

Regular Board Meeting, December 8, 2008

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

Roll Call:

Present

Harold Fisher
Dwight Lancaster
Joe Don White
Dale Reynolds
Bobby Rainey

Absent

Mark Davis
Joseph Fisher

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to approve as handed out by Dale Reynolds Second by Joe Don White
Vote: All Ayes

Motion to approve financial statements for October as given out by Joe Don White, Second by Bobby Rainey. Vote: All Ayes

Community Forum:

Communications from Mayor:

Mayor Boaz gave information out concerning heating assistance from Southwest Human Resources Agency. The Parsons Natural Gas System has received \$20,000.00 from this agency to be put on gas bills for our customers who have signed up for our customers. The Decatur County Shepherd's Fund has also had funds to help. Department of Welfare with Families First will help with these utilities. This is the time of the year that disabled homeowners and the elderly can come by and pick-up information concerning tax relief help.

Reports from Committees: Joe Don White stated that Keith Conder had come to him a couple of times concerning the road going to his house. Mayor stated that the first time he was aware was when a neighbor came to him to get the road fixed. This neighbor was outside of the City limits. It was discovered that this property is not in the City limits of Parsons and is on private property and considered a private driveway according to the County Highway Department. The Mayor stated that it was possible that this road and the adjoining property could be annexated into the City limits, but it was his understanding that Mr. Conder's neighbors did not want to be annexated. This road is on private property, which prevents the city from doing any repair to it. Attorney Ed Townsend stated if property is not in the City the council could not accept a deed to this road. He also stated that it could be deeded to the County, but he did not think that they were accepting any new roads due to budget funds. It was decided that Mr. Conder could come to the Parsons Regional Planning Commission. Attorney Townsend stated that City could not up-keep a private drive. It makes it easier if the adjoining landowners would be annexed into the City.

Mayor stated that he understood that it was considered a misappropriation of funds to go onto private property and do this kind of work.

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Old Business:

I: Second Reading on Ordinance No: 296: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Parsons to enter into an agreement with the University of Tennessee. Motion by Dwight Lancaster to pass this ordinance on second reading. Second by Dale Reynolds. (It was noted that a few things had been changed from the 1st reading due to the legal terms used, but basically everything else was the same -board has a new copy in their packets.)

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

II: First Reading on Ordinance No: 297 - An Ordinance authorizing conveyance of real property to Southwest Tennessee Community Development Corporation. Motion to pass this ordinance on first reading by Dale Reynolds for the price of \$4,500.00 since this was the price first mentioned when this property was talked about. Second by Harold Fisher.

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

(Mayor of Haywood County Franklin Smith was at the board representing Southwest)

New Business:

I: First reading on Ordinance No: 298- An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a used 2006 Chevrolet Colorado Truck for the City of Parsons' Gas Department. Motion by Dale Reynolds to pass this ordinance on first reading. Second by Dwight Lancaster.

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

Motion to adjourn by Harold Fisher. Second by Dwight Lancaster. All Ayes

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Judy Daugherty, City Recorder