

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG
SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

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

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

Mayor Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2nd, and September 9th Special Called Commission Meeting, with a second by Commissioner Goolsby. Motion passed unanimously.

Matt Crowell with the U.S. Department of Agriculture made a proposal to the Commission to join the other cities in Lawrence County and the Lawrence County government in their efforts to create a consortium of counties that include Lawrence, Giles, Lincoln, Franklin Maury, Marshall, Bedford and Coffee to create the Southern Middle Tennessee RC & D Area. The application may take from one to two years for the organization to be approved. The purpose of RC&D is a means of empowering people and communities through partnerships that provide technical and financial assistance for economic, social and cultural development as well as the improvement and enhancement of natural resources and environment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lindsey to authorize the mayor to sign for Lawrenceburg to join in the application for Southern Middle Tennessee RC&D, with a second by Commissioner Durham. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lindsey asked Chief Shay to discuss the information he had passed out to each Commissioner. Chief Shay spoke to the Commission and discussion began about the loss of officers in the police department and the probable cause (salaries). It was determined that a study should be done on the subject.

Commissioner Dickey commented that he felt that city police officers were underpaid in accordance to the pay scale of other departments and made a motion to have the HR Director, Ken Hinson to bring a report with the pay scale for every department and any solution he may have addressing this situation. Commissioner Lindsey made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Durham addressed Ordinance #941 and the city's efforts to educate the public on the proper procedure to comply with the ordinance. He presented a news release to the press to help clarify the intent and the process for compliance. We also ask residents to look up before placing items on their lawn for pick up. Low electrical lines are a hazard for the boom truck operators and citizens could lose the use of their telephone or cable if those lines get caught by the arm of the boom truck.

The Public Hearing on Ordinance # 980 was opened, with no one wishing to address the Commission concerning Ordinance #980, the Public Hearing closed.

Attorney Betz presented Ordinance #980 for consideration.

Ordinance # 980 – To amend Ordinance 789 entitled the “Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee” to rezone property belonging to Harold Orton on the south side of Remke Lane from R-1 to C-3. Motion to approve on second and final reading was made by Commissioner Lindsey, with a second by Commissioner Goolsby. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Durham made a statement to the press and commission that the budget ordinance was suppose to be addressed this evening. From the beginning this was a team effort and regrettably he has had to be out of town all week on business and was not able to participate. He stated he appreciated the fact that they did not go ahead without him, and we should have the budget ready for the next meeting. He also apologized for the delay.

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

Attest: _____
Acting City Administrator