

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
DECEMBER 9, 2010

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Henderson, Tennessee met in regular session on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the City of Henderson City Hall. Present and presiding was Mayor Robert W. (Bobby) King and the following:

Aldermen: Robert C. (Bobby) Barnes, Johny R. Farris, Tim Faulkner,
Buel Maness and Keith Smith.
Absent: Michael Phelps

There also present were: City Recorder Jim E. Garland, Police Chief Tommy Davis, Public Works Director Carter Scales, Building and Zoning Official Brent Beshires, Fire Chief Glenn Bryan and Utility Director Mark Elkins.

Alderman Phelps was absent due to the recent passing of his mother. Alderman Bobby Barnes gave the invocation and Alderman Keith Smith led the Pledge to the Flag. The following proceedings were entered here-to-wit:

The minutes of the previous meeting of the city board were presented for approval. There being no questions or corrections, motion was made by Ald. Smith, duly 2nd by Ald. Faulkner to approve the minutes as prepared. Motion carried.

The accumulated accounts were presented for informational purposes and the board was asked if they had any questions concerning the accounts. There being no questions concerning the accounts, the meeting continued.

Delegations were called for by Mayor King:

Mr. Jeff Blackwood addressed the board on the proposed southern extension of the US Hwy 45 Bypass in Jackson. The proposed route of the bypass is around the Southside of Jackson from Airways Blvd. to Hwy 45 South at approximately Hwy 18. He stated there was a public meeting to be held on Tuesday Night (the 14th) at the South Jackson Community Center concerning this project. Mr. Blackwood asked what input the City of Henderson had in the past or planned in the future on this proposed route. Mayor King advised Mr. Blackwood and the board members that the City of Henderson had not been contacted concerning this project. The entire project would be in Madison County and the City of Jackson. Mr. Blackwood spoke of the maps that he had found on the internet and he expressed his opinion that the connection should be made on Hwy 45 further south, just south of Norton Hill. Mayor King and Ald. Farris stated that they would be interested attending the meeting to find out more information. Mayor

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King did feel that the City of Henderson's opinions would have no affect on the project. No action was taken.

Mr. Mike Hewitt of Alexander, Thompson and Arnold was present at the meeting to discuss the results of the annual audit for the year ending June 30, 2010. The staff and board members had been presented a copy of the audit prior to the meeting thus having a chance to review the document. Mr. Hewitt explained the highlights of the report including the Statement of Net Assets, the Statement of Activities, the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for the General Fund as well as other parts of the report. The budget year revenue and expenditures had the following effects on the governmental fund balances:

General Fund -----	increased by \$250,548
Drug Fund -----	decreased by \$ 23,371
State Street Aid -----	decreased by \$ 69,515
Industrial Park Fund -----	decreased by \$ 33,701
Sanitation Fund -----	increased by \$ 32
General Debt Service Fund -----	increased by \$170,542

The Utility Department posted the following net income for the year.

Water Department -----	\$ 82,532
Sewer Department -----	\$ 79,274
Gas Department -----	\$ 56,931

Mr. Hewitt stated that there was no material weakness in the city's internal controls. He did make note of one finding in the audit report and noted that management had taken steps to correct the weaknesses. Mr. Hewitt stated that they were pleased with the condition of the city's financial records and commended the city's staff on their performance. Mr. Hewitt asked if the board had any questions concerning the audit. There were none and Mr. Hewitt was thanked for his service.

Mayor King informed the board that the term for a member of the Planning Commission (PC) and the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) was expiring. The members rotating off are Steve Guinn on the PC and Jack Fitts on the BZA. These members were contacted about serving another term. Steve Guinn agreed to serve but Mr. Fitts stated that he was ready to let someone else serve. Mr. Fitts had been on the PC or the BZA since the late 1960s. Mayor King also reported that a recent discovery was made that all members of the Industrial Development Board must be city voters and city taxpayers. While reviewing the membership of the IDB it was noted that Terry Hearn was no longer a city voter or taxpayer since he moved into the county. He would have to be replaced.

Mayor King recommended reappointment of Steve Guinn to the PC and the appointment of Charles Cavaness to the BZA and Dr. Milton Sewell to the IDB. Motion was made by Ald. Farris, duly 2nd by Ald. Smith to approve the appointments as recommended. Motion carried.

Mayor King advised the board of some funds available from FEMA/TEMA for Hazardous Mitigation. Counties that were declared in the recent May flooding are allowed to

make application for these funds. These funds are to be used to address some ongoing hazards in the community. After discussion of this program and possible projects, the city was recommending that the flooding/drainage problem on Hill Ave and White Ave be addressed. If funded, the Federal share would be 75%, State share is 12.5% and the local share would be the remaining 12.5%. The city was working with Fisher Arnold Engineering on this project. The board would be updated on the project as it progresses. At the current time, the city had not even determined if the project would qualify. No action was needed from the board at this time.

UD Elkins addressed the board concerning a sewer lift station located on S Church Ave. He stated the station was just worn out. A new station was about \$60,000. A rebuilt station was approximately \$45,000. He discussed this station with John Hubbard of GPM of Alabama and he recommended converting the station to a more simplistic design that uses high efficiency submersible non-clog pumps. The estimated cost of this type design is \$9,500. UD Elkins recommended this change and asked permission to go out for bid on this newly designed project. Ald. Faulkner asked questions about this new design. Mr. Elkins stated that we already are using this type of system on another station. Motion by Ald. Farris, duly by Ald. Barnes to allow bids be taken on the project. Motion carried.

UD Elkins updated the board on the gas automatic meter reader (AMR) installation. He provided a list of the routes and the number on each route that needed to be replaced. Approximately 75% of the total gas customers have an AMR unit presently leaving 1,149 meters that need to be converted. Of the remaining meters approximately 25% of them are non-standard commercial or industrial meters that will be costly to convert. The funds in the current budget have not been spent. With the exception of the non-standard meters, this project should be completed by the end of the budget year.

Police Chief Tommy Davis advised the board of a Candlelight Memorial Service on Monday, December 13th at 6:30 PM at First Baptist Church for slain officer Dennis Cagle that was killed in the line of duty a year ago.

Mayor King advised the board that Premier Manufacturing Company had sold. The new company representatives met with city and county officials and ensured that the plant would remain open. More information would be forthcoming within the next few weeks.

Ald. Farris asked about the closing status on the sale of the SWHRA facility. Mayor King stated that when the deadline passed, he sent a letter to SWHRA. SWHRA did respond asking for the 90 days extension that was in the contract before the closing. That would make the closing date January 20, 2011.

There being no other business, motion by Ald. Farris, duly 2nd by Ald. Smith to adjourn. Motion carried.

Signed: Robert W. King

APPROVED: _____

Signed: Jim E. Garland

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY RECORDER