

Regular Board Meeting
July 6, 2015

The Parsons City Council met for its regular monthly meeting, Monday, July 6, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the city council meeting room. Mayor Tim David Boaz called the meeting to order.

Roll Called:

Present	Absent
Joseph Fisher	Mark Davis
Marty Carrington	
Kevin Cagle	
Joe Don White	
Bobby Rainey	
Dwight Lancaster	

Mayor Boaz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Motion to approve the regular minutes of June 2015, as sent out by Joseph Fisher Second by Kevin Cagle Vote: All Ayes

Motion to approve the financial statement for May 2015, by Marty Carrington Second by Kevin Cagle Vote: All Ayes

Community Forum-

The City of Parsons received a notice that every four years the City Board needs to decide where to do a resolution to exempt the city from applicability of statewide building construction safety standards in one-family and two family dwellings within the City's jurisdiction.

Tim Planer, a residential building inspection supervisor with the State of Tennessee, told the council members that the city had three options:

1. Opt out with no building codes
2. Exempt with city's own building inspector
3. Partner with the state for residential building coded through the state fire marshal's office. The state would then require three inspections, foundation, framing, and final.

If the city wishes to be exempt, then the council members must adopt a resolution.

Several questions were asked:

1. Where would the permits be purchased, and at what cost?
Permits would be purchased from the city.
Cost is on a scale according to the cost of the house, such as a \$125,000 house permit would be \$450.00 (Construction cost should not go up because a building contractor is bidding to them cost)
2. What restrictions with contractors have, and what would they think about it? Local contractors would have a license or homeowners can purchase a permit themselves and they could hire whoever they wanted. The owners then take on the liability.
3. Is it more restrictive or is it like an electrical inspection? It's a state code, have to confirm to the 2009 Southern Building guidelines, some have gone to the 2012, but it is similar to an electrical inspection Most good contractors have no trouble with building codes.

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Mayor Tim David Boaz stated “ We just need to get this throughly aired out and put off until next month before we vote on it”. “ Talk to contractors and people around and come back for a vote.”

Communications from the Mayor:

The Founder's Day Banquet and Wall of Achievement held recently turned out great we had good food, and fellowship.

Reports from committees, councilmen, and other officers

New Business:

I: To approve if Council so desires to authorize the Mayor to take bids for a 2015 or 2016 Chevy Tahoe PPV 4x4 vehicle with a 5.3 /Eco Tec V8 engine fitted with compressed natural gas hookups, and a 11 gallon undercarriage compressed natural gas cylinder for the Police Department. Tahoe is the only vehicle which has CNG capacity at the present time. Motion to authorize the Mayor to take bids on this vehicle by Kevin Cagle. Second by Joseph Fisher. Vote: All Ayes

II: Resolution 07-06-2015-01 A Resolution declaring surplus equipment. This surplus equipment is LESO surplus. A list is attached to minutes. Motion by Joe Don White Second by Marty Carrington to pass this resolution. Vote: All Ayes

Old Business:

I: Second Reading on Ordinance No: 366 -An Ordinance of the City of Parsons Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal year July 1, 2015 ,through June 30, 2016 and Establishing the property Tax Rate for 2016 fiscal year. Proposed Budget includes that the tax rate stays at 0.97 cents same as last year.

Motion by Dwight Lancaster to pass this ordinance on second reading. Second by Marty Carrington.

Vote:

Joseph Fisher ---- Aye

Marty Carrington--Aye

Kevin Cagle --- – Aye

Joe Don White-- - Aye

Bobby Rainey--- Aye

Dwight Lancaster- Aye

Mark Davis-absent and not voting

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II: Second Reading on Ordinance No: 367 -Entitled An Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Commercial Real Estate to Philip R. Barrett. (the old East Side Property on East Second Street)

Motion to pass this ordinance on second reading by Kevin Cagle Second by Joseph Fisher

Vote:

Joseph Fisher ---- Aye

Marty Carrington--Aye

Kevin Cagle --- – Aye

Joe Don White-- - Aye

Bobby Rainey--- Aye

Dwight Lancaster- Aye

Mark Davis-absent and not voting

Parsons Police Chief Dale King requested permission to donate a 20' metal connex to Parsons Elementary School to be used as a storage unit. This unit is from the LESO surplus items.

Motion to give permission to donate the storage unit by Dwight Lancaster Second by Marty Carrington.

Vote: All Ayes.

Charles Taylor, Director of the Decatur County Chamber, acknowledged the success of the Founder's Day Banquet, and also noted the success of “The Big Squeeze” sponsored by the News Leader .The event consisted of a series of lemonade stands around the county which raised money for local veterans.

“ The Big Squeeze got local businesses involved stated Taylor. “It showed camaraderie and competition. Although it was not the city or the chamber, it was a good community function and hope it will be bigger next year.”

Motion to adjourn by Joe Don White Second by Dwight Lancaster. Vote:All Ayes

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Judy Daugherty, City Recorder