

City of Townsend
Commission Meeting Minutes
For
February 21, 2012

Attendance: Attending the meeting was Mayor Pat Jenkins, Vice Mayor Ron Palewski, Commissioner Michael Talley, Commissioner David Wietlisbach, Police Chief Ron Suttles, Recorder Shelia Moss, Fire Chief Don Stallions, Becky Headrick, Jackie Suttles, Charles King, Don Headrick, Elaine & Bob Russell, Travis Grant, Tim Byrd, Teresa Culp, Shannon Skidmore.

Pledge: Mayor Jenkins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: A motion to approve the January 17, 2012 minutes was made by Commissioner Talley. A second was made by Vice Mayor Palewski and the January 17, 2012 minutes passed with 3 yeas and 3 nays. Commissioner Wietlisbach abstained.

Finance Report: Recorder Moss gave the financial report for the month of January 2012. Commissioner Wietlisbach made a motion to approve the January 2012 finance reports. Commissioner Talley seconded and the motion passed with 4 yeas and 3 nays.

Sevier County Electric System Contract: Mayor Jenkins explained the contract and that the annual payment would be \$35,448.32.

Budget Workshop: The Commission set the first budget workshop March 7, 2012 at 6:30pm.

Police Report: Chief Suttles showed the Commission the Police Department's new bullet proof vests. He explained that the old vests were out of date. He mentioned that some of the cars will need new tires and that the truck may need some repairs. Chief Suttles also mentioned that in-service will begin on the first of April.

Maintenance: Chief Suttles reported that Mr. Glen McCampbell has been working on the city property and around the building. He mentioned that he had talked to Mr. Bill Dunlap about Myers Spring. Chief Suttles mentioned that the storage building had been painted and the shelves had been installed. He also mentioned that the archive records had been brought out of the attic for Recorder Moss.

Fire: Chief Stallions stated that everything is going well and that the new building is open. He mentioned that they responded to a swift water call last week and that they were working with the National Park Service since they are under staffed. There was some discussion relating to the Fire Department helping the National Park Service and subscriptions.

Recreation: No Report.

Old Business

Code Enforcement: Vice Mayor Palewski stated that he went through over sixty resumes. He mentioned that he narrowed it down to ten. He mentioned that he is planning to meet with Mr. Scarbrough again and narrow the ten down further and begin interviews. Vice Mayor Palewski asked the Commission to send input on the ten resumes and email their comments.

to Recorder Moss. There was some discussion on this issue however, no action was taken.

TML Recommendations: Mayor Jenkins explained the survey that was sent to the City of Townsend and requested that the Commission read through the responses and possibly be prepared to talk about them next month.

New Business

Commissioner Tippet resignation: Mayor Jenkins read Commissioner Charles Tippitt's resignation letter aloud. Commissioner Talley made a motion to accept the resignation. Vice Mayor Palewski seconded and the motion passed with 4 yea votes.

Commissioner appointment: Mayor Jenkins informed the Commission they can appoint someone to fill the vacancy until the election in August 2012. Vice Mayor Palewski made a motion to appoint Becky Headrick. Commissioner Talley seconded and the motion passed with 4 yea votes. Once appointed Ms. Headrick was sworn in and took her seat with the Commission.

**Mrs. Elaine Russell then addressed the Commission and requested that someone be appointed as a contact for the Riverwalk Grant. There was some discussion about the Grant. Vice Mayor Palewski nominated Commissioner Talley as the contact. Commissioner Wietlisbach seconded and the motion passed with 5 yea votes.

Resolution 245-12-1C, Resolution 244-11-1C, Call for Election Amendment: Mayor Jenkins explained that the election call had to be amended since Commissioner Tippitt resigned. Mayor Jenkins read the resolution in its entirety aloud. Vice Mayor Palewski made a motion to approve Resolution 245-12-1C. Commissioner Wietlisbach seconded and the motion passed with 5 yea votes.

Baseball Team Sponsorship, Shannon Skidmore: Mr. Skidmore mentioned that it cost eighty five dollars per child to sign up to play ball this year. He reported that there were two teams, a five to six year old team and a nine to ten year old team. Mr. Skidmore mentioned that historically the City donated one thousand dollars. Mr. Skidmore mentioned that twenty one children had signed up and all of them were from Townsend Elementary School. Mayor Jenkins made a motion to give one thousand dollars for the T-ball and baseball teams. Vice Mayor Palewski seconded and the motion passed with 5 yea votes.

Other Business: Commissioner Talley spoke about the first annual winter beer fest. He mentioned that there were two hundred people in attendance. He mentioned that he hopes the event could be held in the City next year. Commissioner Talley mentioned that he had been studying the City alcohol regulations and had been consulting with Mr. Steve Fillmore on other area regulations.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Shelia Moss

Approve: _____

Mayor Pat Jenkins

Date