

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG
OCTOBER 16, 2003

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 16, 2003. The following members were present: Commissioner Bid Lindsey, Mayor Allen Chapman, Commissioner Keith Durham, Commissioner Tim Dickey, and Commissioner Buford Goolsby.

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order. The meeting opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mayor Chapman to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2003 meeting, with a second by Commissioner Goolsby. Motion passed.

Mayor Chapman reminded everyone of the Arts Festival to be held on the square this Saturday, also of the Nashville Symphony here on the 23rd. Mayor Chapman also asked to have a work session on the Purchasing Policy, October 21st at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Dickey expressed sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Leon Matney.

Commissioner Dickey commented that several citizens have asked him when the city was going to implement an ordinance like the County Commission had concerning non-profit contributions. Commissioner Dickey went on to explain that the city has had for many years a policy that adheres to TCA Regulations concerning non-profit organizations, and it would be redundant to pass an additional ordinance.

Commissioner Dickey also informed the Commission that the Wastewater Plant construction is on schedule, with a ten-year program, with projected increases at single digits.

The Public Hearing on Ordinance #970 was opened for comments, with no one wishing to address the Commission, Public Hearing closed.

Attorney Betz presented 2 ordinance and 4 resolutions for consideration.

Ordinance #970 – To amend Ordinance 789 entitled the “Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lawrenceburg, TN” to rezone property owned by Patricia Pettus and Homer Stutts located on the west side of U.S. Highway 43 South, north of Prosser Road. The request is to rezone the property from R-3 to C-3. Motion to approve on second and final reading was made by Commissioner Durham, with a second by Commissioner Lindsey. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance # 971 – To amend Section 4-205 of the Lawrenceburg Municipal Code entitled “Hiring and Retention Procedures” and to amend Ordinance #825 entitled “Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City of Lawrenceburg” to establish the requirement for a high school diploma or GED equivalent for all employees hired by the City of Lawrenceburg after October 17, 2003. Motion to approve on second and final reading was made by Mayor Chapman, with a second by Commissioner Goolsby. Motion passed unanimously.

2003-16-10A – To appoint Doug Hughes and reappoint Bill Pettus and Betty Clayton to the Crockett Theater Board, with terms to expire October 31, 2006. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Lindsey, with a second by Mayor Chapman. Motion passed unanimously.

2003-16-10B - To enter into a contract with Verizon Wireless to provide cellular service. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Dickey, with a second by Mayor Chapman. Motion passed unanimously.

2003-16-10C - To comply with Statement 34 of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Lindsey, with a second by Mayor Chapman. Motion passed unanimously.

2003-16-10D – To accept the bid of M & J Concrete, as the low bid in the amount of Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$12,467.00) for all contract labor for installation of all concrete work at the new Fire Station II. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Lindsey, with a second by Commissioner Goolsby. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Durham to suspend the rules to allow Mr. David Frierson to address the Commission. Commissioner Dickey seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to allow Mr. Frierson to speak.

Mr. Frierson spoke concerning empty buildings located on the square and going off the square and on Highway 43 and Highway 64. Mr. Frierson feels the city should impose a tax or fine on individuals holding the empty buildings. He feels the unoccupied buildings are creating a nuisance for the city and the owners are not doing their fair share in keeping up their properties, or contributing to the economy of the city.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mayor Chapman to adjourn; a second was made by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Attest: _____
Acting City Administrator