

Regular Board Meeting, April 6, 2009

The Parsons City Council met for its regular monthly meeting, Monday, April 6, 2009 2009 at 7:00 p .m. at the City meeting room. Mayor Tim David Boaz called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Present

Joseph Fisher
Harold Fisher
Dwight Lancaster
Joe Don White
Dale Reynolds
Bobby Rainey

Absent

Mark Davis

Motion by Dale Reynolds to accept the minutes, and dispense the reading of the minutes from last month's meeting as sent out. Second by Bobby Rainey

Vote: All Ayes

Motion by Joe Don White to approve financial reports for February as handed out.

Second by Dale Reynolds Vote All Ayes

Community Forum:

Danny Haynes, member of the Decatur Chamber, addressed the board regarding a tourism seminar that will be held by Judy Randall of Randall Travel & Tourism of Charlotte, NC.

Randall has held a series of seminars in Perry County, Lewis County and others recently. Randall will discuss ways to boost tourism in the local area. Joe Don White stated that we keep talking in Decatur County about how important tourism is, but there is really not anybody going out and promoting tourism. It would be good for Parsons and Decatur County to be known as a tourist town.

Jason Rushing, U T Martin Parsons Center Director announced an open House would be held April 22, at 10:00 a.m. to introduce the Center to the public. Jason also presented a sample brick from the Brick by Brick fundraiser to the Council members. The bricks can be inscribed honoring or memorializing a loved one and the cost is \$100.00 each. These bricks will be placed at the entrance to the building. Jason stated that the center has raised \$1,394,725.00 of a 2.1 million goal. After several donations from businesses are added, the center should exceed their goal.

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Joe Don White stated that the North UTM Sidewalk Project is on –going.

Mayor Boaz stated that he hoped that Phase II of the downtown enhancement project would be paid for with federal stimulus dollars.

Lee Villaflor, Utility Superintendent, addressed the Council on the Bledsoe Sewer Project. An existing lift station located near Marshalltown Road will be removed and relocated to a site near Glen Rich Drive; around a dozen customers have been contacted in order to secure permanent easements for new lines. The easement will encompass about 10 feet on each side of the sewer line. Customers who have granted easements will be eligible to receive free sewer taps at any time. Other customers along the line will also receive a free tap, but only during the initial construction, Should a customer desire service later they will be required to pay the tap fee access at that time.

Lee stated that more than 30 customers have already agreed to hook up to the new lines, though some potential customers have recently spent money on septic tanks and field lines and did not want to hook up to the sewer at this time since they have already been out quite a bit of money.

Mayor stated that someone was needed on the JECD Board for the City of Parsons Motion to appoint Dwight Lancaster to this board by Dale Reynolds Second by Bobby Rainey. Vote: All Ayes except Dwight who passed

Parsons Decaturville Housing Authority has requested that the City Council appoint Adell Teague as a commissioner of their board for a 5-year term, and to re-appoint Joyce Tinsley for a four-year term. Motion to approve these appointments as recommended of the Housing Authority by Joseph Fisher. Second by Joe Don White. Vote: Ayes

Mayor Boaz announced an auction of surplus property would be held in May He suggested that lots of commercial property be split into three separate lots and auctioned off. Attorney Edwin Townsend, Jr. discussed the proper procedure for disposing of real estate property. He has to look up the way that this has to be done. Motion by Joe Don White to precede with the auction by the proper procedure that Attorney recommends Second by Dale Reynolds. Vote: Joe Don White-Aye, Mark Davis-Absent, and Bobby Rainey –Aye. Dale Reynolds-Aye, Joseph Fisher-Aye, Harold Fisher-Aye and Dwight Lancaster-Aye.

Mayor Boaz stated at the last Council meeting that we has agreed to go with the Cemetery Committee chose on the bids for the trees for the grant.

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A copy of the Parsons Cemetery Minute was handed out that shows that they have chosen Long's Landscape bid on the Urban Forestry Grant for the memorial gardens. He agreed to come in and bring his equipment to help plant the trees. He also guarantees all the trees for a year. Mr. Bob Long also agreed to have supervise the spraying of the trees, and help with other maintenance need on the trees. The trees have planted.

Old Business:

I: Second Reading on Ordinance No. 300 Entitled An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a used wacker rd 11-A – 1 ton ride on Roller 2007 for the City of Parsons' Street Department. Motion by Dwight Lancaster. Second by Dale Reynolds to pass this ordinance on 2nd reading reading. Vote: Mark Davis – Absent, Joseph Fisher-Aye Harold Fisher-Aye, Dwight Lancaster-Aye, Joe Don White-Aye, Dale Reynolds-Aye, Bobby Rainey-Aye

II: Second Reading on Ordinance No. 301 An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a used 2004 XLT Ford Explorer for the City of Parsons' Safety Department. Motion to pass this ordinance on 2nd reading by Dale Reynolds. Second by Joe Don White Vote: Mark Davis, Absent, Joseph Fisher-Aye Harold Fisher-Aye, Dwight Lancaster-Aye, Joe Don White-Aye, Dale Reynolds-Aye, Bobby Rainey-Aye

New Business:

I: First Reading on Ordinance 302-An Ordinance to amend Title 13, Chapter three, Section 13-308 of the Parsons Municipal Code relative to Slum Clearance. Motion to pass this on first reading by Bobby Rainey Second by Joseph Fisher.

II: Resolution No: 04-06-2009-1 Entitled Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Relative to participation in the Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool. No action at this time

Motion to adjourn by Joe Don White Second by Dale Reynolds Vote: All Ayes

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Judy Daugherty, City Recorder