

## **Regular Board Meeting, December 5, 2011**

The Parsons City Council met for its regular monthly meeting, Monday, December 5, 2011 at 6:00 p .m. at the City meeting room. Mayor Tim David Boaz called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Present

Dwight Lancaster

Marty Carrington

Kevin Cagle

Bobby Rainey

Absent

Joseph Fisher

Mark Davis

Danny Mills

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

Vote: All Ayes

Motion by Dwight Lancaster to approve financial reports for October as sent out. Second by Marty Carrington Vote: All Ayes

Community Forum:

Bill Goodman brother of Ms. Annie Haggard, came before Board, and stated that she had problems with sewer when it rained at her rent house. Mayor asked if he had talked to Lee Villaflor, Utility Supervisor. Mr. Goodman stated that he talked to someone, but did not know who he was.

Mayor stated that Lee takes care of this type of situation. We need him here, because he would know about the issue. Is this in reference to the sewer back up at the house on Bible Hill Road below the creek? They stated that it was. Mayor stated that we have had back up at the Cardinal Software office at Tennessee Ave South during the heavy rain, and the City got Jackson Energy Association to come down and clean the sewer lines on Bible Hill and discovered that someone had filled the manhole with rock. When they fixed the bridge at Bible Hill that they found some lines messed up, and fixed that.

Mayor stated that these low line houses would be having trouble during heavy rains, and will have, until we get a sewer rehab grant to fix some of the lines. We have tried four years to get one, and have not been successful as of yet. City Recorder will contact Ms. Annie in the morning, and get her with Lee Villaflor to show him where the water is getting in the sewer lines.

Mayor Boaz then asked Branson Townsend to give an update on the new Civil War Exhibit in the Community Room. Mr. Townsend stated that the official public opening was on November 30, 2011 with several visitors. The Tennessee State Museum offers these traveling exhibits regularly. This is the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War and this is the official Tennessee Sesquicentennial commemoration exhibit organized by the state museum. We have our own exhibit, but it is focused on the local community. This exhibit is focused on the State. It stays another couple of months, and moves to another location. It started in East Tennessee, and we are the second museum to get it, and from here it will go to Covington near Memphis. It is a huge compliment to have the exhibit here in Decatur County, and

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we look forward to promoting it some more,. Hopefully we will have more people to come by and see it. There is a fee of two dollars to tour this exhibit along with our own exhibits to help with costs, and we have raised monies thru our friends of the Museum at our pre-opening ceremonies. We had a "reading" of local Civil War letters directed by Shane Bridges and featuring the Rivertime Players along with City employees. Museum friend, Jim Burke, dressed as Johnny Reb, also presented a talk on Civil War soldier life. We had a good fund raiser. There is another civil war exhibit the state has promised which will be coming next September. It is more about the Calvary, "Hoof beats in the Heartland". We also are hopeful that we will get a Smithsonian Exhibit from National Smithsonian Traveling Museum during our Centennial in 2013.

Shane Bridges, Digital Factory Director, stated that we have just finished with a class that started with ten applicants and ended with six due to not qualifying because of required credit checks.. The six have been doing well with "Live Ops." and are currently going thru credit and background checks. We hope to start a new class after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. We are getting one or two applications a week. We need to spread the word.

Presentations: none

Communications from Mayor:

### **New Business:**

**I: First Reading on Ordinance No: 233 An Ordinance to amend the City of City of Parsons Zoning map to zone several properties bordered by Holley Street to the North, South Georgia Avenue to the East, Kentucky Avenue to the South, and Price Street to the West from R-2 (Medium-Density Residential) to R-1 (Low Density Residential). Motion to pass this ordinance on first Reading by Dwight Lancaster. Second by Bobby Rainey**

**Vote: Marty Carrington-Aye  
Dwight Lancaster- Aye  
Bobby Rainey—Aye  
Kevin Cagle- Aye  
Mark Davis-Absent and not voting  
Danny Mills-Absent and not voting  
Joseph Fisher-Absent and not voting**

**II: First Reading on Ordinance No: 234 An Ordinance to amend the City of Parsons Zoning map to reclassify property located at 91 and 99 East Second Street from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to B-1 (General Business District) Motion to past this ordinance on first reading by Kevin Cagle. Second by Marty Carrington.**

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**Vote: Marty Carrington-Aye  
Dwight Lancaster- Aye  
Bobby Rainey—Aye  
Kevin Cagle- Aye  
Mark Davis-Absent and not voting  
Danny Mills-Absent and not voting  
Joseph Fisher-Absent and not voting**

**III: Resolution No 12-05-2011-01 adopting the REDI Legislative Agenda  
Resolution. A Resolution of support by the City of Parsons City Council for the  
Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Legislative Agenda.  
Motion to past this resolution by Dwight Lancaster Second by Kevin Cagle.  
Vote: All Ayes**

Mayor stated that the State Planning Office had been done away with, and that Southwest Development has taken over this job. They have applied for a grant to help pay for the services this year. So we pay the same as we did last year. This will presented to the elected State Representatives at a Legislative Event in West Tennessee along with a request to support this region's plan of work.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Cagle Second by Marty Carrington Vote: All Ayes.

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Tim David Boaz, Mayor

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Judy Daugherty, City Recorder