

SOUTH FULTON CITY COMMISSION
SOUTH FULTON, TENNESSEE
SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Proposed Ordinance #2004-9 (Amendment to Refuse and Trash Disposal)
- B. Proposed Ordinance #2004-10 (Amendment to Water Utility)
- C. Proposed Ordinance #2004-11 (Amendment to Sewer Utility)
- D. Proposed Ordinance #2004-12 (Amendment to Animal Control)

AGENDA

- A. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #2004-9 (Amendment to Refuse and Trash Disposal)
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MINUTES

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Greer opened the public hearing at 5:00 p.m. and stated the purpose of the public hearing was to hear comments from the public regarding amendments to refuse and trash disposal, water and sewer utilities and animal control.

City Attorney Ivey read the proposed amendments to the ordinance citing definitions of yard waste and bulk waste and time frame that trash and garbage containers should be placed at the street (24 hour prior to pickup) and removed from the street after pickup is completed (24 hours).

Mayor Greer stated public works will continue to pick up limbs and brush following a storm. He also stated trash pickup dates are first and third Tuesdays of each month on the east side of Broadway and first and third Thursdays on the west side of Broadway. He stated the reason for putting time frame for containers and yard waste is to keep the town looking nice, that some residents never move their container from the street.

Mr. Ivey read the proposed amendments to the water utility ordinance citing that each dwelling and business inside city limits to which city water is available must be connected to city's water system, billing cycle, payment and disconnect procedures, permanent account number be assigned to each premises with responsibility of the property owner, tap fee must be paid prior to installation of new water line.

Ms. Dillon stated she is trying to create a system that works as city is losing monies due to non-payment of utilities.

There was much opposition stated from residents regarding the property owner being responsible for renter's utilities. Phil Stone stated making property owner liable for utilities is a disservice to citizens and suggested increasing deposits for renters. Richard Lewis stated he would be willing to register his rental property at city hall and asked if there would be a list of persons available who do not pay their utilities. Pat Lewis stated property owners get stuck with unpaid rent, cost of repairs to their property after renter leaves in the night, and loss of rent while repairs are made for next tenant. Glen Snow stated city has a dilemma as 50% of property owners are not paying their taxes. He stated he did not have an answer, but asked commission to pursue other avenues rather than making property owner liable for renter's utilities. Lois Miller also agreed that property owner should not be responsible for someone else's utilities.

Mr. Ivey stated a rental inspection is performed by city personnel before utilities are connected to rental property. He suggested that anyone who has utility service sign a limited power of attorney to city recorder allowing her to contact post office for address.

Mayor Greer stated the next item is sewer utilities with same proposed amendments to the ordinance. He stated the commission would not pass an ordinance until all options have been presented to the board. He authorized the city manager to bring back options for review and commission would revisit these two items.

Mr. Ivey read proposed amendments to animal control which would give more time to locate owner of dogs and also allow city manager additional time to find homes for dogs through humane society.

Lora James asked if cats are included in the amendment. Mayor Greer stated that cats are not addressed in the ordinance.

There being no other comments, Mayor Greer closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

The special called meeting was called to order by Mayor Greer following the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY RECORDER

Roll call was taken by Recorder Beadles. Those present were K Greer, D James, C Moody, T Pettigrew, K Dillon, K Ivey and D Beadles.

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BUSINESS

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #2004-9

Mayor Greer moved to approve first reading of Ordinance #2004-9 (municipal code amendment – refuse and trash disposal). Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #2004-10 (municipal code amendment –Title 18, section 18-101 through 18-125, water utilities)

Mayor Greer stated commission will revisit at later date when other options can be reviewed. No action was taken.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #2004-11 (municipal code amendment – Title 18, Section 18-201 through 18-221, sewer utilities)

Mayor Greer stated commission will revisit at later date when other options can be reviewed. No action was taken.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #2004-12

Mayor Greer moved to approve first reading of Ordinance #2004-12 (municipal code amendment – Title 10, Section 10-107, animal control). Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED BY: _____
RECORDER MAYOR