

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**December 4, 2003**

Stuart L. Johnson, Mayor
Darrell Mangrum, Vice-Mayor
Eddie Arney, Commissioner
Ken Brison, Commissioner
Wayne Hall, Commissioner
Alan W. Deck, City Manager
Larry Cantrell, City Attorney
Kathleen Daugherty, Recorder

Present: Johnson, Mangrum, Arney, Brison, Hall

Others Present: Deck, Cantrell

Absent:

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 7:00 p.m.

A. Mayor Johnson led the Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

2. Approval of the Agenda –

A. Hall asked to add under New Business as item © the posting of three-way stop signs at the intersection of Horn Tavern Road and Bahne Road.

B. Arney asked that item © under Old Business, Town Center Residential Development, be removed from the Agenda as it was discussed at the Workshop held last night.

C. Arney then made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Hall seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Citizen Comments-

A. Simonne McElhiney of 7126 Glenhaven Drive advised that she has lived in Fairview for seven years and is employed at the Hermitage and is very familiar with the travel and hospitality industry. She would like to see growth in Fairview but right now she feels there are other alternatives other than the motel tax.

4. Awards and Recognitions – None**5. Public Announcements –**

A. Arney announced that the Christmas Parade will be Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

B. Johnson announced that the grand opening of the new main branch of the Williamson County Library will be Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

C. Brison announced that the Lions Club will have a Chittlin Supper on Saturday beginning at 4:00 p.m.

D. Johnson announced that the Tree Lighting will also be on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at the Fairview Library.

6. Approval of Minutes -

A. Presented for approval were the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting held on November 20, 2003. Mangrum made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and corrected. Hall seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- B. Presented for approval were the minutes of the Beer Board held on November 20, 2003. Mangrum made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Hall seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7. Old Business –

- A. Hotel, Motel Tax – Hall stated that he wanted to discuss the tax further because being a business man himself he knows that any additional taxes can be a burden. He felt that if they lowered it now and increased it over a period of time it would help the motel owners. Johnson asked how much he wanted to reduce it and what time frame did he have in mind to increase it. Hall stated that he suggested that they start at 1% for the first year and increase to 2% the second year and so on. Johnson stated that he felt they should at least drop it to match Franklin. Arney quoted the rates from surrounding cities. Arney stated that he also felt they should drop it to 2% the same as Franklin. Hall stated that would be a 3% drop from the present rate. Deck reminded the Board that it will have to be changed by Ordinance and therefore could not be effective until January. Arney then made a motion to reduce the hotel/motel tax from 5% to 2% by amending the present ordinance. Hall seconded the motion. All were in favor of adopting Bill #2003-28 on first reading. Cantrell is to prepare the ordinance for the second reading. A public hearing was scheduled for December 18, 2003.
- B. Report on Facilities Tax – Deck presented a list of Impact Fees and Facilities Taxes charged by surrounding cities. (see attached). Deck stated that the list was for information only at this time. Brison suggested that it be referred to a Committee for further study and asked what Committee they should refer it to. It was decided to refer it to the Finance Ad Hoc Committee.

8. New Business –

- A. Reappointment of Deanna Carpenter to the Beer Board and (B) appointment to replace Ed Stinson on the Beer Board. A discussion was held on whether they should advertise the appointments. After further discussion, Johnson made a motion to reappoint Denna Carpenter and to appoint Joe Hutcherson (who applied for the last appointment) to fill the unexpired term of Ed Stinson. Hall seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- C. Stop signs at the intersection of Horn Tavern Road and Bahne Road – Hall stated that he was asked to check and see what the possibilities were of getting some stop signs at this location. He felt they were needed also. Arney asked if that location was in the City limits. Deck was asked to check and see if the location is in the City. Hall made a motion to put up three way stop signs at the intersection of Horn Tavern Road and Bahne Road subject to the location being in the City. Arney seconded the motion. All were in favor.

9. City Manager Items for Discussion and/or Action –None

10. Communications from the Mayor and Commissioners –

- A. Arney stated that he did not want to spend city money in the County and that is why he questioned the stop signs.

- B. Johnson asked Dianne Ellis, President of the Chamber of Commerce, if all the Board members were invited to the reception at France before the Christmas Parade. She stated that they were. Johnson also asked Deck that if the Library does not use the property the City gave to them for a new parking lot if it will come back to the City. Deck stated that the Library now claims that the property belonged to them all along. Deck is to check with the surveyor about the ownership of the property. Deck also advised the project for the new parking lot is still on.
- C. Deck reported on the new city hall. Arney asked Deck to see if the Contractor will provide them with a schedule.
- D. Mangrum asked Deck to check on the Library property and find out were the boundary is.
- E. Johnson asked for an update on Talley Hollow Road. Deck advised that he has not heard anything from the County. However, the City crew is almost finished and may have finished today with moving the water line on Hunting Camp Road.

11. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor

City Recorder