

## Regular Board Meeting, September 8, 2008

The Parsons City Council met for its regular monthly meeting, Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p .m. at the City meeting room. Mayor Tim David Boaz called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

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| Present          | Absent |
| Harold Fisher    | none   |
| Dwight Lancaster |        |
| Joe Don White    |        |
| Mark Davis       |        |
| Joseph Fisher    |        |
| Dale Reynolds    |        |
| Bobby Rainey     |        |

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 Mark Davis

Vote: All Ayes

Financial statements were not available for July. Auditor has finished the audit, and adjusting entries will be made, and financials will be handed out before next meeting.

Mr. John Poole, auditor, came before the council, and handed out a draft copy of the audit if anyone needed one. He stated that he had been in the Budget Committee going over the funds in detail with the budget committee. The main priority is that the accounting be done in the manner that the State requires and protects the city's assets. In all testing that we did, all showed that the city employees are meeting all the procedures and policies that are required.

The City showed a small profit in water and sewer, and in gas a slightly higher profit. Gas prices are going up, and we ask that this be monitored so that city does not lose money. The City did a good job last year. We did go over on the drug fund, and Mr. Poole asked that we do a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,000.00 to correct this. Drug funds are hard to budget because you do not know what will happen. This was not a sufficient amount. The sanitation fund needs a amendment in the amount of \$11,000.00. This is due to higher gas, oil, and equipment maintenance prices. Mr. Poole stated that his phone number is on the audit, and that if there are any questions that he could be called anytime, and that he appreciates working with the city.

### Community Forum:

**Jason Rushing, Director of UT Martin Parsons Center came before the board to give the status report. The general status: We are offering 38 classes this seminar. Two hundred twenty-one students attending this fall. Our credit hours are at 1600. This is over our goals. This proves the UT Martin Center-Parsons is justified. Completion of the building such be in December 2008. Class should be started in January 2009. Funding raising is an on-going, and is going very well.**

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**Mayor of Haywood County, and Mr. Will Quinn came before council. Will Quinn, stated that the Southwest Tenn Community Development Corp. was formed about four years ago.**

**We have recently received a grant to bill houses. The two counties that were chosen was Decatur County, and Chester County to build houses for the Easter Seals. The amount of the grant is \$448,172.00. This grant is to help us find land to bill duplexes on. We would like to propose that the City of Parsons sell us land on East Eight Street at \$4500.00. Southwest will remain owners of the property. Easter Seals will find tenants. These tenants will be special needs people. Easter Seals focus on developmental challenge people. They group people together to help each other. This gives them some freedom.**

**This would be people who could function on their own, but they would have Easter Seals people to help them. These duplexes will house four people, and there would be a staff person. Southwest will maintain everything.**

**They are totally non-profit organization. Funds would come from rent paid to Easter Seals. No action taken at this time.**

### **Old Business:**

**I: Second Reading on Ordinance No: 292 An ordinance to amend ordinance Parsons Zoning Map to zone property located on Georgia Avenue North B-1 as recommended by the Parsons Regional Planning Commission. Motion by Joseph Fisher Second by Mark Davis Vote: Harold Fisher-Aye, Joseph Fisher-Aye, Dwight Lancaster-Aye, Mark Davis-Aye, Dale Reynolds-Aye, Bobby Rainey-Aye, and Joe Don White-Aye.**

**II: Second Reading on Ordinance 291 An ordinance of the City of Parsons Appropriating funds for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and establishing the property tax rate for 2009 fiscal year. Motion Dwight Lancaster Second by Harold Fisher. Vote: Harold Fisher-Aye, Joseph Fisher-Aye, Dwight Lancaster-Aye, Mark Davis-Aye, Dale Reynolds Aye, Bobby Rainey-Aye, and Joe Don White-Aye.**

**III: Second Reading on Ordinance No: 293 Entitled An ordinance authorizing grant funding for Decatur County TEA-21 project grant for sidewalks from Tennessee Street to UT Martin Parsons Center and related matters. Motion by Mark Davis Second by Joe Don White. Vote: Mark Davis-Aye, Joe Don White-Aye, Joseph Fisher-Aye, Harold Fisher-Aye, Dwight Lancaster-Aye Dale Reynolds, and Bobby Rainey-Aye.**

**Aye. (This will also depend on what the county passes in their meeting since this is a county grant)**

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**New Business:**

**I: Ordinance No\_294\_\_\_\_\_An ordinance of the City of Parsons amending Ordinance 272 adopting a budget for the fiscal year July 1,2007 through June 30, 2008.**

**Motion to approve this ordinance on first reading by Mark Davis Second by Dale Reynolds.**

**Vote: Harold Fisher-Aye, Joseph Fisher-Aye, Dwight Lancaster-Aye, Mark Davis-Aye, Dale Reynolds- Aye, Bobby Rainey-Aye, and Joe Don White-Aye.**

Motion to adjourn by Joe Don White Second Mark Davis Vote: Joe Don White-Aye, Joseph Fisher-Aye, Mark Davis-Aye, Dwight Lancaster-Aye, Bobby Rainey- Aye, Harold Fisher-Aye, Joseph Fisher-Aye

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Tim David Boaz, Mayor

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Judy Daugherty