

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 2, 2014

Beverly D Totty, Mayor
Stuart L Johnson, Vice-Mayor
Patti L Carroll, Commissioner
Allen Bissell, Commissioner
Toney R Sutton, Commissioner
Wayne Hall, Interim City Manager
Larry Cantrell, City Attorney
Brandy Johnson, City Recorder

Present: Totty, Johnson, Bissell, Carroll, Sutton

Others Present: Hall, Cantrell, Johnson, Fox, Daugherty, Paisley, Harris, Cooper

1. Mayor Totty called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

A. The prayer and pledge was led by Mayor Totty.

2. Approval of the Agenda –

A. Mayor Totty requested that item 7-A be deferred due to no apps have been received. Speaking to the public, Finance Review Committee is seeking applicants for citizens that would like to serve on that committee, if you have an interest, please see City Manager, Mr. Hall or Recorder, Mrs. Johnson and share with them your interest and/or there's an informational to fill out. We are looking for a person with finance background for the Finance Review Committee. Commissioner Bissell clarified this is deferred to January 16th meeting and notes that Mr. Ficken, who we had already talked about, did not withdraw and I take responsibility for not getting him to submit his application and be here tonight. I kind of thought that the conversation we had was we had already put him on there and wouldn't need to go through that process, so I will be in touch with him and have him get his application in and be here at the next meeting if he possibly can.

B. Commissioner Sutton made a motion to approve. Commissioner Bissell 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. No citizen comments tonight.

4. Awards and/or Recognitions –

A. Interim City Manager Hall notes that he has a couple of recognitions and asks to approach the podium and bring a couple people up. Hall asks Captain Sutton to join him at the podium. Hall notes that tonight is a grant night. He notes that he would like to recognize Captain Sutton and what he has been responsible for through the years he's been with the force. He's actually been responsible for over \$185,825.22 in grants and an additional \$1500 today from Wal-Mart to help buy radios for the auxiliary. Hall asks if the Board would like a copy of the grants or wish for him to read them all out. Commissioner Bissell states a copy will be sufficient. Hall also notes another

\$1500 grant today from Wal-Mart to our fire department, and they actually upped their ante it looks like, because they said originally \$2500 and we ended up getting \$3000. From what I gather, they have been talking to the park also seeing what they can do there. I've got a feeling Wal-Mart is going to be a big plus to this town.

5. Public Announcements –

- A. Interim City Manager Hall reminded everyone that emissions testing is every Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to noon each week.
- B. Mayor Totty mentions the Chamber of Commerce breakfast on Tuesday, January 21st, guest speaker is Congressman Marsha Blackburn. Contact Chamber at 799-9290 for more information. Commissioner Sutton notes it's at Hickory Home Barbecue at 7:30.

6. Approval of the Minutes –

- A. The revised minutes for the November 21, 2013 Board of Commissioners were presented for approval. Commissioner Sutton made a motion for approval. Commissioner Bissell seconded. All were in favor.
- B. The minutes from the December 17, 2013 Special-Called Board of Commissioners meeting were presented for approval. Vice-Mayor Johnson made a motion for approval. Commissioner Bissell seconded. All were in favor.

7. Old Business –

- A. Deferred

8. New Business –

- A. Mayor Totty notes she was contacted by Kathy Montgomery, which is the Williamson County Department, she's not the regional, but she has expressed to me and given us an informational. When we awarded funds a couple years ago, she didn't have the exact year, but when we awarded funds to the Williamson County Health Department, they did not spend all of the money. She was aware of this from the regional director, Ms. Annette Hailey, that said there is money sitting what would you be requesting of it. So, in her chain, she asked that we, as the commissioners, would decide if that money would be returned to Fairview and would be kept. If that money would allow them to get the rest of the money and their intent would be to upgrade the waiting area of the Fairview location of the Williamson County Health Department. Is there questions or comments? Commissioner Sutton makes a motion that we approve them to keep the money for the upgrades as long as it goes strictly to the Health Department here. Commissioner Carroll seconds the motion. All were in favor. Mayor Totty asks City Attorney if in this letter that she has drafted if it is permissible to be put on letterhead and then sent to the regional director. Is that the next step? Cantrell states yes, that the Board approved it at the meeting, put on letterhead and tell them the Board approved keeping the money to be used for the following purpose. Totty responds to Recorder Johnson that she will ask her to rewrite the letter and send to you and I and then for you to have letterhead and then we'll have a signature and then we'll move that along. All were in favor.
- B. Discuss and/or Take Action on Outsourcing the U-Verse- Nik Day states the good news with U-Verse will be getting it and is not going to cost us anything. It will cover all of middle Tennessee so if you live in middle Tennessee you will be

able to watch us. There's even counties in Kentucky – Christian county, Todd, Logan, they will be able to watch us. The turnaround will be about 2 and a half months, getting them out here and actually getting an engineer to look at it. Commissioner Sutton asks if people who have AT&T will be able to get in touch with and Day confirms that U-Verse, yes. Mayor Totty asks if it is live streaming. Day confirms yes it will pretty much be a second hand-off to what we have now going out to Comcast. Commissioner Carroll clarifies this will be in addition to Comcast. Vice-Mayor Johnson states it will be Channel 19 duplicated on the AT&T system. Day notes it will reach out further than Comcast, which is only broadcast to Fairview right now. Mayor Totty notes that if you don't have Comcast, this is an additional way to watch the meetings. Day confirms and notes that if you live outside the county and want to watch he would recommend U-Verse. Commissioner Sutton notes they discussed this several months ago. Day notes there's no cost to the city, the only cost we will be accruing is getting a distribution amplifier for our system that we have now, so we will have to split the one we have going from Comcast. And then they were talking about putting in fiber optic but we already have the Metro-E running to the building so that is not going to be a problem. I believe the engineers are just going to come out here and walk through here and say you are good to go and then they are going to bring their installers out here and install it. Commissioner Sutton states I knew you could do it, Nik. Vice-Mayor Johnson makes a motion for approval and Commissioner Sutton seconds. Commissioner Carroll wants to verify it is 100% no cost before, as far as equipment. I know ideally they said that. Day states that Paul Stinson came out of Nashville, he is the External and Legislative Affairs and he said it's no cost. Commissioner Sutton states he is excited about it. Talking about transparency all the time and to give everybody an opportunity to be able to look at it, I'm glad we were able to get it done, thank you. Commissioner Carroll says to go back to the equipment, none of the, you said there was going to be something. Day states on our side it's going to be getting them the audio and video connections. We supply them the cables, the feed, and then they bring their equipment in. It is still going to be owned and maintained by AT&T, it's not going to be our equipment and they just maintain it. Interim City Manager Hall clarifies for the record that this was Commissioner Suttons request and forgot to put it on the agenda that way but Nik has done a fine job on this. All were in favor.

9. City Manager Items for Discussion –

- A. Miscellaneous Updates – Update on the thinning of the forest. Talked to the City Arborist, Mike Berkeley, and has him scheduled for the second meeting in January to come speak to the Board on the thinning of the 3.2 acres. The other thing and y'all have a copy of it is the email from Will yesterday, maybe it was Tuesday, forgot about the holiday, but it was good news regarding the resurfacing project on Cumberland and Cox Pike, which the grant totals approximately \$486,000 and I will read that into the record if you'd like me to. Mr. Hall, Sharon wanted me to follow up on the resurfacing project and today I received the below email from Ms. Whitney Sullivan who is the manager of TDOT's local programs division that oversees the resurfacing project. While TDOT sometimes changes their mind on things, it appears that the funding for the resurfacing project on Cumberland and Cox Pike is safe for now. Great news for sure. This was Ms. Sullivan's email to Will the same day: As soon as we get the proper approval from Design & Construction, we will request construction funding authorization. We all know this is a rush project and we are

doing everything in our means to get this through the system. Don't stress about losing your funds due to it being the end of the year. I have pulled some strings and we are going to work with you to get this project done in early 2014. You guys have been working much too hard to have this grant pulled out from under you at the 11th hour. Let's all work our hardest to get this project fully obligated by the end of January. I will try to hold off the feds that long. Will seems to think we are 98% there just wanted to report to y'all on that and this will be a big help to our city to get this funding.

B. Staff Comments –

Captain Sutton presents report from the month of December. Calls went down a slight bit for the month, answered a total of 532 calls. The problem was an increase in accidents with 15 personal injury accidents and 23 non-injury accidents for the month which is quite a bit higher than we are used to. We'd like to ask everybody to slow down, take your time, pay more attention to what you are doing and wear your seatbelts.

Chief Cooper presents the fire department report from the month of December when they ran 79 calls. For the year, they ran 714. If you recall, the 30% figure was the percentage that we ran out in the county and this ends now our first year without the county contract. That 714 represents a 30% reduction in the number of calls so it was pretty consistent across the line. Of course along with that goes less fuel, less wear and tear. Want to talk a little bit about safety – we have a storm coming, probably going to have three days where it doesn't go above freezing. I am concerned, not only about the older houses, but these newer houses that are built tighter than drums. If you have gas, do not use those as heat. I'm not talking about your A/C, I'm talking about your gas stoves or your unvented gas fireplaces. Those are not designed to heat the house and we do have calls where mama won't wake up, she's sleeping on the couch. And we go in there and she's blue and sure enough, she's got that four burner stove on and the oven cooking. Its' not designed to heat your house and it will kill you. Carbon Monoxide is odorless and colorless and there are dozens and dozens of deaths every year where people are not correctly heating their houses so let's be careful, not only next week, but in the future. Commissioner Sutton asks if we have cut back on support calls where it's just a standard ambulance or sending the other units with them. Cooper responds that they started at the first of the year last year cutting back manually and then they went to a computerized dispatch where the computer now decides and is more qualified than the dispatcher is over what type of calls and who should go and that's called a MDC – Medical Dispatch Computer, or something like that. So, it picked back up a little bit but not as much as it used to be in the past where we just simply ran every one. So, once in a while you'll see that ambulance out there by itself but we run where we think we may be needed, not we don't wait until we know we're needed. If somebody comes in having difficulty breathing, seizures, heart attacks, chest pains, anything else like that, the firemen are going, they may be there a couple of minutes, we are going to err on the safe side. Commissioner Sutton replies we definitely want to do that but there for a while we were running the big engines and everything else going on all these calls and tie them up for a period of time when they could be going somewhere else and the cost of gas and everything else but we definitely want to go where needed. Cooper responds that the computer making the decision, which is set up by a doctor now, the computer doesn't make decisions on its own, the protocol is set by a doctor, much more qualified than the dispatcher. Sutton replies he always like the part of the first responder makes the call but that's

somebody else's choice. Commissioner Bissell asks Chief Cooper when the quint gets here. Cooper replies that it is slated for the 31st right now, however, it is 18 below zero in South Dakota and they are having trouble with the storms, getting parts in and things like that and I don't know anybody wants to go up there when its 18 below zero and pick up a truck. We are shooting for the 31st. Bissell states so its sometime in the near future and Cooper responds yes, it was originally due between the 15th and the 31st but the storms, everybody is backlogged on the parts.

- C. City Manager additional comments – Out on the parking lot we have our new salt spreader, the new one, hooked up and was ready to go this morning. This bad weather didn't hit thank goodness but maybe next week we'll probably have that full service. As far as the Wal-Mart C.O., Will has been out and done the site inspection, John was scheduled tomorrow at 11:00 to go through with his preliminary final. The road is between TDOT and Wal-Mart, doesn't have a thing to do with Fairview, we want a safety letter from TDOT. Hall notes that John's dad passed earlier today so inspection may be delayed. They are going to call for the final on Monday. We've done our preliminary work and as far as site work, there's just a few things so as far as the city's concerned we are in good shape for the final C.O. Mayor Totty requests that the city send something to John for our condolences.
- D. City Attorney Comments – Attorney Cantrell has no comments at this time

10. Communications from the Mayor and Commissioners –

- A. Commissioner Sutton – nothing tonight except I wish everybody a Happy New Year, I'm excited about Wal-Mart and new business coming into town. It's just an exciting time for this city.
- B. Vice-Mayor Johnson – no comments
- C. Commissioner Bissell – questions Attorney Cantrell whether there has been any update on the firing range. Cantrell responds the last thing he heard was when Mr. Hall said that they were going to get the document together and I assumed they were going to send that back to him. Bissell notes that he and the Mayor have been talking about the next phase of the street lights and would like to put that on the agenda for February 6, if you could. I will have a package ready for us to talk about the next phase of the streetlights.
- D. Commissioner Carroll – Happy New Year everybody. Thanks to the people who came out tonight – I enjoy meeting y'all and seeing new faces.
- E. Mayor Totty – I will highlight that this is a five Thursday month so we will be having a Town Hall on the 30th at 7 pm if you'd like to mark your calendar for the additional meeting this month. I have been requested by the City Attorney for an executive session to be called on the subject of Givens vs. Fairview and we'll take a few moments to do that.

Commissioner Sutton made a motion to adjourn. Vice-Mayor Johnson seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Brandy Johnson
City Recorder