# Town of Thompson's Station Board of Mayor and Aldermen Minutes of the Meeting March 10, 2015

Call to Order.

The 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 Tuesday, March 10, 2015 with the required quorum. Members and staff in attendance were: Mayor Corey Napier; Alderman Brinton Davis; Alderman Sarah Benson; Alderman Brandon Bell; Alderman Graham Shepard; Town Administrator Joe Cosentini; Town Planner Wendy Deats; Town Attorney Todd Moore; and Town Recorder Leah Rainey.

## Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consideration of Minutes.** The minutes of the February 10, 2015 Regular Meeting were previously submitted and amended.

# Alderman Benson moved to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Service Awards Presentation. Mayor Napier recognized several volunteer members of the Williamson County Rescue Squad and presented Certificates of Appreciation for their years of community service in Thompson's Station.

## Public Comments.

Planning Commissioner and resident Mr. Ben Dilks of 2013 Callaway Park Place discussed the Zoning Ordinance amendment that was before the board this evening, expressing concerns about Crystal Clear's service quality and price.

#### **BOMA** Reports

Mayor Napier discussed continued concerns about the litter along town roadways.

#### **Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. Cosentini reviewed his report and discussed a few non-agenda items, including mechanisms for enforcing construction access and a follow-up on town staff's meeting with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

Alderman Bell and Mr. Moore commented on the TRA meeting, which they also attended.

Mr. Cosentini also discussed possibilities for leasing some of the newly acquired park land to the Tennessee Equine Hospital. The board was in favor of staff continuing to explore that option.

Mr. Cosentini gave an update on Allenwood subdivision's effort to connect to the sewer system and suggested the town go ahead and take over select right of ways in Bridgemore to allow for the installation of the Allenwood sewer line. He said he would bring a proposal to the board for a vote next month.

# **Finance Report**

Mr. Cosentini reviewed the financial documents from the packet and answered questions.

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## **Unfinished Business:**

#### **<u>Rezoning Request</u>** for the Front Portion of Tollgate Village

Mr. Cosentini reviewed the item and said the Planning Commission had voted 5-1 to wait for PlaceMakers to examine the Zoning comprehensively before deciding whether to make a Zoning change.

After discussion, Alderman Benson moved to defer this item to the October 2015 BOMA meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

# <u>First Reading of Ordinance 2015-003</u> Zoning Ordinance Amendment to modify Article I, VII and VIII to address Private Telecommunications Easements

Mr. Cosentini said that although the Planning Commission had moved this item to the Board, staff's position remained that the local Franchise Agreement or the Municipal Code were the best and most appropriate avenues for regulating technology easements.

Alderman Shepard said the objective of this proposal was to prevent private technology easements in subdivisions that restricted or prevented competition.

Mr. Moore said he could recommend alternative language for the Zoning Ordinance that would require access via open public access easements to each lot, effectively precluding any private easement exclusivity.

After further discussion, Alderman Bell moved to defer this item to the May 2015 meeting to allow for the town attorney and the PlaceMakers consultants to weigh in further. The motion was seconded and carried 4-1 with Alderman Shepard opposing.

### **Smith Seckman Reid Contract**

Mr. Cosentini reviewed the changes to the contract and asked the Board to vote for approval.

# Alderman Davis moved for approval of the contract. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

## **Parks Committee Request**

Mr. Cosentini said the Parks Committee was requesting \$15,000 to be donated to the Thompson's Station Community Association for the purposes of purchasing and installing a new train set playground. The money was already in the budget, so just a motion to allocate the funds was needed. Mrs. Deats discussed the possibilities for grant funding and other donations.

After discussion, Alderman Davis moved to allocate \$15,000 to the TSCA. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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# Traffic Study Update by RPM

Mr. Cosentini reviewed the item and recommended that the Board approve the proposal to update the traffic study.

The board discussed requiring disclosures of any potential conflicts of interest that the RPM consultants may have, and the possible addition of a BOMA Q&A session.

After discussion, Alderman Bell moved to authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate an agreement with RPM not to exceed \$25,000, with the conditions that any potential conflicts of interest be disclosed and that the findings of TDOT's most recent traffic study on Tollgate be incorporated. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Corey Napier, Mayor

Chandra Boughton, Town Recorder