

SOUTH FULTON CITY COMMISSION
SOUTH FULTON, TENNESSEE
DECEMBER 16, 2004

AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Appointment to Ken-Tenn Airport/2004-05 Allocation
- B. Committee to Research Voting Process
- C. Military Recruiting Office

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Set City Sticker Fee
- B. Approval of 2002-2003 Audit Report
- C. Utility Bill Cycle Explanation
- D. First Reading – Cable Franchise Ordinance
- E. First Reading Ordinance #2004-10 (Basketball Goals)
- F. Festival Committee Appointments
- G. Tax Relief on “Tax Sale” Properties
- H. Bid on Property Located on Skid Row and Wade Street
- I. Cell Phones

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. in the commission room of the municipal complex. Commissioner Moody gave the invocation. Mr. Ivey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL BY RECORDER

Roll call was taken by City Recorder Beadles. Those present were D. James, R. Haskins, W. Kane, C. Moody, T. Pettigrew, K. Dillon, K. Ivey. There were approximately 15 citizens and two media personnel in attendance.

MAYOR’S WELCOME

Mayor James welcomed citizens and reviewed the procedures for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Moody moved to approve minutes as presented of the following meetings – public hearing of October 8, 2002, regular meetings of October 8 and 24, 2002, November 21, 2004, December 19, 2002, special called meetings of October 10 and 30, 2002 and previous meeting of November 18, 2004. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

REVIEW OF NOVEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

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

REVIEW OF YEAR TO DATE BUDGET

Ms. Dillon state the budget is looking good to date, but computer is not spreading expenditures over all funds.

DEPARMTENT REPORTS

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

COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEM

Tommie Sue Ainley, 513 Jolley, asked if there was a law to keep someone from sitting in their driveway and running their vehicle with loud mufflers. Ms. Dillon stated she would speak to the police personnel.

Phil Stone, 205 W. Smith, stated it is not fair for citizens not to have any say on items until after commission votes on agenda items. Ms. Dillon stated ordinances are laws which require two readings and a public hearing is held for public comments before final approval by commission. She stated resolutions have one reading.

Commissioner Haskins stated he agrees with Mr. Stone and would like commission to look at order of agenda.

OBION COUNTY SOLID WASTE

Mike Kerry stated Solid Waste Act was passed in 1991 and a regional board was formed including Lake, Weakley and Obion Counties. Mr. Kerry requests that city approve change from regional board to county board. He stated Obion county commission has voted to change from three county boards to one county board.

Commissioner Kane moved to approve request from Obion County Solid Waste board as requested by Mr. Kerry. Commissioner Haskins seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT TO KEN-TENN AIRPORT/2004-05 ALLOCATION

Ms. Dillon recommended that commission not renew their membership to Ken-Tenn Airport as South Fulton taxpayers support the airport in Obion County.

Commissioner Moody moved to accept recommendation of the city manager not to renew contract with Ken-Tenn Airport. Commissioner Haskins seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH VOTING PROCESS

Ms. Dillon stated former Mayor Kent Greer suggested that commission appoint a committee to research and recommend amendments to current voting wards. The commission as a group concurred to remove this item from the agenda.

MILITARY RECRUITING OFFICE

Commissioner Kane moved to open government recruiting office in the municipal complex. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

SET CITY STICKER FEE

Commissioner Haskins moved to set city sticker fee for 2005 at \$18.00 per vehicle. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. In roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF 2002-03 AUDIT REPORT

Tommy Liggins, John R. Reese, CPA, presented the 2002-03 audit report. Mr. Liggins stated the city has a positive territory of \$11,000,000. in assets as of June 30, 2003. He referred the board to specific areas of the audit and informed them that if they had any specific questions, to contact his office.

Commissioner Haskins moved to accept 2003 audit report as presented. Commissioner Kane seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

UTILITY BILLING CYCLE EXPLANATION

Ms. Dillon stated residents are still confused about utility billing cycle changes. She stated she has included a color chart in packet to show the dates the meters were read, utilities billed and due. She stated no one was billed twice, that one cycle was shorter and had a shorter pay period.

FIRST READING – CABLE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

Ms. Dillon stated the cable franchise ordinance is for ten years (standard) with an option to renew for five additional years. She stated the ordinance requires the cable company to pay 5% of all gross revenues. Ms. Dillon reviewed highlights of the ordinance and changes. Mr. Ivey recommended to the board that they not approve the first reading due to the numerous changes in the ordinance.

Commissioner Moody moved to table the first reading of the cable franchise ordinance. Commissioner Haskins seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE #2004-10 (BASKETBALL GOALS)

Commissioner Moody moved to approve first reading of Ordinance #2004-10 (prohibiting the placement of basketball goals alongside or within public rights-of-way) as amended. (Section II – any violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.00 and/or confiscation of portable or fixed basketball goal equipment). Commissioner Haskins seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Dillon stated commission needs to appoint a commissioner to replace Johnny Bivens on the festival committee. Ms. Dillon stated any citizen could be on the committee, welcome all volunteers.

Commissioner Moody moved to appoint Commissioner Haskins to festival committee. Commissioner Kane seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

Commissioner Moody asked recorder to notify Beatrice Wilcox that she is on the festival committee.

TAX RELIEF ON “TAX SALE” PROPERTIES

Ms. Dillon stated some properties that were turned over to the county after tax sale are currently being looked at for purchase. She stated the county has waived back taxes on these properties. She stated Johnny Lucy has requested the city waive back taxes on following properties – 202 Graham, 105 Church, Hamilton property on Williams St., Pearson & Montague properties on Iron, Klapp properties (concrete company) on E. State Line, 112 McFall, 231 W. Wade, 310 Oak, Rucker property on Oak & E. of RR, Garmon property on Willow, Nicholson property on Taylor, 109 Craig. She stated 2001-2003 taxes due exceed \$1800 (does not include penalties or taxes in Chancery Court).

Commissioner Moody moved to waive all back taxes on the above properties. Commissioner Haskins seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

Commissioner Moody moved to accept bid for demolition of buildings on properties on skid row and Wade Street not to exceed \$6300.00 Commissioner Kane seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

CELL PHONES

Commissioner Kane stated cell phones were removed from department heads. He stated these are necessary tools for police and fire personnel and citizens have been put at risk. He recommended different plan might be more economical. Ms. Dillon stated cell phones were discontinued because of abuse. She stated the bill ran \$350 to \$400 per month. She had discussed usage with department heads, but no one turned in personal usage. Commissioner Kane requested that Ms. Dillon put in memo for department heads that they would be reimbursed

for business usage. Ms. Dillon stated she would do that and would put a copy of memo in weekly communication to commissioners.

REPORT FROM MAYOR

Mayor James had no report.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER

Ms. Dillon stated museum volunteers are in possession of a caboose and railcar and thinks this will be an asset to the community.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

Bill Darby, Civil Air Patrol, stated the airport board has entered into a 10-year plan to upgrade the airport to land jets. Mr. Darby requested the commission appoint a member to the airport board as it is difficult to get a quorum.

Ms. Dillon stated the contract states if one of the three members cancels, the two remaining members would appoint members. She stated the citizens of South Fulton are paying taxes to the airport in Obion County.

David White, Ken-Tenn Highway, urged commission to reconsider their participations in the Ken-Tenn Airport. He stated the board has been issued a million dollar grant for improvements to the airport and they have begun the process of acquiring additional property.

Phil Stone, 205 W. Smith Street, stated the action taken on agenda item "Committee to research voting process" by the commission is what he was talking about earlier. He stated the commission removed this item without citizens voicing their opinions. Mr. Stone requested the commission bring issue up at the next meeting regarding the agenda order. Mayor James instructed Ms. Dillon to put "Agenda order revision" on agenda for next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moody moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Haskins seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.