

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG
DECEMBER 11, 2008

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session. The following members were present: Council Member Ronald Fox, Council Member Robin Williams, Council Member Butch Morrow, Council Member Jerry Moore and Mayor Keith Durham.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2008 meeting was made by Council Member Williams, with a second by Council Member Fox. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Durham informed the Council that the next meeting would be on Christmas Day; and asked for a motion to change the meeting date to December 23 at 8:30 a.m. A motion was made by Council Member Morrow, with a second by Council Member Moore. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Durham suggested changing the Christmas Holiday time off from Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to reflect an additional ½ day off for employees. City offices will be open for ½ day on Christmas Eve and closed Christmas Day and Friday after Christmas. Council Member Fox made a motion to approve the changes, with a second by Council Member Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Durham also issued the garbage pick up days for Christmas Day and New Years Day; both these days fall on Thursday and therefore will be picked up on Friday, making it a double pick up day.

Mayor Durham reminded the Council that funds from the sale of the South End Manufacturing building were to be used for industrial development. He made a motion to amend the budget to approve the expenditure of not more than \$60,000.00 toward the Bertoleni Corporation project. Council Member Moore made a second to the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Member Morrow asked to make a few announcements. He thanked Mr. J. C. Michael for the donation of the tree, and expressed appreciation to the Mayor for the Tree Lighting Ceremony held before the Christmas Parade. He mentioned that this is the 19th year for the Spirit of Santa and informed the Council that three ladies from Lawrenceburg participated in a 60 mile Breast Cancer Walk for a Cure Walk in Florida. The Walkie-Talkie team consisted of Harriett McDonald, Mary Lee and Linda McAnally from Lawrence County and two ladies; Betty Hamblen and Ginger Leigh from Florence, Alabama. Together they raised over \$11,000.00 for the walk.

City Administrator William McLain introduced Anne Morrow and Susie Moore with the Friends of Lawrenceburg. They presented the City with the new winter banners purchased through funds raised in the Trees of Christmas event.

Mr. McLain informed the Council that Lee Curtis with the Department of Tourism was detained by traffic. Mr. Mike Gavin was present and he spoke on behalf of Ms. Curtis until her arrival a few minutes later.

Their purpose for addressing the Council was to introduce them to the Civil War Trails Program and offer participation for Lawrenceburg and Lawrence County. Each Plaque placed in the community would cost the community \$1,100.00 and a fee of \$200.00 per year for maintenance. The cost is the city's share of the grant made available through the Federal Government for the promotion of this tourism project.

The Council offered to give the proposal serious consideration.

Mr. McLain asked Beth Campbell to give a report on the Spirit of Santa. She informed the Council that as of this date we have raised \$14,301.50 with outstanding pledges.

Mr. McLain addressed the Council with an update on the Crockett Theater Visitor Center Project, the low bid for the restroom renovation was George Clanton Construction. He also gave them information on installing a traffic light at International Drive as determined by MTAS. Mr. McLain spoke with Bill Griggs of Griggs and Maloney Engineering Firm and Mr. Griggs suggested the Council create a wish list for future projects that could qualify for grants. Mr. McLain also asked the Council to consider planning sessions to develop long range plans for the future growth and development of the city.

City Attorney Betz had 4 resolutions for consideration.

RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE TO CONTINUE THE CONTRACT OF WILLIAM McLAIN TO SERVE AS CITY ADMINISTRATOR.

Motion to approve was made by Council Member Morrow, with a second by council Member Fox. Motion passed with Council Member Moore voting no.

RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE TO RE-APPOINT TERRY BEECHAM TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Motion to approve was made by Council Member Fox, with a second by Council Member Moore.

Mayor Durham made a motion to table the resolution, with a second by Council Member Morrow. Motion passed. Resolution Tabled.

A RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, FEMA ID: HMGP-1331-0002 TEMA ID: 0075 FOR ACQUISITION/DEMOLITION FINAL PAYMENT AND CLOSING OUT OF PROJECT

Motion to approve was made by Council Member Morrow, with a second by Council Member Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG TO PURCHASE A USED BUCKET TRUCK FROM LAWRENCEBURG UTILITY SYSTEMS

Motion to approve was made by Council Member Morrow, with a second by Council Member Fox. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Council Member Morrow to adjourn, with a second by Council Member Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Attest: _____
City Administrator/ Acting City Recorder