

City of Townsend
Commission Meeting Minutes

For

September 16, 2014

Attendance: Present for the meeting was Vice Mayor Becky Headrick, Commissioner Ron Palewski, Commissioner Kenny Myers, Commissioner Jackie Suttles, Recorder Danny Williamson, Police Chief Ron Suttles, Fire Chief Don Stallions, Janis Foreman, Marcia Jaranowski, Doug Ridley, and Charles Tippitt. Mayor (Commissioner) Michael Talley was absent.

Pledge: Vice-Mayor Headrick opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

Officer Election: This being the first called meeting since receiving certified results from the election held August 7, 2014 in which Commissioners Michael Talley, Kenny Myers, and Ron Palewski were re-elected, the first order of business was to re-elect officers. Commission Myers nominated Commissioner Talley for Mayor, Commissioner Suttles seconded the motion, and Commissioner Talley was elected Mayor with four yea votes. Commission Myers nominated Commissioner Palewski for Police Commissioner, Commissioner Suttles seconded the motion, and Commissioner Palewski was elected Police Commissioner with three yea votes, as Commissioner Palewski abstained. The certified election results were received August 27, 2014, and Mr. Talley, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Palewski were issued the Commissioner's Oath of Office and sworn in at Townsend City Hall on August 28, 2014, by City Recorder Danny Williamson.

Minutes: Commissioner Kenny Myers made a motion to approve the August 19, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Palewski seconded and the motion passed with four yea votes.

Finance Report: Recorder Williamson then gave the finance report for the month of August, 2014. Commissioner Suttles made a motion to approve the August, 2014 finance report. Vice-Mayor Headrick seconded and the motion passed with four yea votes. Recorder Williamson reported an issue with the City credit card having a limit of \$2,000 and was given the approval by the full Commission to have it raised to \$10,000.

Police Report: Chief Suttles reported that in the past two weeks four vehicles had been placed on GovDeals and three had already sold, with the Mustang set to allow bidding for another week. There was one foot-race last weekend, another set for next weekend. Staff is gearing up for Old Timer's weekend in two-weeks. Officer Frank Shearl was out sick a couple of days; Officer Tony Rayburn attended TIBRS training in Pigeon Forge for a couple of days. Chief Suttles noted that Townsend Police Department once was on a two-year-cycle with its police cars then agreed to skip a year, but feels they need to get back on that cycle.

Maintenance: Chief Suttles reported that the back-hoe parts came in and maintenance worker, Glenn McCampbell, has been working on getting that repair done. He also told of progress on tree removal on the City property. The seasonal employee had to be released earlier than planned because his first incentive payout hit this year's budget instead of last year's as it should have. Chief Suttles posed the question to Council as to whether money was put/left in the budget for new street signs and some discussion followed. Vice-Mayor Headrick asked if the conflicting signs could be taken down and some discussion took place. Commissioner Myers brought up the matter of the ownership of the streets at the IGA and the Post Office, with Recorder Williamson to research that question by the next meeting.

Fire Report: No Report

Recreation: Commissioner Suttles confirmed the date and time of the 2014 Townsend Christmas Parade to be December 7, 2014, at 2:30 P.M. Commissioner Palewski suggested getting Chris Scarborough to be Grand Marshall. Commissioner Suttles asked for theme suggestions.

Old Business

Old Highway 73: Mayor Talley had called earlier to report that Bill Dunlap of Blount County Highway Department had not received the 'hold harmless agreement' from the County's attorney in time to get the project included as an agenda item for September, meaning it would be at least October before the County Commission votes to allow them to do the work.

Amendment to FY 2014-15 Budget Ordinance No. 281-14-1c, Second Reading: Recorder Williamson reviewed with City Council that the current budget had been rejected by the State Comptroller's office due to the fact that the State Street fund projections were out of balance. He then showed how the matter was corrected per the State's instruction. Vice-Mayor Headrick then executed the second reading of the Ordinance. Commissioner Myers made a motion to approve, Commissioner Palewski seconded, and the motion passed with four yea votes.

There being no further business, Commissioner Palewski made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. Vice-Mayor Headrick seconded and the motion passed with four yea votes.

City Recorder

Approved: _____ date _____
Title: _____