at 7:00p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Council present: Steve Allen, Tommy Nicholson, Rick Johnson, Carol Macha, and Chris LaCrosse.

Council absent: Dwayne Noe.

Others present: Marc Coulon, Zach McCarver, Myrla Sproat, Mary Glasgow, Michael Glasgow, Susan Wilson, Wade A. Reed, Danny Schaeffer, Chuck Walker, Michael Armstrong, Kirstie L. Johnson, Paul G. Johnson, Tom Salter, Charles Hendricks, Chris Cherry, James W. Stinnett, Jr., Jennifer Noe, Rodney Wilson, Paul Gupton, Anita Justice, Greg Edrington, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor asked Judge Stinnett to swear in all newly elected members of the Council. Judge Stinnett started with Mayor Norwood. The oath was then taken by Mr. Allen and Mr. LaCrosse. Mayor asked Council to appoint a new Vice-Mayor. A motion was made by Macha, seconded by LaCrosse to nominate Mr. Allen as Vice-Mayor. Johnson said he would like the nominations to cease. The motion passed by roll call vote of: Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-abstain, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Macha to approve the minutes from the regular meeting in December. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Dr. Charles Hendricks, 112 N. Main (office address) approached the Council to address the issue of parking on Main Street. He said it is a problem and is beginning to affect his business. Dr. Hendricks said he would like to encourage the Council to consider 2 hour parking meters, have them enforced, and the widening of the alley. He said that on court day parking is a real problem. He stated that some of his patients have difficulty walking and it is a problem for them to not be able to park in front of his office. He stated again that he would like to encourage the Council to put in parking meters with 2 hour limits and enforce them. Mayor told Dr. Hendricks that the issue of parking meters was on the agenda. He thanked Dr. Hendricks and asked if anyone else would like to address Council.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe supplied the Council with handouts on package liquor stores. She stated the hand outs included a list of items that the Council should consider. Ms. Noe stated that the city would be responsible for issuing certificates of compliance. She said that she primarily looked at Kingston Springs, Springfield, and Lebanon due to their close proximity and similar population. Ms. Noe said that Lebanon and Kingston Springs had almost the same requirements. The package store owner under state law must be a resident of Tennessee for 2 years, under a corporation or partnership the managing members had to be a resident. She stated that the Council can set resident requirements and that Kingston Springs required the owner to be a resident of Cheatham County for 2 years where as Lebanon had 5 years. Ms. Noe asked the Council to look at the handouts and then go over them at workshop. Ms. Noe said that

for the certificate of compliance Chief Coulon would be responsible for doing a complete background check and that there should be a fee. She said that Kingston Springs' fee is \$250.00 and Springfield's is \$500.00. She said the Council would need to set rules on the distance from schools and churches and that these limits do not have to be the same as the ones set for beer sales. The Council can limit the number of stores in the city limits per Ms. Noe and she stated that they would need to look into zoning. She said that the Council does not have to limit it to retail sales that they could consider manufacturing and wholesale sales. Ms. Noe stated that there is a new classification of winery, also. She informed the Council that Kingston Springs, Lebanon, and Springfield all limit to retail sales and they don't allow manufacturing. Ms. Noe said an inspection fee can be charged up to 8% of gross sales under the state law. She, also, said that the Council can set some restrictions on the actual building such as drive thru windows, night lighting, and hours of operation. Ms. Noe asked the Council if they want to address all of this in workshop. Mayor and councilman LaCrosse said they would like it to be a special called meeting. Mr. Johnson asked on manufacturing, wholesale, and wineries would it allow all of them plus package stores. Ms. Noe said the law would provide for all three and if we didn't put it in the ordinance we might have trouble down the road. Ms. Noe was asked about the distance requirements. She said Springfield has greater distance requirements of 600 ft. for retail and 100 to 200 ft. for beer and that Kingston Springs and Lebanon have the same frontage for both. Ms. Macha asked if Ms. Noe would get the hours of operation for the others.

New Business:

R.A.C. update.

Myrla Sproat thanked everyone for coming to the ground breaking and she thought it went well. Ms. Sproat asked the Council to consider how they would like to make use of R.A.C. during the construction. She suggested that they might be able to assist with property owners and business owners. Ms. Sproat said that they might make better use of the City's website providing such information as the construction schedule and reassurance about parking. She said at the next meeting they would discuss how to get pictures on the web-site. She asked if the Council had any suggestions to please let them know as they want to see this go well. Ms. Sproat reminded the Council that come fall T-21 applications will be due again.

Mayor asked about the Lose and Associates contract with Chris Camp. Ms. Noe said she was going to talk to him tonight and it will just be an addendum. Mr. LaCrosse asked about Chris Camp supplying them with phone numbers. Mayor said yes he is to supply them and he is also going to give them a more ledgeable schedule. Mayor spoke to the Council about landscaping.

Ms. Noe passed out another sheet to the Council on the new state statute having weapons on city property. Ms. Noe said that she and Mr. Nicholson worked together on wording for signs for River Bluff Park and other city parks. She asked if they want access to all property to have the same wording as access to TWRA property or just access to the boat dock. Ms. Noe stated if the city enters into a lease agreement at Bull Run that attaches to Corp property and would need a sign. Mr. Nicholson stated anywhere you have access you should have a sign. Mayor asked if the sign should have the same wording as the one for Riverbluff. Mr. Nicholson answered yes that one is for property next to Corp and the other is for Corp property or TWRA property. Mr. Johnson asked does the County have to do this. Ms. Noe said they should be. Mr. Johnson asked what about Caldwell and the Trail. Ms. Noe said it is our property and we should post a sign. After additional discussion, Ms. Noe stated that it is your decision and discretion on what you want on the sign. She asked that on the posting for property adjoining TWRA and Corp property did they want full access with the exception of long guns that should be unloaded and properly cased. She asked if this is how they wanted it worded. After more discussion,

Ms. Noe said she will get with Mr. Nicholson for the correct wording and would get an ordinance written.

Mayor said he had received a number of calls from business owners and property owners about parking on Main Street. He said he had spoken with Chief Coulon about parking meters and Chris Cherry had extra parking put in on Cumberland Street. He said the biggest issue is business owners parking in front of their own businesses. Ms. Noe said she had researched this and we can't tell them they can't park there. Chief Coulon said he is not for adding parking meters on Main Street due to staffing. Mayor suggested meters be added in phases so we would have time to add additional staff. Mr. Johnson asked how much do meters cost. Mayor said he wanted Council's input before proceeding with costs associated with placing meters. Mayor said if we are going to do this now would be the perfect time. A discussion ensued about the alley behind the businesses and there was some question as whether the city owned it or not and Ms. Noe said she would research this to see who owns it but if we did not abandon the alley we should own it. Ms. Macha asked if that would solve the problem. Mayor replied it was never going to solve the problem but it would help with part of the problem. Mr. LaCrosse said with the land prices it is not feasible for the City to create a big municipal parking lot. Mayor said they would check on the meters, and check on the alley way, and how many parking spaces would be created, and the cost of the paving. Mr. Johnson said if we don't own the alley maybe the property owners would donate it back to the city and then the city could pave it and stripe it. Mayor said they will do their homework and report back at the workshop.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nicholson to bid out the janitorial services. Mayor asked Susie Wilson if she would like to address the Council. Ms. Wilson replied it was an honor and privilege to clean for the city. She had a concern about the specifications and thought they should be more detailed as they don't meet the needs of the Senior Citizen's building. Mayor said he would get with Ms. Schaeffer and the department head and take a look at the specifications. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Johnson to approve Lose & Associated pay request in the amount of \$1,622.93. Ms. Macha asked that Murray's name be taken off and Mayor Norwood said it needs to be sent to Ms. Schaeffer and asked that she call Mr. Camp and get the changes made. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Nicholson-yes, Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other:

Gary Binkley approached the Council and said that Christmas on the Cumberland and the Parade was successful. Mr. Binkley also advised tomorrow a promotional video was to be filmed at Wal-Mart as store manager, Kelvin Sales, was one of 25 managers nominated for a national award for his community service.

Chief Coulon asked the Council for guidance in an issue at the Hidden Lakes sub-division. He explained that a portion of the sub-division is in the city limits and the other is in the county. He said that the issue is that the county does not want to respond to any calls for their part of the sub-division. Ms. Noe said she would write a letter to Sherriff Holder. Chief Walker stated that Mr. Spears is concerned and that Mr. Spears had thought the city was to annex all of the sub-division. Ms. Noe said we can't just annex it as it is not in the original growth plan. She said we would have to go back and amend the growth plan and she will get with Sharon.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Macha to pay the bills. Motion passed by roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Macha to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder