

Regular Board Meeting, July 2, 2007

The Parsons City Council met for its regular monthly meeting, Monday, July 2, 2007 at 7:00 p .m. at the City meeting room Mayor Tim David Boaz called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Present

Absent

Mark Davis

Harold Fisher

Joseph Fisher

Dwight Lancaster

Dale Reynolds

Joe Don White

David Wilbanks

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to approve as handed out by, Joe Don White. Second by David Wilbanks

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to approve financial statements May 2007 by, Mark Davis, Second by Dale Reynolds Vote: All Ayes.

Presentations: Mayor presented the following employees certificates: Tommy Grice-Grade II Wastewater Collection System Operator, and Ritchie Pratt-Grade II Distribution System Operator.

Community Forum: Michelle Byrd requested that she be allowed to black -top the alley North of Sacred Heart Café & Bakery; located at 278 Tennessee Ave South at no cost to the City of Parsons. This is the alley between her business and the Collector's Shop.

Motion by Mark Davis to grant this request at no cost to the city. Second by Joseph Fisher. Vote: All Ayes

Phil Barrett addressed the council on the Downtown Project. Mayor Boaz stated that we would come back to this after the other business was finished which will allow more time for discussion.

Communications from Mayor:

Old business:

New Business:

Item I: Resolution No: 07-02-2007-1 A Resolution authorization the purchase of natural gas from Tennergy Corporation: Approving the execution and delivery of a natural gas supply agreement and other documents relating to said purchase; Approving certain documents relating to the issuance of bonds by Tennergy Corporation to procure gas supplies and approving certain contracts and agreements relating thereto and relating to the management of gas supply; and consenting to the assignment of certain obligations under the Natural Gas Supply Agreement in connection with the issuance of said Bonds. Motion by Mark Davis to Pass this resolution. Second by Dale Reynolds. Vote: All Ayes

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Item II: First Reading on Ordinance No: 271- An Ordinance to amend the City of Parsons zoning map to zone property located on Camden Road R-1 (Low Density Residential) Motion to past this ordinance on first reading by Dale Reynolds Second by Dwight Lancaster. Vote: Mark Davis –Aye, Harold Fisher-Aye, Joseph Fisher-Aye, Dwight Lancaster-Aye, Dale Reynolds-Aye, Joe Don White-Aye, and David Wilbanks-Aye

Item III: Resolution No: 07-02-2007-2 Entitled A Resolution authorizing the City of Parson to participate in the TML Risk Management Pool “Safety Partners” Loss Control Matching Grant Program. Motion to pass this resolution by Mark Davis. Second by Dale Reynolds. Vote: All Ayes

Item IV: Resolution No: 07-02-2007-3 Entitled Resolution Electing Director to the Board of Directors of Parsons Memorial Garden. Motion to pass this resolution by Harold Fisher. Second by Dwight Lancaster Vote: All Ayes.

Discussion on Downtown Enhancement:

Mayor Boaz turn the discussion over to Council Joe Don White who stated that the purpose of the discussion was to bring everyone up to date on the Downtown Enhancement Project, since the project began in 2002.

Randy McKinnon with TLM & Associates, architects on this project stated that bids would be open July 10th. The City Council will have a chance to look at everything, and they would be the ones who would vote on what will done based on the cost.

Mr. Kinnon also stated that over the past 5 years T-Dot has some rule changes which cause the project to be delayed, prices of materials have also increased. In order to stay in budget and to met T-DOT’S standards, portions of the project have been eliminated that were in the original plans. The plan now includes improvements from 2nd to 6th street, and consists of sidewalks and media with landscaping. Mr. Kinnon added that the bid process allows for flexibility and additional improvements could be done on a unit price basis.

Tom Norris expressed his disapproval in the changes that have been made. He also Stated that the culprit seem to be the median. McKinnon responded that it was not just the median, it was the T-DOT other issues.

McKinnon also stated that since this was done in unit prices that it might be possible change the project to allow going to 9th Street below the Municipal Building.

Phil Barrett, who has business property in this area read a portion of a petition that he stated was signed by 264 people. The only part that was submitted for minutes is the following statement with no names:

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To the Mayor and City Councilmen of Parsons, Tennessee

We the undersigned citizens of Parsons, Decatur County, or the great State of Tennessee support the City of Parsons Downtown Enhancement Project. We do not support a 14 foot median or a median of any width in the center of downtown Tennessee Avenue, State Highway 69; a state highway belonging to all citizens of the great State of Tennessee. We feel this will be a safety hazard, further congest traffic at peak times, hinder emergency vehicles, and hamper senior citizens navigating the busy downtown area. We all due respect we ask the Mayor and City Councilmen of Parsons, Tennessee to approve the Downtown Enhancement Project without a median in the middle of Tennessee Avenue in downtown area.

No votes were taken on this project. Bids will be looked at, and council will decide what will be done on this project at a later time.

Motion to adjourn by Mark Davis Second by Dwight Lancaster Vote: All Ayes

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Judy Daugherty, City Recorder