

## **Regular Board Meeting, August 1, 2011**

The Parsons City Council met for its regular monthly meeting, Monday, August 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the City meeting room. Mayor Tim David Boaz called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Present

Bobby Rainey

Dwight Lancaster

Mark Davis

Marty Carrington

Danny Mills

Kevin Cagle

Absent

Joseph Fisher

Motion by Kevin Cagle to accept the minutes, and dispense the reading of the minutes from last month's meetings as sent out. Second by Mark Davis

Vote: All Ayes

Motion by Mark Davis to approve financial reports for June as sent out. Second by Danny Mills Vote: All Ayes

Community Forum: none

Presentations: none

Communications from Mayor: We have had a busy day today. We have been meeting at UT Martin with the board out there. Branson Townsend, Special Project Co-Coordinator has been working on the Heritage Part of the Peavine Festival coming up September 30<sup>th</sup> and Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

Branson Townsend gave a few more details on Heritage Festival. On October 1<sup>st</sup> the agenda is building. We do have some interesting speakers coming. They will be at the exhibits Museum and Lobby We have Dr. Lonnie Maness, retired history teacher at UT. Martin,

He is going to be talking about Nathan Bedford Forest. He wrote two books on Forrest's movements in West Tennessee during the Civil War. Phillips Jones, teaches a history class here at UT Martin. He will be here with some of his students who are doing research on some of the soldiers and their families around here during the Civil War. We also have a direct descendant of Private Sam Watkins who was a member of the Tennessee Third Calvary. Many of the soldiers in Decatur fought in the same battles the he was in. He wrote a book call "Company "Aytch" about 20 years after the Civil War. His great- great -granddaughter has up-dated that book, and she is going to be here to do a book signing, and talk about some of the things he has said. We are also going to have a dedication of the Civil Wars Marker Trails Marker beside the parking lot next to the new Memorial Park that will be officially dedicated. Retired Adjutant General Dan Woods along with the Mayor will lead this Park dedication. The Parkers Cross Road Association will be here to do a living history demonstration. We have a lot of things planned for Saturday, October 1 both inside and outside the Municipal Building. A General Grant re-enactor will be here to participate in a panel discussion with the other speakers. We have some exiting events planned. The theme is "Divided Loyalties".

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Mayor stated I think it will be unique because we are taking a different spin. Ours is going to talk about our families traced back to the Civil War, and how the war affected our area.

Branson stated it will be about the families in Decatur County, whether they fought for the North or the South.

Charles Taylor, Decatur County Chamber, stated that he picked upon the city's web, and that he had sent it to all the chamber members. He stated that he is available to help.

Danny Haynes talked about Faith and Family Night which will be Friday , September 16<sup>th</sup>. He has contacted 4 or 5 churches to furnish the music. This event will benefit the Lions Club.

Dale King stated that Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> that groups have been selected to perform. West Second Street will be closed down for this event. There will also be craft and food vendors available. Starts about 10:00 a.m. and will go until 10:00 p.m..

Reports from committees, councilmen, and other officers:

Danny Mills stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee met this afternoon. Teresa Taylor, Chairman caught us up to date on applying for the Recreation Grant early spring. We are also working on and Ordinance to enter into an inter-local agreement for Parks and Recreation Services with Decatur County.

### **New Business:**

- I: First Reading on Ordinance 331 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Parsons to sign contract with the SWTDD for local Planning Services.  
Decatur County. Motion by Dwight Lancaster. Second by Marty Carrington  
Bobby Rainey -Aye  
Dwight Lancaster -Aye  
Mark Davis -Aye  
Marty Carrington -Aye  
Danny Mills-Aye  
Kevin Cagle-Aye  
Joseph Fisher-Absent and Not Voting  
State has cut out the Planning and Zoning Services, and the Southwest Development District will be offering this services to cities. They will be applying for a grant to help with the funding of this, which will mean that it will cost us the same as last year.

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### **Old Business:**

II: Second Reading on Ordinance 330 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Parsons to enter into an inter-local agreement for Parks and Recreation Services with Decatur County. Motion to past this ordinance on second reading by Danny Mills. Second by Kevin Cagle Vote:

Bobby Rainey -Aye

Dwight Lancaster -Aye

Mark Davis -Aye

Marty Carrington -Aye

Danny Mills-Aye

Kevin Cagle-Aye

Joseph Fisher-Aye

Motion to adjourn by Mark Davis Second by Danny Mills Vote: All Ayes.

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Tim David Boaz, Mayor

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Judy Daugherty, City Recorder