

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG
JANUARY 19, 2006

The Board of Mayor and Commissioners met in regular session. The following members were present: Commissioner Keith Durham, Commissioner Buford Goolsby, Commissioner Butch Morrow, and Mayor Allen Chapman. Commissioner Tim Dickey was absent.

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

Mayor Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5th meeting, with a second by Commissioner Morrow. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Chapman announced the appointment of Pam Snell Harris to the Planning Commission to complete the term of Kevin Caruso, with her first term to expire June 30, 2006.

City Administrator, Terrell Sellers, presented each Commissioner with a draft of the Personnel Rules and Regulations for their review. The Commission plan to have any of their concerns addressed and be prepared for discussion by the second meeting in February.

Mr. Sellers informed the Commission he was ready to order the playground equipment for the Brannon Street Park, to be paid from the proceeds from the sale of the park on Thomas Street. They granted permission to proceed with the project.

Mr. Sellers also informed the Commission that he and Doug Williams, with South Central Tennessee Development District, did meet with Graphic Packaging and received documents for preparation of the grant to proceed with the repair of the railroad spur in the industrial park. Project should begin within the next two months.

Mr. Sellers asked Mike Weathers, Street and Sanitation Department Manager, to express the concerns with the sanitation department budget and the demolition landfill.

Mr. Weathers suggested an increase in sanitation pick-up rates in the amount of \$2.05. He informed them of shortfall in the budget due to the increase cost of gasoline and parts. He expressed the need to purchase 2 new garbage trucks at \$100,000 each and 1 boom truck at \$90,000. He also suggested suspending the picking up of furniture, etc. from the curbs in front of residential property, we should only be picking up leaves, brush and yard waste. The closing of our demolition landfill has caused the city to have to haul the debris away from Lawrence County and pay to have it disposed of.

Some of these issues will need to be addressed in the upcoming budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Morrow indicated he was not satisfied with the report he received concerning the Stormwater Project. He wants to know who bought property from and who we paid, stating he needed that for his report. He feels the Commission needs to know that and the citizens need to know that because it was bought with public funds.

He indicated he appreciated what he received, however he wanted it in black and white. The report he received did not show the information that he needed.

Commissioner Durham informed the Commission that he would like to have Joe Baxter to refresh them on the Stormwater Project.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Morrow invited the Commission, Department Managers and the press to the Litter Committee Meeting, next Tuesday night. He also handed out a letter concerning Micropolitan Status of Lawrenceburg and thought it would be beneficial to the community if marketed properly. He asked the Commission to study it and have discussion concerning it later.

Mayor Chapman asked Mr. Sellers to set up a meeting with Randy Brewer, Jim Parks, to discuss what is happening with industry and Daphene Cope and Glenda Ezell to discuss tourism. He asked the meeting to be at 5:00 p.m. before the next Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Durham asked Mr. Sellers to set up a meeting with the Lawrenceburg Industrial Development Board and the Commissioners to discuss incentives for new businesses and expansion of present industries.

Commissioner Morrow expressed interest in the options on the memo from Mr. Sellers concerning the election question for Full Time Mayor. He asked the Commission their opinion of the best option.

Attorney Betz addressed the verbal term of Full Time Mayor suggest the amount of money you pay him, indicating that Allen Chapman, is a full time Mayor as all the Commissioners are full time. However, the public could not expect them to dedicate 40 hours per week on the amount of money they receive for their services. He indicated the Charter addresses a Strong Mayor or City Administrator Form of Government. He suggested the Commission have meetings with MTAS to discuss what they really want to do and how to go about it.

Mr. Sellers is to set up the meeting(s) with MTAS.

Commissioner Morrow made a motion to adjourn, with a lack of a second, the agenda business portion of the meeting continued.

A Public Hearing was held on Ordinance 1003.

Attorney Betz opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 1003, with no one present wishing to address Ordinance 1003 the Public Hearing was closed.

Attorney Betz presented two ordinances and one resolution for consideration.

ORDINANCE(S)

1003 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #789 ENTITLED THE "ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE". To rezone property belonging to James A. Stewart Trust located on Mattoxtown Road C-3 from R-1.

Motion to approve on second and final reading was made by Commissioner Durham, with a second by Commissioner Goolsby. Motion passed unanimously.

1001 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #789 ENTITLED THE "ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE" AND TITLE 14 CHAPTER 3 SECTION 14-301 ET SEQ. OF THE LAWRENCEBURG MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE LAWRENCEBURG TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE, TO MINIMIZE DANGER TO LIFE AND PROPERTY DUE TO FLOODING AND TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Motion to approve on first reading was made by Commissioner Durham, with a second by Mayor Chapman. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Betz indicated there would be a Public Hearing on Ordinance 1001. The Commission and public will be notified as to when the hearing would be.

RESOLUTION(S)

2006-19-1 TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH CHUCK'S TREE SERVICE AND LAWN CARE TO MOW MIMOSA CEMETERY AT THE BID PRICE OF \$575.00 PER MOWING AND TO INCLUDE CARE TO TWO FLOWER BEDS LOCATED IN THE CEMETERY.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Goolsby with a second by Mayor Chapman. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Morrow reiterated his motion to adjourn, with a second by Mayor Chapman. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Attest: _____
City Administrator