

Special Called Board Meeting, January 9, 2012

The Parsons City Council met in a Special Called meeting, Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6:00 p .m. at the city council meeting room. Mayor Tim David Boaz called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Present

Absent

Dwight Lancaster

Marty Carrington

Kevin Cagle

Bobby Rainey

Joseph Fisher

Mark Davis

Danny Mills

Mayor Boaz requested a moment of silence for Charlie Conger, (husband of Wanda Conger, who is the Chairman of the Library Board) Wayne Odle (Decatur Co Commissioner & former Decatur Co Executive), and Jim Schippers (the City's Museum Consultant) who have passed away within this month.

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 Danny Mills

Vote: All Ayes

Motion by Mark Davis to approve the financial reports for November as sent out. Second by Marty Carrington Vote: All Ayes

Community Forum:

Presentations: Mayor Tim David Boaz presented councilman Marty Carrington with a certificate from the University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service in cooperation with Tennessee Municipal League certifying that he has completed Level II of the Elected Officials Academy.

Travis McCormick and Lee Villaflor were recognized as satisfactorily fulfilling the requirements set forth by the Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Board, entitled to recognition as Grade II Water and Wastewater Collection System Operators.

Communications from Mayor:

The City of Parsons was recently approved for a CDGB housing grant from the state and we are expected to meet with the Southwest District (SWTDD) on Jan. 24, to begin planning the project. Mayor informed the city council that the grant would be used to demolish or improve about 20 houses on Third Street west of Parsons Elementary School.

Mayor Boaz stated that the issue of a traffic signal on Fourth Street and Tennessee Ave. S. has been discussed at length, but a budget has now been put together. Cost estimates prepared by TLM Associates were presented to council members on two types of signals.

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The only difference in the two quotes was the type of mast arm poles used. Alternate A included standard mast arm poles and the estimated cost was \$183,651.50. Alternate B included decorative mast arm poles and the estimated cost was \$192,451.50. No action taken

Dale King came before the council concerning animal control. He has talked to Donna Anderson Cagle with the Animal Care Clinic of Parsons located at 69 Central Lane, Parsons, Tenn. 38363 She has agreed to house the animals for a fee of nine dollars a day. These animals will have to be treated with flea medication. We will make every attempt to find the owner of these dogs. Dogs will be caught in traps, and not tranquilized. Owners will be charged a fee for housing along with a fine. Babe Larson and others from the Humane Members will help us make every effort to find homes for these animals. More information will be given out later. Council will approve a fee schedule at the next meeting. Dale said he would like to notify the residents either in the local newspaper, and maybe also by radio about the leash law ordinance before going out and catching the animals. He stated he would like to give everyone a chance to get in compliance with the City's Ordinance.

New I -Pads for the Police Department were purchased thru a \$5, 000 Highway Safety Grant. Mr. King said they are great, and run off Wi- Fi. We use our apps on our I-pads so we can look at the City Park by punching a button, since the city has just installed cameras at the park to help make this possible. We can pull up other information also. If businesses have cameras set up in their business and have Wi-Fi, we can put their code in and check inside the building if we were to get a fire alarm, and not have to take an axe to the door. If we get a burglary alarm we could also check to see if anyone is inside. We are able to do our reports on these, and print them; also we can send information to each officer. It could be used in schools, hospitals, and etc.

Old Business:

I: Second 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 second Reading by Kevin Cagle. Second by Joseph Fisher

Vote: Marty Carrington-Aye

Dwight Lancaster- Aye

Bobby Rainey—Aye

Kevin Cagle- Aye

Mark Davis-Aye

Danny Mills-Aye

Joseph Fisher-Aye

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II: Second 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 second reading by Mark Davis. Second by Kevin Cagle.

**Vote: Marty Carrington-Aye
Dwight Lancaster- Aye
Bobby Rainey—Aye
Kevin Cagle- Aye
Mark Davis-Aye
Danny Mills-Aye
Joseph Fisher-Aye**

Mayor Boaz turned the meeting over to Dennis Henderson of TLM Associates to explain a gas distribution problem that the city is having when it tries to supply Dement asphalt plant located at the north city limits. Previously they had only used gas to pre-heat their oil, but when they needed to operate the entire plant, the system was unable to supply enough gas. Mr. Henderson stated it is a distribution problem. What we have found is the distribution system within the town is not capable at this point to supply enough gas for them to utilize the whole plant off natural gas. Mayor Boaz added that it's not just the asphalt plant, but eventually will be everything out north. With this in mind, Mayor Boaz asked TLM to conduct a study to analyze the existing system and its capabilities and determine what the system needs in order to furnish gas for this asphalt Plant. Henderson and gas consultant Robert Stegall explained the findings of their initial study but informed the council a full study would take about 30 days at a cost between \$10,000.00 - \$15,000.00. No action taken at this time.

Motion to adjourn by Danny Mills, Second by Kevin Cagle Vote: All Ayes.

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Judy Daugherty, City Recorder