

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee
October 11, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Thompson's Station was called to order at 7:05 p.m., on the 11th day of October 2005 at the Thompson's Station Community Center. Members and officials in attendance were: Cherry B. Jackson, Mayor; Sarah H. Benson, Alderman; Corey Napier, Alderman; Larry D. Craig, City Attorney; Greg Langeliers, City Administrator; and Douglas G. Goetsch, City Recorder. Absent: None.

The minutes of the September 13, 2005 meeting were previously submitted and were approved upon a motion by Alderman Benson and second by Alderman Napier.

Announcements

City Recorder Goetsch stated that the Thompson's Station Community Association held their annual Pancake Breakfast on October 8th and after expenses would net over \$2,000 to be used for future community projects.

Administrator's Report

City Administrator Langeliers gave his monthly report to the board. It was decided to mail his report in advance to board members before future meetings and keep a copy on file at Town Hall.

His report included updates on the Mayor's advisory committees. The Public Works Committee was recommending a tap fee of \$4,500 per equivalent single-family user. User rates will be discussed at the next committee meeting. The committee also recommended that the Town modify the TDEC permit for the regional plant for increased capacity dependent on reservation of adequate soils for water reuse. A request for extra-territorial sewer service was discussed although a consensus of committee members was not reached. This will be discussed further with the applicant at this evening's meeting. The Heritage Commons wastewater plant is operational, although an agreement with the developer is needed to make sure the developer covers operating costs until income from users is sufficient to cover operating costs. Construction on the Regional Plant is on track for completion by March 2006.

The Community Plan Committee is focusing on establishing design guidelines to be presented to the Municipal Planning Commission by December and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen by January. The committee plans on holding public input sessions very soon.

The franchise agreement with Charter Communications has been executed and a representative from Charter will speak to the board later tonight.

Finally, he identified probable future staffing needs, primarily in the engineering and administration areas. He is working on identifying the staff needs and how to fund the addition of staff and provide office space and facilities for them.

Old Business

Mr. Sean Hendrix with Charter Communications spoke to the Board and acknowledged previous problems Charter had in working with the Town on the franchise agreement and pledged to make sure that would not happen again. Mayor Jackson asked if Charter could look at areas not currently covered and see if coverage could be expanded. City Attorney Craig suggested that Charter provide the town and the county GIS data on coverage as well. Mr. Hendrix stated he would look into both questions. The board had previously passed the first reading of Ordinance 05-017 that would have repealed the franchise granted to Charter Communications for providing cable television within the city limits. After discussion, Alderman Benson made a motion to table this ordinance indefinitely and remove this item from tonight's agenda. Alderman Napier seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Alderman Napier asked about the status of the damage claim the town had made for damage to Sedberry Road by a trucking company. Mayor Jackson stated the claim was dropped, as the cost of pursuing the claim would be more than the cost of repairing the damage.

Second Reading of Ordinance 05-016

Next presented to the board was the second reading of Ordinance 05-016 that would grant a non-exclusive franchise to Crystal Clear Technologies, LLC for providing cable television service within the town limits. A public hearing on this ordinance was held before this evening's meeting and no one came forward to speak for or against this ordinance. It was noted that a discrepancy in the exact legal name of Crystal required the ordinance be amended from the first reading. Alderman Benson made a motion to amend Ordinance 05-016 from the first reading to state that Crystal's name be corrected to be Crystal Clear Technologies, LLC. Alderman Napier seconded the motion, and it was unanimously adopted. Alderman Benson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 05-016 as amended, Alderman Napier seconded the motion, and it was unanimously adopted.

Resolution 05-003 – National Incident Management System

Next presented to the board was Resolution 05-003 that states that the Town adopts the National Incident Management System concept for emergency planning and incident command, establishes the policy of the town to train public officials and employees responsible for emergency management, and directs that the Incident Command System be used in response operations. After discussion, motion to adopt this resolution was made by Alderman Napier, seconded by Alderman Benson and it was unanimously adopted.

Extra-Territorial Sewer Request

City Administrator Langeliers stated that a request for extra-territorial sewer service had been received from a developer for the Stephens property, a tract of 257 acres located on Lewisburg Pike outside the town limits, but adjacent to the urban growth boundary of the town. Williamson County requires developers to request sewer service from nearby municipalities before contacting utility districts for new service. Mr. James Carbine represented the applicant and said his first choice would be to construct a connection to the regional plant currently under construction or, alternatively, build another wastewater treatment plant onsite. He thought the town would be interested because it was a site that logically could be put in the town's UGB in the future and eventually annexed into the town. Based upon a \$4,500 tap fee, the planned 207 homes would provide over \$900,000 in revenue plus monthly user fees. Alderman Benson asked whether the town would have any planning authority over the development and Mr. Carbine stated that while town had no authority, the development would be constructed under the county subdivision regulations, which are very close to the Town's subdivision regulations. Alderman Napier asked if the regional plant must be fully functional before any of these proposed homes could be hooked up and Mr. Carbine replied that yes, the system must be completed and operational first. City Attorney Craig stated he would check on the legality of the town providing extra-territorial sewer service, but felt it was most likely permitted. Alderman Benson commented that she was concerned about having capacity for current approved projects and would rather have a separate system for this applicant. After discussion, Mayor Jackson made a motion of the Town's intent to provide sewer service to this property contingent on expansion of the TDEC wastewater permit for the regional system or the developer's construction of an onsite treatment facility at his expense and donated to the town for operation. Alderman Napier seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Community Input - Next the floor was opened to citizens for community input and concerns: Mary Khim of 2701 Brenda Street stated that she felt that the action of the board on the extra-territorial sewer request ran counter to the sentiment of the Public Works committee on this issue.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Cherry B. Jackson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Douglas G. Goetsch, City Recorder