

SOUTH FULTON CITY COMMISSION
SOUTH FULTON, TENNESSEE
JULY 15, 2004

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Second & Final Reading of Ordinance #2004-6 (An ordinance to Amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance Text in R-2 and R-3 districts to clarify guidelines regarding screening).

AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Second & Final Reading of Ordinance #2004-6 (Zoning R2 & R3 Screening Guidelines)
- B. Second & Final Reading of Ordinance #2004-7 (Amend Appropriations for FY03/04)
- C. Second & Final Reading of Ordinance #2004-8 (FY04/05 Appropriation of Funds, Establish Property Tax Rate and Spending Limits)
- D. Delinquent Utility Bill Collection Update

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proclamation – 2004 SFHS Softball Team
- B. Proclamation – Stanley Jones Corp
- C. Rural Fire Membership Fees

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

The South Fulton City Commission held a public hearing on Thursday, July 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in the commission room

Mayor Greer opened the public hearing. Mayor Greer stated the purpose of the public hearing was to hear comments on amending the municipal zoning ordinance text in R-2 and R-3 districts to clarify guidelines regarding screening.

There were no comments.

Mayor Greer closed the public hearing at 5:04 p.m.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Greer called the meeting to order at 5:05p.m. following the public hearing. Mayor Greer gave the invocation and Commissioner James led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL BY RECORDER

Roll call was taken by Recorder Beadles. Present were Mayor K Greer, Commissioners J Bivens, C Moody and T Pettigrew, City Manager K Dillon, City Attorney K Ivey.

MAYOR'S WELCOME

Mayor Greer welcomed about thirty residents and two media personnel in attendance and reviewed the procedures to be followed during citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Greer moved to approve minutes from meetings of June 11, 2004 and June 17, 2004 as presented. Commissioner Bivens seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

REVIEW OF JUNE DISBURSEMENTS

Commissioner Bivens moved to approve June disbursements as presented. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

REVIEW OF YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET

Ms. Dillon stated expenditures are accurate, but fund figures might be different and that information will not be available until audit is complete.

Mayor Greer announced budget retreat would be held on Friday, August 6, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. in the Harvey O Vick Community Room.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Moody moved to accept department reports as presented. Commissioner Bivens seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no comments.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND & FINAL READING ORDINANCE #2004-6 (ZONING)

Mayor Greer moved to approve second & final reading of Ordinance #2004-6 (ordinance to amend the municipal zoning ordinance of South Fulton, Tennessee, amending the text in the R-2 and R-3 districts to clarify guidelines regarding screening). Commissioner Bivens seconded the motion. In roll call vote, Commissioners Bivens, James, Moody, Pettigrew and Mayor Greer voted aye. Motion carries.

SECOND & FINAL READING ORDINANCE #2004-7(APPRORIATIONS FY03/04)

Mayor Greer moved to approve second and final reading of Ordinance #2004-7 (ordinance to amend FY2003-2004 appropriations). Commissioner Bivens seconded the motion. In roll call vote, Commissioners James, Moody, Pettigrew, Bivens and Mayor Greer voted aye. Motion carries.

SECOND & FINAL READING ORDINANCE #2004-8 (PROPOSED BUDGET)

Mayor Greer moved to approve second and final reading of Ordinance #2004-8 (ordinance of the City of South Fulton, Tennessee, appropriating funds, establishing a property tax rate and establishing spending limits for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005). In roll call vote, Commissioners Moody, Pettigrew, Bivens, James and Mayor Greer voted aye. Motion carries.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Dillon stated fifty-two utility bills had been paid (collected about \$40,000), will put updated copy in packets.

NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION – 2004 SFHS SOFTBALL TEAM

Mr. Ivey read the proclamation honoring the 2004 SFHS Softball Team. Mayor Greer stated the girls had a remarkable season, coming in 4th at the state level of competition and the commission is very proud of these young people. Mayor Greer presented a framed copy of the proclamation to the girls in attendance.

PROCLAMATION – STANLEY JONES CORP

Mr. Ivey read the proclamation honoring the Stanley Jones Corp. Mayor Greer presented a framed copy of the proclamation to Gordon Jones, who accepted on behalf of SJC and Johnny Jones, who had a previous engagement.

RURAL FIRE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Ms. Dillon recommended an increase in rural fire membership fees from \$50 to \$75 annually.

Commissioner Moody moved to take this recommendation into consideration. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Fire Chief Smith stated there are over 1000 rural fire customers. He stated new turn-out gear has been purchased, but fire department needs air packs and brush packs (15 year life). Mr. Smith stated fee has not been increased in five or six years.

Mayor Greer moved to increase rural fire membership fees from \$50 to \$75 annually. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. In roll call vote, Commissioners

Pettigrew, Bivens, Moody and Mayor Greer voted aye. Commissioner James voted nay. Motion carries with 4 – 1 vote.

Michael Harris, insurance agent, stated the purchase of fire gear mentioned earlier could cause the ISO rating to go down, which would give rural fire customers a savings in their homeowners insurance.

REPORT FROM MAYOR

Mayor Greer encouraged everyone to come out on Saturday, July 24th at 5:00 p.m. for the dedication of the municipal complex, open house tour, free concert by Lou Jetton and band and concessions. Mayor Greer introduced new police officer – James Robert Buckingham.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER

Ms. Dillon stated she is working on slum properties, grass problems and junk vehicles. She stated she met with city judge and attorney regarding these problems and options and will give commissioners an update at the budget retreat. She stated she has an appointment to meet with Gaylon Long regarding the county properties. She stated the process takes about two months. Mayor Greer asked city manager to rewrite ordinance. She stated less than 50% of property owners do not pay their property taxes.

Mayor Greer moved to suspend police and fire protection to anyone who has not paid their property taxes. Commissioner Bivens seconded the motion. In roll call vote, Commissioners Bivens, Pettigrew and Mayor Greer voted aye. Commissioners James and Moody voted nay. Motion carries with 3 – 2 vote.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Moody questioned ordinance regarding loose dogs. Ms. Dillon stated neither the police department nor the Humane Society pick up loose dogs, although city police officers cite owners into court.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

Glen Snow, county resident, stated he strongly opposes increase in rural fire membership fees and if he chooses not to pay the membership fees, his insurance will increase. He requested the commission repeal their decision and give county residents an opportunity to speak regarding the increase.

Mayor Greer moved to table the increase to rural fire membership fees until the next commission meeting to be held on August 19th. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

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Mayor Greer asked Mr. Smith to notify newspaper and radio about the meeting and that a vote would be taken at the meeting following the public hearing.

Linda Snow, county resident, stated that \$25.00 is a lot of money to some people and they just want to know where the money is being spent.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Greer moved to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Bivens seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED BY: _____
RECORDER MAYOR