

SOUTH FULTON CITY COMMISSION  
SOUTH FULTON, TENNESSEE  
December 15, 2005

AGENDA

- A. Resolution #2005-13 (Call for Special Election)
- B. Lease Agreement (Storage)
- C. Wastewater Treatment Operation Bids

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David James on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in the commission room of the Municipal Complex. The invocation was given by Karl Ivey and he also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL BY RECORDER

Roll call was taken by City Recorder Debbie Beadles. Present were D James, R Haskins, W Kane, T Pettigrew, K Dillon, K Ivey, C Martin. There were about fifty-eight citizens present and two media personnel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Haskins moved to approve minutes of meetings from November 4, 9 and 14, 2005 as presented. Commissioner Kane seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

REVIEW OF NOVEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

Commissioner Kane moved to pay November bills as presented. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

REVIEW OF YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET

Ms. Dillon stated the expenditures are within budget.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Haskins moved to approve department reports as presented. Commissioner Kane seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

Dorothy Jackson, 716 Enterprise, inquired about tax relief on property taxes for senior citizens. Ms. Jackson needs to make application at city hall.

Mr. Johnson, 204 Vancil, complained about leaf pickup and charges for pickups. The city has been picking up leaves on a regular schedule, but utility work orders have slowed the schedule. Fees have been charged for larger loads for several years.

John Dunker, 220 Frankie Lane, stated it was his understanding that the city did not qualify to borrow money for a general obligation bond, monies would be put back in reserves and payoff this loan over thirty years at 6% interest. He stated the city could pay back these monies over seven years, but tax rate would have to be increased to about \$3.00. He stated if situation is not corrected, state could come in and set tax rate.

Jimmy Jones, 108 Third Street, questioned if this information has been available, why has it just shown up in the 2004 audit. He asked if there would be enough income to pay operating expenses and loan payment. He stated the city needs to become solvent, cannot keep borrowing monies. He stated city needs to look hard at all options.

Ms. Dillon stated budget includes monies to operate and to pay back the utilities of \$1.8 million and balance of one of the \$600,000 notes and put some monies into the general fund. She stated the seven year plan does not put any reserves into the general fund. She stated it has been very difficult to make decisions to cut personnel, increase utility rates and taxes. She stated commission has tried not to hurt residents.

Major Martin, 115 Mott, stated lots of money has been spent (city had \$12,000,000 and Bell said the building was going to cost \$200,000) and he doesn't know where all the money has gone, that city should keep records. He stated the commission needs to do their job and come together – get nowhere fighting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### ADOPT RESOLUTION #2005-13 (CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION)

Commissioner Kane moved to adopt Resolution #2005-13 (call for special election). Commissioner Haskins seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

##### LEASE AGREEMENT – STORAGE

Ms. Dillon stated Ricky Boyd, owner of Advantage Tractor, requested short-term agreement to store lawn mowers in dry storage for about three months. Ms. Dillon recommends entering into a 90-day agreement with month-by-month extension at cost of \$50 per month in museum area.

Commissioner Kane moved to enter into a short-term lease agreement with Ricky Boyd as recommended by City Manager Dillon. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

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**WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATION BIDS**

Ms. Dillon stated one bid was presented for wastewater treatment operations by Severn Trent Services Inc.

Commissioner Haskins moved to table this item. Commissioner Kane seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING OPTION**

Ms. Dillon stated the commission should explore any and all options to get out of debt as soon as possible. She stated one way is to put the building on the market.

Commissioner Haskins moved to list the building "for sale". Commissioner Kane seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

Charles Thompson, Railroad Museum Board Chairman, questioned if the building was sold would the museum board be reimbursed for the \$5700 they contributed to the municipal building. Ms. Dillon answered yes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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