

Regular Board Meeting September 10, 2012

The Parsons City Council met for its regular meeting, Monday, September 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the city council meeting room. Mayor Boaz called the meeting to order. Roll Called:

Present	Absent
Joseph Fisher	Kevin Cagle
Mark Davis	
Dwight Lancaster	
Danny Mills	
Bobby Rainey	
Marty Carrington	

Motion by Mark Davis to accept the minutes and dispense with the reading of them from last month's meeting as sent out. Second by Joseph Fisher. Vote: All Ayes

Motion by Mark Davis to approve the financial reports for June 2012 as sent out. Second by Marty Carrington. Vote: All Ayes

Community Forum:

Curtis Wallace addressed the Mayor and City Council over his concerns with Decatur County Commissioners purchase of the Old Thermo Dynamics building and land during their last month's meeting and the rumors going around that it would be a waste collection site. Katie Cottrell, wife of Charles Cottrell addressed her concerns also. Mr. Wallace stated that he had heard that a waste collection would be put over there. In his opinion, "they will destroy a piece of property that a man gave his whole life for. Jackson has a problem with rats and we'll have rats. We can't afford a rat proof fence. That's one of my main complaints. I respect the county's decision, but why would you come to Parsons and put a business here and they could go to the fairgrounds and by 20 acres there and build a building." Mayor Tim David Boaz responded that the city has received plenty of calls over that issue. "But Parsons has no information," related Mayor Boaz. "The county has not communicated any plans and has kept us in the dark. Tom Skehan, a regional planner for the City of Parsons, from the Southwest Tennessee Development District, addressed the council and explained to the council members and the mayor that the city can't do anything. "The County can do anything they want to. Any government authority can go in and put in anything, and they don't have to adhere to zoning laws." A Councilman asked if there is anything the city could do, and Mr. Skehan said they could have input, according to Tennessee Code Annotated 13-4-104. "A government authority has to go to the planning commission to let them know what's going on, but they don't have to listen. The planning commission can raise issues and public concerns and see how the county reacts to that." During the discussion it was noted that the City of Parsons donated the property to Thermo Dynamics many years ago and then Manitowoc Refrigeration Group ended up with all the property. Katie Cottrell told the council that, "we came here before to stop the garbage mess like before and now it's full circle and here it is again. The county didn't have any money and now they've got all this money since this guy came in."

Richard Sanders, eighth district County Commissioner, addressed the city council stating, "I want to go on record. Michael Smith called me up and told me he wanted me to vote yes on this,

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and he told me two times and promised two times him and Robert Haynes both that no garbage and no recycling would be on that spot. I told them if they try to do this thing, I don't cuss, hell would be stirred up! They said they would try to get businesses there and a back corner would be used for repairs for solid waste. Me and a lot of commissioners do not want no recycling over there!" "I told them to prove to me that more good reasons than bad and they promised me there would be none there and I'll do whatever I can to hold them to their promise, its' more pros than cons." "As a committee of one, will you bring this up." requested Wallace. "The county commission and the mayor owe it to our mayor to come and talk with him. I though we had killed this issue." "Let me tell you, let me assure you Curtis and Katie, we will do everything to stop the depreciation of your property," Mayor Boaz promised. "We just need communication. We'll keep you posted on anything we find out. We are in your corner."

Communication from the Mayor

Mayor Boaz brought everyone up to date on the Design Review Board. In a previous meeting, the city had a first reading on an ordinance-- Adoption of Design Review Guidelines, but after several concerns were aired, the board decide to review the contents. "We want to review the policy manual to make sure nothing gets out that we can't live with," disclosed Mayor Boaz. "We've turned it over to the Chamber, and they are formulating the committee and will bring it back to the zoning board."

New Business

I: Resolution 09-10-2012-01 A Resolution Authorizing the filing of a 2011 CBG-Home Policies and Procedures Document. Motion to approve this Resolution by Danny Mills Second by Marty Carrington.

Joseph Fisher---Aye

Mark Davis-----Aye

Kevin Cagle---Absent and not voting

Dwight Lancaster--Aye

Danny Mills -----Aye

Bobby Rainey-----Aye

Marty Carrington---Aye

This Resolution will assist local government in meeting community development housing needs in the target area, and is required to be passed in order to proceed with the Home Grant.

II: First Reading on Ordinance No 241- An Ordinance to amend Title 19 Section 19-202 of the Parsons Municipal code relative to deposits that are required for gas service. Discussion to approve on first reading if Council desires. Motion to pass this Ordinance on first reading by Mark Davis. Second by Bobby Rainey.

Vote:

Joseph Fisher---Aye

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Mark Davis-----Aye
Kevin Cagle----Absent and not voting
Dwight Lancaster--Aye
Danny Mills -----Aye
Bobby Rainey-----Aye
Marty Carrington---Aye

III: First Reading on Ordinance No: 242 -An Ordinance to amend title 18 Section 18-106 of the Parsons Municipal Code relative to deposits that are required for water service. Discussion to approve on first reading if Council desires. Motion to pass on first reading by Mark Davis Second by Bobby Rainey.

Vote:

Joseph Fisher---Aye
Mark Davis-----Aye
Kevin Cagle----Absent and not voting
Dwight Lancaster--Aye
Danny Mills -----Aye
Bobby Rainey-----Aye
Marty Carrington---Aye

IV: First Reading on Ordinance No. 243 -An Ordinance to amend title 18 Section 18-203 of the Parsons Municipal code relative to deposits that are required for sewer service. Discussion to approve on first reading if Council desires. Motion by Mark Davis to pass this Ordinance on first reading. Second by Joseph Fisher

Vote:

Joseph Fisher---Aye
Mark Davis-----Aye
Kevin Cagle----Absent and not voting
Dwight Lancaster--Aye
Danny Mills -----Aye
Bobby Rainey-----Aye
Marty Carrington---Aye

“We’re receiving a lot of non-payments on utilities and we need to address this problem”, mayor Boaz explained. “The city gets a connection fee, but we don’t get a deposit. We get into problems with non-owners residential and business occupants. By the time we read the meter, send the bill, three months have expired and the occupants may be gone. The people who are paying their bills are having to pay higher bills, because of the ones who are stealing.” The new fees for water, gas, and sewer will be the original connection fee plus the deposit.

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V: Resolution No. 09-10-2012-2 Entitled: A Resolution Regarding Maintenance of Gunn Garden Place (Maintenance of an all-weather street to Gunn Garden Place from Tomlin Chapel Road)

Motion to approve this Resolution by Mark Davis Second by Joseph Fisher.

Vote:

Joseph Fisher---Aye

Mark Davis-----Aye

Kevin Cagle----Absent and not voting

Dwight Lancaster--Aye

Danny Mills -----Aye

Bobby Rainey-----Aye

Marty Carrington---Aye

This was initially passed October 1, 1979 and adopted in January 29, 1981. Due to the fact that no one was using this street, it has not been properly maintained by the city and has washed out in areas. Since the new gas pipeline easement will be going by the street, the city voted that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Parsons to properly maintain the street from Tomlin's Chapel Road.

Old Business:

I: Second Reading on Ordinance No: 240 An Ordinance to increase the Speed Limit on SR-20 (East Main Street) from the eastern City Limits to a Point 50 Feet East of North Eastwood Drive

Motion to pass this ordinance on second reading by Joseph Fisher

Second by Mary Carrington. (increase from 30 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour)

Vote:

Joseph Fisher---Aye

Mark Davis-----Aye

Kevin Cagle----Absent and not voting

Dwight Lancaster--Aye

Danny Mills -----Aye

Bobby Rainey-----Aye

Marty Carrington---Aye

Motion to adjourn by Joseph Fisher. Second by Mark Davis. Vote: All Ayes.

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Judy Daugherty, City Recorder