

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 21, 2011

Beverly D Totty, Mayor
Allen Bissell, Vice-Mayor
Patti L Carroll, Commissioner
Stuart L Johnson, Commissioner
Toney R Sutton, Commissioner
Andrew Hyatt, City Manager
Larry Cantrell, City Attorney
David Mayberry, Recorder

Present: Totty, Bissell, Carroll, Sutton
Others Present: Cantrell

- 1. Mayor Totty called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.**
 - A. The prayer and pledge were led by Andrew Hyatt
- 2. Approval of the Agenda –**
 - A. A request was made to add items 8F – “Approval of Health Department Contract” and 8G – “Appointment of Board Members to Parks Board”. Vice-Mayor Bissell made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Sutton seconded. All were in favor.
- 3. Citizen Comments – (Limited to the first five (5) citizens to sign in and a limit of three (3) minutes each).**
 - A. John Beazer of Habitat for Humanity invited everyone to their groundbreaking ceremony on August 9th at 11am.
- 4. Awards and/or Recognitions –**
 - A. Police Chief Harris presented an award he had received for hiring a police officer that was also a member of the National Guard.
- 5. Public Announcements –**
 - A. City Manager Hyatt reminded that the emissions testing would be every Wednesday.
- 6. Approval of the Minutes –**
 - A. The Minutes for the meeting held on July 7th were presented for approval. Commissioner Sutton made a motion to approve, with Commissioner Carroll seconding. All were in favor.
- 7. Old Business –**
 - A. Resolution #09-11 “Matching funds for Fire Dept. Grant” – City Manager Hyatt talked about the Federal grant process, and described how this resolution would strengthen the City’s grant application if it had been pre-approved by the Board. Cooper then added that this wasn’t actually obligating any money, and the Board would still have to approve the grant applications. Commissioner Sutton stated that he would prefer to have only one resolution instead of one for each department. Mayor Totty agreed, and made a motion

to have one resolution drawn up that covered all the departments. Commissioner Sutton seconded. Commissioner Carroll asked if this would still help the City with its grant applications. Cooper stated it would. All were in favor.

- B. Not necessary
- C. Not necessary
- D. Discuss and/or take action on agreement with Sturgis and Associates for online property tax services – Mayberry presented the contract from Sturgis and Associates. Commissioner Sutton made a motion to approve, with Vice-Mayor Bissell seconding. All were in favor.

8. New Business –

- A. Discuss and/or take action on request from Planning Commission for additional time to submit annexation report – Cantrell informed the Board that there had been a meeting of the Annexation Committee, but they needed to send more notifications out and would need additional time. Vice-Mayor Bissell made a motion to grant an extension to October 20th, with Commissioner Sutton seconding. All were in favor.
- B. First Reading of Bill #2011-06 – “Rezoning of property at 7215 Old Franklin Rd – Mayor Totty recused herself from this matter. Vice Mayor Bissell read the caption to and made a motion to approve. Commissioner Carroll seconded. For: Bissell, Carroll, Sutton Abstain: Totty
- C. Resolution #13-11 Authorizing a Public Hearing on Bill #2011-06 - Mayor. Vice Mayor Bissell read the caption authorizing a public hearing on August 18th to and made a motion to approve. Commissioner Carroll seconded. For: Bissell, Carroll, Sutton Abstain: Totty
- D. Discuss and/or take action on various board of the City – Vice-Mayor Bissell stated that he didn’t want to take any action tonight, but he would like a list of the Boards of the City and who was on them. Commissioner Sutton made a motion to request this, and Bissell seconded. All were in favor.
- E. Discuss and/or take action on fire contract with County – Fire Chief Cooper presented the contract and the changes from the last one, which were to provide only emergency services in the new contract. Mayberry explained about the insurance limits in the contract and how our insurance exceeded State requirements. Mayor Totty asked Cooper if he was comfortable with the contract. He stated that it was good enough for this year, but he would like to re-negotiate in future years. Vice-Mayor Bissell made a motion to approve, with Commissioner Carroll seconding. For: Totty, Bissell, Carroll Against: Sutton
- F. Discuss and/or take action on Health Department contract – City Manager Hyatt presented the contract as the Board had discussed in the past. Mayor Totty asked about the previous contract having the State’s approval as well, and Cantrell stated that was not necessary. Totty then made a motion to approve, with Vice-Mayor Bissell seconding. All were in favor.
- G. Appointment of Board members to Parks Board – Mayor Totty made a motion appoint Bissell and Johnson to the Parks Board, with Commissioner Sutton as an alternate. Vice-Mayor Bissell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

9. City Manager Items for Discussion -

- A. Miscellaneous Updates – None
- B. Staff Comments – None

10. Communications from the Mayor and Commissioners –

- A. Commissioner Carroll asked for an update on the Safe Routes Grant. Hyatt stated that they grants would be awarded by the Governor in August. She also mentioned the Back to School Bash on August 13th.
- B. Commissioner Sutton stated that he was still getting positive feedback on the Independence Day celebration.
- C. Mayor Totty invited everyone to the annual community Picnic on August 16th at Bowie Nature Park

11. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**David Mayberry
City Recorder**