

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Of the Town of Thompson's Station, Tennessee
January 10, 2006

The regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Thompson's Station was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on the 10th day of January 2006 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 December 13, 2005 meeting were previously submitted and were approved upon a motion by Alderman Benson and second by Alderman Napier.

Announcements

Mayor Jackson stated that the County Commission is funding a \$5,000 study on utilizing a site in the Heritage Commons development for a branch of the county library.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Langeliers gave his report for the month. The Public Works Committee met on January 4th and recommended the Town officially proceed with a study on providing sewer to the Old Town area to get accurate cost estimates. The Community Plan Committee did not meet but have scheduled a meeting with Randal Arendt, a land-use planner, to be held on the afternoon of January 27th at the Community Center.

The Heritage Commons Wastewater Treatment Plant is operational and the sewer line from the Thompson's Station Road/Highway 31 intersection area should be installed in 30-45 days. The Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant has had the liners installed and the project should be completed in April.

The Town has advertised for a Town Clerk position and it is hoped the job will be filled in February.

Imagination Library

Mr. Buddy Benedict representing the Imagination Library made a presentation to the board. He stated that the Imagination Library was started by Dolly Parton in Sevier County as reading program for young children. It has since been adopted by the State of Tennessee which funds 50% of the cost of the program. It is estimated that 9,500 children in Williamson County are eligible to participate in the program. Mr. Benedict wanted to make the board aware of the program and left sign-up forms for local residents to use.

Old Business

City Attorney Craig stated that a claim for vehicle damage had been forwarded to the Town's insurance carrier for processing and the claimant had been notified.

Second Reading of Ordinance 05-021

Next presented to the board was the second reading of Ordinance 05-021 that amends the Town budget for fiscal year 2005-2006. It was noted that a public hearing on this ordinance was held before tonight's meeting and no one came forward to speak for or against this ordinance. City Recorder Goetsch stated that no changes have been proposed from the first reading of this ordinance. After discussion, Alderman Benson made a motion to adopt on second reading. Alderman Napier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Resolution 06-001 – RDS Administration of Business Tax

This resolution authorizes the mayor to execute a contract with Revenue Discovery Systems for the administration of the Town's recently enacted business tax. City Attorney Craig stated that RDS had been very cordial and easy to deal with in working on the contract. RDS agreed to change the term to one year with a 90-day escape clause. After discussion, Alderman Benson made a motion to adopt this resolution. Alderman Napier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Presentation by Mid-America Distributing

Mr. Roger Lloyd representing Mid-America stated that he wanted the board to reconsider allowing the sale of fireworks at the site his company has been using at the corner of Thompson's Station Road and Highway 31. He provided evidence of projected tax revenue to the town and stated that there have been no problems in the nine years of operation at this site. Alderman Benson suggested further discussion at a work session to be held at the conclusion of the board meeting.

Annexation Request

Mr. Langeliers read the staff report for this request. The owners of a 95-acre site off Lewisburg Pike south of S.R. 840 and west of Interstate 65 have asked to be annexed into the Town. The site is not within the Town's urban growth boundary. Staff recommends annexing this property and possibly asking nearby property owners if they would like to be annexed as well. Apparently a referendum is required to annex this property and could be held as part of the County Primary election on May 2nd.

City Attorney Craig described some of the legal issues in annexing and holding a referendum. A special called meeting to discuss this issue would be advisable. After discussion, Alderman Benson made a motion to have Mr. Langeliers contact the property owners in that area to see if they had any interest in being annexed. Alderman Napier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Alderman Benson made a motion to hold a special called meeting on January 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center to discuss this potential annexation. Alderman Napier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Community Input - Next the floor was opened to citizens for community input and concerns.

Mr. Steve Homrich of 2619 Thompson's Station Road East representing the Williamson County Rescue Squad demonstrated a thermal imaging device purchased with funds donated by the Town. This equipment is used by fire and rescue personnel to locate people in smoky conditions in an emergency.

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