

SOUTH FULTON CITY COMMISSION  
SOUTH FULTON, TENNESSEE  
May 6, 2005

AGENDA

- A. Set-Up Regulations on Variance for Hohlbein Property
- B. Police Dept. Staffing
- C. Public Works Staffing
- D. Budget Salaries & Health Insurance
- E. Railroad Museum Car Placement

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James called the special called meeting to order at Boyettes Restaurant, Reelfoot Lake on Friday, May 6, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by City Recorder Beadles. Present were D James, R Haskins, W Kane, K Dillon, K Ivey, T Mulcahy. Also present were A Crocker, D Crocker, H Maynard, D Glisson and one media personnel.

BUSINESS

SET UP REGULATIONS ON VARIANCE FOR HOHLBEIN PROPERTY

Ms. Dillon stated she has received from residents adjacent to Hohlbein property complaining of snakes due to unkempt conditions. She stated she dealt with this situation with Mr. Hohlbein last year regarding these same problems. She stated there are city ordinances to deal with these problems and asked the commission to support her when Mr. Hohlbein comes to them.

Ms. Dillon expressed concern over document signed regarding guidelines for Mr. Hohlbein's restaurant business. She stated according to the previous meeting, the commission was to set guidelines at a special called meeting. She stated the way the signatures were acquired was a violation of Sunshine Law, making the document null and void. She stated the commission granted a variance, but only the Board of Zoning Appeals has that authority. She stated the commission can issue a special use permit or if the commission wishes, the issue could be revisited by Planning/Zoning Commission and she would curtail her vote to allow restaurants in Light Industrial District as Uses Permitted. She stated conditions could be set by ordinance.

Ms. Dillon stated the question has been brought to her attention regarding the reason Commissioner Kane was not allowed to speak at the April meeting. She stated Mr. Hohlbein introduced his attorney at the Planning/Zoning meeting, putting the city on notice of impending litigation. She suggested at that meeting that issue not be discussed further. She stated Mr. Hohlbein requested to be put on the agenda, but did not give

information regarding topic to city recorder; therefore, he was listed under "Questions, Comments, Suggestions from Citizens". She stated any commissioner could have gone to the podium and spoken as a citizen, but not in capacity of a commissioner given the impending litigation implication.

Commissioner Moody questioned if Mr. Hohlbein had acquired a business license for operating a restaurant. Ms. Beadles stated she assumes he has a business license for Reed Bros and is not sure if he has to obtain an additional license. Commissioner Kane stated business licenses cover broad range.

Commissioner Kane also stated as far as the Sunshine Law violation, the commissioners did not speak to each other regarding the document. He stated TBI could be contacted, but that would only cause embarrassment and it would be in the city's best interest to resolve the problem. He stated ordinances allow the city manager to handle certain situations such as grass.

The board also discussed the possibility of Mr. Hohlbein making application for beer license, although no action was taken.

Commissioner Moody moved to table regulations regarding Hohlbein property. Commissioner Haskins seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

Ms. Dillon stated the police department is experiencing staffing problems with vacations, schools due to under staffing of personnel. Chief Crocker presented letter from James Cannon, Drug Task Force, expressing the importance of Officer David Crocker's expertise on the drug task force and the experience he is gaining due to his involvement in the program. Chief Crocker stated 28 arrests were made in South Fulton last year due to drug task force program. He stated drug problems will always be here. He stated technology and equipment is so advanced and expensive that City of South Fulton would not be able to fund these. Commissioner Kane stated our area is one of highest users of meth in country, that it is vital to keep Officer Crocker on the drug task force and city's participation in the program. Officer Crocker spoke to the commission regarding meth labs that have been uncovered, steps to cleaning up the area and effects on people who reside where meth is made. He explained that Drug Task Force is run out of the District Attorney's office. Commissioner Haskins questioned if the commission could get a quarterly report regarding completed cases.

Chief Crocker stated he has an applicant for police officer (since last meeting when freeze was put on hiring) who is certified in Kentucky. He stated the officer would have to challenge certification in Tennessee. Discussion included offering the certified officer the position. There was discussion regarding Officer Buckingham's \$0.75 pay

increase and starting pay of certified officer of \$10.50. Officer Buckingham is being paid \$10.25 per hour.

Commissioner Haskins moved to bring Officer Buckingham's pay up to \$10.50 per hour retroactive to time that commission made decision to increase police department salaries. Commissioner Kane seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

Commissioner Kane moved to authorize Chief of Police to hire officer, unfreeze position and re-advertise. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. The motion was amended to omit advertising and seconded. All voted aye. Motion carries.

Commissioner Kane moved to offer certified officer \$10.50 per hour to start and challenge the test within sixty (60) days of hire date. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

#### PUBLIC WORKS STAFFING

Ms. Dillon stated an employee in public works has been working at a high rate of pay with lesser responsibilities and is presently on medical leave. She requested authority to eliminate this position in the next fiscal year and open up two labor positions at lower rate of \$7.75 per hour. Ms. Dillon stated David Glisson has been doing job of utility foreman and street foreman and requested to increase his pay to \$13.84 per hour. She also recommended a \$0.75 per hour increase for all employees at this time and a cost of living increase in the next budget year.

Commissioner Haskins moved to increase pay rate of other employees by \$0.75 per hour (police dept personnel received pay increase earlier) excluding city manager, amended to be effective yesterday (first day of work week). Commissioner Kane seconded the motion as amended. Commissioner Moody moved to amend the motion to increase the board members pay by \$25.00 per month. Commissioner Haskins seconded the amended motion. In roll call vote, all commissioners voted aye. Motion carries.

Ms. Dillon stated Public Works Director Maynard has requested she create a position for the temporary employee and increase D Glisson's pay wage.

Commissioner Moody moved to authorize city manager to advertise for new position of laborer at \$7.75 per hour with benefits and increase wage of David Glisson to \$14.59 (includes \$0.75 increase). Commissioner Kane seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

Public Works Director Maynard expressed appreciation to the commission for action taken on his two requests.

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**BUDGET SALARIES AND HEALTH INSURANCE**

Ms. Dillon stated health insurance premiums came in at lower rate than last year costs.

Commissioner Kane moved to accept recommendation of city manager for health insurance. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

**RAILROAD MUSEUM CAR PLACEMENT**

Ms. Dillon stated Charles Thompson contacted her that the railroad committee has a caboose and requested space to locate it at municipal complex.

Commissioner Moody moved to deed portion of property on East State Line for railroad car to be located. Commissioner Haskins seconded the motion. In discussion, it was stated title search should be done on property behind Headquarters Beauty Shop for the railroad car to be located there. All voted aye. Motion carries.

Ms. Dillon stated she had met with Mr. Maynard, Mr. Glisson and representative from Northwest Tennessee Development District on applying for a grant for rehab of sewer system. She stated a public hearing will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> to hear comments regarding CDBG application process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Moody moved to adjourn at 2:20 p.m. Commissioner Kane seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
RECORDER MAYOR