

City of Townsend
Commission Meeting Minutes

For

May 21, 2013

Attendance: Attending the meeting was Mayor Michael Talley, Vice Mayor Becky Headrick, Commissioner Jackie Suttles, Commissioner Ron Palewski, Commissioner Wietlisbach, City Recorder Shelia Moss, Police Chief Ron Suttles, Officer Tony Rayburn, and Sandy Headrick.

Called Beer Board Meeting

Zachary Peabody, Smokin Joe's Bar-B-Que 2: Vice Mayor Headrick explained that an application had been submitted by Mr. Zachary Peabody for Smokin Joe's Bar-B-Que 2. She reported that Chief Suttles had completed the background check. There was some discussion on seating for the restaurant. Mayor Talley made a motion to approve an On Premise Beer Permit to Zachary Peabody for Smokin Joe's Bar-B-Que 2. Commissioner Palewski seconded and the motion passed with 5 yea votes.

There being no further business the Beer Board adjourned at 7:05pm.

Regular Commission Meeting

Pledge: Mayor Talley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:06 pm.

Minutes: A motion to approve the April 16, 2013 minutes, pending three grammer corrections and one title correction, was made by Commissioner Palewski. Vice Mayor Headrick seconded and the April 16, 2013 minutes passed with 4 yea votes. Commissioner Wietlisbach abstained.

Finance Report: Recorder Moss introduced the results of the banking service proposals which, were opened and read by Mayor Talley prior to the City Commission meeting. She reported that the two highest interest rates were .5% which was offered by Citizens Bank of Blount County (CBBC) and .45% offered by First State Bank. Recorder Moss pointed out that CBBC listed their rate to be variable but, was not certain if the rate for First State Bank was fixed or variable. There was some discussion about the proposals. Commissioner Palewski mentioned that he thinks it would be good to keep the City funds in Townsend. Mayor Talley agreed with Commissioner Palewski. Mayor Talley also mentioned that he thinks that rates will go up instead of going down. There was further discussion. Commissioner Suttles and Commissioner Wietlisbach mentioned they would like to keep City funds in Townsend. Commissioner Wietlisbach made a motion to set up the fund balance "rainy day fund" account and the building fund account with CBBC at a variable rate of .5% for two years. Commissioner Palewski seconded and the motion passed with 5 yea votes. Mayor Talley requested that Recorder Moss send thank you letters to each bank that submitted a proposal.

Recorder Moss then asked the Commission if they intended to include a donation to the Library in the fiscal year 2014 budget. Vice Mayor Headrick mentioned Old Highway 73 and the estimates presented by C2RL. Mayor Talley stated that the Commission has a responsibility to the Citizens for streets. There was some discussion. Commissioner Wietlisbach mentioned that all members of the Townsend Fire Department are volunteers and do not receive a salary. Mayor Talley mentioned that the Library does provide a valuable service. Mayor Talley made a motion to support the Mary E Tippitt Memorial Library in the amount of \$2,000 with a statement that the Commission wishes they could offer more support. Vice Mayor Headrick seconded and

the motion passed with 4 yea votes. Commissioner Suttles voted nay. (*Changes to draft Ordinance 270-13-1C noted in this paragraph were made prior to first reading.*)

Recorder Moss then gave the finance reports for the month of April 2013. Commissioner Palewski made a motion to accept the finance reports for April 2013. Vice Mayor Headrick seconded and the motion passed with 5 yea votes.

Police Report: Chief Suttles reported that Officer Rayburn will give a report on Child Safety Day in a moment and that the event gets bigger every year. He mentioned that the weather did not co-operate. Chief Suttles reported that the new police Tahoe had been delivered and he is in the process of getting it registered. Chief Suttles mentioned that he would like to set up an account with Govdeals to auction the seven vehicles that need to be sold. He reported that the proceeds for the cruiser should go back to the general fund and the proceeds for the other vehicles should go to the drug fund. He mentioned that the goal was to use the proceeds to purchase a new 4x4 police vehicle. There was some discussion. Recorder Moss mentioned that the Charter states that the Commission would have to approve establishing an account with Govdeals since public funds are involved and the account is contractual. Commissioner Palewski made a motion to approve setting up an account with Govdeals. Commissioner Suttles seconded and the motion passed with 5 yea votes.

Officer Rayburn spoke about Child Safety Day. He reported that it was raining. He mentioned event was moved to the Car Wash with Mr. Wheeler approval. Officer Rayburn mentioned that the Nascar simulator was a hit. He reported that reserve officers helped set up and that he planned to send a thank you letter to the Blount County Sherriff's Office. He reported that some vendors did not show up due to the weather. Officer Rayburn reported that the door prizes was a Kindle Fire, an Android Mini Tab, tickets to a Bristol race, and tickets to shows in Pigeon Forge. Recorder Moss stated that she will need a list of the winners for the Child Safety Day files. Officer Rayburn stated that he plans to begin working on 2014 immediately. He reported that there was media coverage from Channel 10. Commissioner Palewski mentioned that there were pictures in the May 21, 2013 Maryville Daily Times. Officer Rayburn mentioned that Fire Chief Don Stallions and Chief Suttles were at the event all day. He reported that some families from Knoxville came and that one family won three door prizes. Officer Rayburn stated that there will be a credit for the inflatable slide and dunking booth for next year since they could not be used this year. He reported that fifteen car seats were checked, six new car seats were distributed, and a few car seats were changed out. There was some discussion. Mayor Talley asked about the bylaws for the Child Safety Day Board and the Event. Commissioner Palewski mentioned that Rindi Martin of the Townsend Volunteer Fire Department had posted pictures on her Facebook. Officer Rayburn mentioned he estimated a crowd of about 1,500.

Maintenance: Vice Mayor Headrick introduced the information submitted to her from C2RL about a portion of Old Highway 73. She mentioned that Mr. Kenny Myers talked to her and the C2RL representative about donating property. The Commission reviewed the information. There was some discussion. Mayor Talley mentioned that he is in favor of relocating the road but, the City does not have \$200,000 to facilitate this project. There was some discussion. The Commission requested that the sinking lane be closed and proper barricades and signage be used on both sides of the sinking portion of the lane. Mayor Talley mentioned that C2RL did not charge the City for their services. Vice Mayor Headrick informed Chief Suttles that she talked to TTAP and reported that they have three guns and Townsend is on the list to borrow one.

Fire: No Report

Recreation: Commissioner Suttles reported that US Bank would be sponsoring the annual Townsend fireworks display in the amount of \$1,500 and the City budgeted \$1,000. Commissioner Palewski mentioned that the City needs a new sound system. There was some discussion. Mayor Talley suggested looking at repairing the current sound system. Commissioner Suttles asked about

purchasing a tent with the City's name on it for special events such as the parade and Child Safety Day. No action was taken.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

Resolution 247-13-1C – Resolution Regarding Subscription Fee Reimbursement to the Townsend Volunteer Fire Department for Properties Located within the Municipal Boundaries: Mayor Talley read Resolution 247-13-1C aloud. Commissioner Palewski made a motion to approve Resolution 247-13-1C. Commissioner Wietlisbach seconded and the motion passed with 5 yea votes.

First Reading: Ordinance 268-13-1C, An Ordinance Enacting Section 4-204 of the Townsend Municipal Code, Titled “Maximum Speed Limits on Specific Streets” to Set Forth New Speed Limits Along State Routes 73 and 337 as Indicated by the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation: This Ordinance was deferred until the June 18, 2013 City Commission meeting.

First Reading: Ordinance 269-13-1C, 2012/2013 Budget Amendment Ordinance: Mayor Talley read the heading of Ordinance 269-13-1C (as prescribed in Section 25 page C-26 of the City Charter). Mayor Talley made a motion to approve Ordinance 269-13-1C. Commissioner Palewski seconded and the motion passed with 5 yea votes.

First Reading: Ordinance 270-13-1C; An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget and Capital Program and Tax Rate of the City of Townsend, Tennessee for Fiscal Year 2014: Mayor Talley read the heading of Ordinance 270-13-1C (as prescribed in Section 25 page C-26 of the City Charter). Commissioner Wietlisbach made a motion to approve Ordinance 270-13-1C. Commissioner Suttles seconded and the motion passed with 5 yea votes.

There being no further business, Commissioner Wietlisbach made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Suttles seconded and the motion passed unanimously at 9:18pm.

Shelia Moss

Approve: _____

date

Title: _____