

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 30, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

Ken Brison, Mayor
Stuart L. Johnson, Vice-Mayor
Eddie Arney, Commissioner
Allen Bissell, Commissioner
Toney Sutton, Commissioner
Shirley Forehand, City Manager
Larry Cantrell, City Attorney
Kathleen Daugherty, Recorder

Present: Brison, Arney, Bissell, Johnson, Sutton, Forehand, Cantrell, Lovvorn.
Absent:

1. Mayor Brison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated the purpose of the special meeting is to discuss and/or take action on building a fire station.
2. Mayor Brison turned the meeting over to City Mgr. Forehand to explain. Forehand advised that at the April 21st meeting they discussed two possible locations for the fire station. But tonight she is asking them to consider a third location; the Public Works Department property located on Bowie Lake Road. Some of this property was put in the Conservation Easement but there is still approximately one acre left that they could build on. (see attached memo and maps). Forehand and Mayor Brison met with the County Mayor Rogers Anderson and EMS Director Allen Lovett and they both agree this central location is the best of the three locations. Allen Lovett was present and presented maps showing the calls they receive and advised the approximate response time from all three locations. He stated the Public Works Department location is the best due to the calls received. Forehand advised that Chief Cooper agrees that the Public Works Department property would also be the best location. Chief Cooper also presented maps of calls they received and advised that the center of town is the best location.

Bissell asked about the fire trucks parked at the Public Works Department now. Cooper stated that he hopes the new building will be big enough to house these trucks so that he can give that building back to the Parks Department. Cooper also advised that they can park one of the older trucks in a metal building that is located on the Deer Ridge Property and keep the present ISO rating for having three stations.

Engineer Jamie James was asked if he feels that a building will work on this property. James advised that he has not seen the property but with an acre he feels that a fire station would work on this property. He does not know at this time which would work better a front loading building or a front and back loading building.

Chief Cooper was asked if they will need a safety light at Bowie Lake Road and Hwy. 100 to pull out onto the highway. Cooper stated that they have that option because TDOT allows lights for safety purposes.

Johnson asked City Mgr. Forehand how many acres are in the land that was left out of the easement for municipal buildings and is located behind the SouthStar development and City Hall. She advised that it is a little over ten acres. He asked if there was any advantage to putting the fire station there. Forehand stated there was not due to the access point. You would have to come from behind city hall and go down City Center Blvd. to Hwy. 100. A map of that property was shown. (see attached). Arney reminded everyone that they will have to widen Bowie Lake Road.

Vice-Mayor Johnson asked for a short recess at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Brison called the meeting back to order at 7:37 p.m. and asked if there was any further discussion. Bissell stated that the recess was to review the map showing the city owned property behind the city hall complex and discuss if they want to build a lesser "temporary structure" on Bowie Lake Road and look at this property for a long term project with the County in the future. Bissell advised that he was in favor of the Bowie Lake Road site at this time but felt they should watch their money and save what they can for the Public Safety Complex they hope to build in the future. Johnson made a motion to use the Public Works Department Property site for the fire station project. Sutton seconded the motion. Bissell asked if they could open the meeting for citizen comments. Mayor Brison advised him that they don't usually do that at special meetings but he could choose one spokes person. Bissell asked Eva Harris if she wished to speak. Mrs. Harris advised that she was going to ask them to choose a central location for the fire station. Although she would have preferred the property behind city hall, she is happy with the Public Works site. She hopes that the fire company will remember the wild life and maybe not turn their sirens on until they leave the park area.

Mayor Brison asked for further discussion. There was none. He called for a vote on the motion. All were in favor.

City Mgr. Forehand advised that the contract for architect services will be on the May 7th Agenda.

3. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor

City Recorder

