

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG  
JUNE 15, 2006

The Board of Mayor and Commissioners met in regular session. The following members were present: Commissioner Keith Durham, Commissioner Butch Morrow, Commissioner Tim Dickey and Mayor Allen Chapman. Commissioner Goolsby 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 June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, with a second by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Chapman reappointed Pamela Snell-Harris and Raymond Marston to the Planning Commission with their terms to expire on June 30, 2009.

Mayor Chapman also announced the closing of city offices on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and the garbage pick-up schedule due to the holiday. Metals and bulky household trash will be picked up as usual on Wednesday and Thursday, however the pick-up request should be called in by June 30 to participate in the July pick-up (762-7567).

The Commission extended their sympathy to the family of Buford Goolsby, in the loss of his Mother, the family of Elmer Brown with his passing and the family of Robby Roberts, the young man that was killed in the motorcycle accident in Florida. He had played taps at the recent Memorial Day Ceremony.

Fire Chief, Don Kelley, gave a report on the Fire Department including the number of calls; the type calls and the estimated loss due to fire (a new state mandate). He thanked the Utility Systems for their work in old fire hydrant replacements and re-routing some water lines to increase flow at some of the hydrants. This greatly improves the Fire Departments ability to fight fires.

Chief Kelley informed the Commissioners that Shane Adams graduated at the top of his class in Fire Inspection and Police Training. So far he has investigated 11 fires in Lawrenceburg. He is to be commended on his diligence in the classroom and in the field.

The Fire Department plans to have a "smoke detector program" again this year for the elderly and low income citizens.

Main Street Director, Jane Shaw, informed the Commission of a grant program through the State of Tennessee called the Tennessee Courthouse Square Revitalization Pilot Program, in which the State provide funds equal to the sales and local use tax collected in specified downtown areas for revitalization, preservation and development of that area. Should we be selected to receive the grant the Commission would determine how the funds would be spent. This is a pilot program and there is a resolution on the agenda to vote to participate in the program.

City Administrator, Terrell Sellers, presented the budget and highlights in the development of the budget.

I have prepared the annual Budget for presentation by the Mayor to the Board. I will present the highlights of the proposed 2006-2007 Budget for approval.

The city began fiscal year July 1, 2004 with a deficit cash balance of (\$348,202). At the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, we had a positive cash balance of \$607,813.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, estimated revenues will be \$10,260,897 and estimated expenses will be \$9,826,153, leaving a positive cash balance of \$1,042,557.

Included in the expenses is a \$600,000 transfer to the Local Government Investment Pool with the State of Tennessee Treasury. We will maintain this reserve fund for future emergencies.

The proposed 2006-2007 Budget will therefore begin with a positive cash balance of \$1,042,557. Expected revenues are \$10,012,345. This is a decrease of 2.6% from last year. This decrease is primarily due to the decision of the City of Lawrenceburg Industrial Development Board to abate \$304,000 of property taxes to the new owners of the Murray property in an effort to encourage industrial development in Lawrenceburg. estimated expenses are \$10,687,944. This is an increase of 8.8% over last year. The major increases are as follows:

Gas & Oil	29.5%	\$38,033	
Wage Increase	3.0%	\$121,691	no wage increases since 7/1/2002 except for Fire and police wage adjustment
Debt Service	84.1%	\$416,601	2001 Series A
Capital Outlay	680.8%	\$514,237	3 dump trucks and Phase 3 of Bobby Brewer Park (Bathrooms & Concession Stand at soccer fields) Paving 8 miles of streets

We anticipate a positive cash balance of \$366,958 at June 30, 2007

I would like to thank the Mayor, Board of Commissioners, Department Managers and all City Employees for their hard work in maintaining their budget guidelines for 2006. Without their efforts, the City could not have experienced such a successful financial year.

Commissioner Butch Morrow informed the Commission about some of the activities of Liberty Days and invited the Commission to participate in the parade. Commissioner Morrow also spoke on a special event for former Senator Fred Thompson at the Crockett Arts Center and invited the Commission to participate. Mr. Thompson is scheduled to be there and other Senators have been invited to attend. Funds raised from the event are to be used to furnish a new full movie screen at the theater. He also spoke on proceeding with the naming of a portion of Highway 43 as Fred Thompson Boulevard. The Commission voted and sent letters to the State in June of 2003 concerning this request. There is a need to follow up with the request, since we have received no response from the State concerning the request.

Chief of Police, Terry Shay, handed each Commissioner a copy of the City of Pulaski, Tennessee's Ordinance concerning parades and permits to gather in public places and asked the Commission to consider revising our current ordinance.

The Commission will study the ordinance and give direction to the City Attorney for revisions.

Attorney Betz presented two ordinances and three resolutions for the Commission's consideration.

#### ORDINANCE(S)

1007 - AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2006, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007.

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

1008- AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE TO LEVI PROPERTY TAX OF \$1.54 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING GENERAL FUND SERVICES.

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

Attorney Betz asked the Commission to make a motion to hold a Public Hearing and Special Called Meeting for Ordinances 1007 and 1008 for June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the City Administration Building.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey, with a second by Commissioner Morrow. Motion passed unanimously.

(RESOLUTIONS)

2006-16-6A A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE TENNESSEE COURTHOUSE SQUARE REVITALIZATION PILOT PROGRAM

Motion to approve participation in the grant was made by Tim Dickey, with a second by Mayor Chapman. Motion passed with Commissioner Morrow voting no.

2006-16-6B A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT TO CONVEY A 30' X 40' UTILITY EASEMENT TO BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. LOCATED ON OLD FLORENCE ROAD

Motion to approve the sale of property for easement was made by Commissioner Dickey, with a second by Commissioner Morrow. Motion passed unanimously.

2006-16-6C A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$5,000) FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS

Motion to approve application and participation in the grant was made by Commissioner Dickey, with a second by Mayor Chapman. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Administrator