

City of Fairview

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 15, 2010

Ken Brison, Mayor
Stuart L. Johnson, Vice-Mayor
Eddie Arney, Commissioner
Allen Bissell, Commissioner
Toney Sutton, Commissioner
Andrew Hyatt, City Manager
Larry Cantrell, City Attorney
David Mayberry, Recorder

Present: Brison, Johnson, Arney, Bissell, Sutton
Others Present: Cantrell

1. **Mayor Brison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**
 - A. The Prayer and Pledge were led by Donn Lovvorn.
2. **Approval of the Agenda –**
 - A. Commissioner Sutton made a motion to add the approval of a consulting agreement with Courtney Marketing PR with Vice-Mayor Johnson seconding. All were in favor of the agenda as amended.
3. **Citizen Comments – (Limited to the first five (5) citizens to sign in and a limit of three (3) minutes each). - NONE**
4. **Awards and/or Recognitions - NONE**
5. **Public Announcements –**
 - A. City Manager Hyatt reminded everyone of the emissions testing dates.
6. **Approval of the Minutes –**
 - A. Presented for approval were the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting held on July 1, 2010. Commissioner Sutton made a motion to approve the minutes. Vice-Mayor Johnson seconded. All were in favor.
7. **Old Business –**
 - A. Discuss and/or take action on contract with Piedmont Natural Gas – City Manager Hyatt introduced Eddie Davidson from Piedmont. Mr. Davidson then addressed the board, apologizing for his absence at the last meeting. Commissioner Bissell expressed concerns that some areas may never get service and asked if they would ever expand into areas of the City that were not currently served. Davidson stated that in years past, utilities had been focused on new growth, but they were now focusing on finding customers within reach of the current service, and that if it was financially feasible to do so, they would go into existing areas. Commissioner Sutton then asked what they were doing to identify existing residents that would be interested in receiving service. Davidson informed the Board that they had a dedicated sales force that was looking at conversion opportunities. Commissioner Arney then mentioned several subdivisions that had been built in the last several

years that did not have natural gas service, specifically around the Cox Pike area. Vice-Mayor Johnson asked Davidson what assurances he could give that they would meet with the City to give progress reports. Commissioner Sutton asked about the possibility of a short-term contract, mentioning a 1-year agreement while they worked on expanding. Davidson said a term that short would create a “time-out” of planning for this area and stop long-term investments. He offered a 10-year contract with two 5-year extensions. Vice-Mayor Johnson stated that they didn’t need to rush to judgment since the current contract had been expired for 18 months. Commissioner Sutton made a motion to defer, with Vice-Mayor Johnson seconding. All were in favor.

8. New Business –

- A. Withdrawn from the Agenda
- B. Approval of vehicle purchases – City Manager Hyatt addressed the Board, presenting options for vehicles. Commissioner Arney made a motion to defer until competitive bidding was completed. Commissioner Sutton seconded. All were in favor.
- C. Approval of contract with Grant Writer – City Manager Hyatt presented a contract with Courtney Marketing PR for grant writing services. He noted that the Company had already identified 4 grants the City could be eligible for. Commissioner Arney made a motion to approve the contract, with Commissioner Sutton seconding. Vice-Mayor Johnson asked whether the initial fee was recurring. Cantrell stated that it did not appear so, and he would re-word that part of the contract to clarify that. Cantrell also suggested a couple of other changes he would make to the contract, including removing references to other states, limiting indemnification to the amounts specified under the Tort Claims Liability Act, and removing the section regarding PR services. Commissioner Sutton made a motion to make the above amendments to the contract, with Commissioner Arney seconding. All were in favor of the amendment and the motion as amended.

9. City Manager Items for Discussion -

- A. Miscellaneous Updates – Hyatt announced the new website was up and running. He thanked Greg Robble for his help in this project.

10. Communications from the Mayor and Commissioners –

- A. Commissioner Sutton reminded everyone to spend \$20 on the 20th.
- B. Vice-Mayor Johnson asked about the new titles for certain employees, asking if Howard Bridges could be titled “Shop Foreman.” Hyatt agreed this was a good idea.
- C. Mayor Brison asked to add “Updates from Department Heads” to future agendas.

11. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Ken Brison
Mayor

David Mayberry
City Recorder