### **Regular Board Meeting November 5, 2012**

The Parsons City Council met for its regular meeting, Monday, November 5, 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 Mark Davis Dwight Lancaster Danny Mills Bobby Rainey Marty Carrington Kevin Cagle

Motion by Kevin Cagle 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 September 2012 as sent out. Second by Marty Carrington Vote: All Ayes

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# Community Forum: N/A Report from Committees: .

#### **Communication from the Mayor:**

Mayor Boaz told council members that we have just received recommendations from the chamber's appointed Design Review committee concerning proposed guidelines to amend the municipal zoning ordinance.. Chamber members Jon Graves, Will Quinn, Ann Spence McGee, Joe Don White, and Charles Taylor presented comments on the areas of concern. The city planner will review them and come back with recommendations on any changes. The Council members need to do the same. The zoning board will meet and discuss possible changes. This will take us a little time to get it like everyone wants it before the second reading.

Council members were told that Bob Richards, Greenways and Trails Program Coordinator with the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Recreational Educational Services presented the Benchmark, Tier 1 certificate to the City of Parsons. Teresa Taylor, Wayne Lyles, Mayor Boaz, and Branson Townsend were presented with the award. This benchmark places Parsons in the top 10% of all the communities in the state of Tennessee.

John Poole, a certified CPA and auditor for the City of Parsons explained that the state has started to look and review what has been budgeted for expenditures and what the city actually spent. The state required audit looked at procedures the town has in place and how it handles the money received. The state wants to make sure the money the city is supposed to get is collected, explained Mr. Poole. "The town has done a good job. On the expenses side, we really, really looked at expenditures and examined it closely. We make sure the money being spent is for town purposes. I found nothing that showed concerns to auditors. Nothing to report was found. In the town's money, such as utilities, the state regulations have increased and the town must show a profit every two years. In the water, the city has a \$515,000 surplus, but \$366,000 is from grants and that will not be repeated. The gas showed a surplus. We've met the thresholds

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in utilities and will not have to worry about the state. In looking in the monies that you took in and how it was spent, it's very favorable. The general funds showed a surplus. The city had a very good year, not a great year, but in this economy, not a bad year at all."

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

I: Second Reading on Ordinance No.244. An ordinance of the City of Parsons Amending Ordinance 329 adopting a Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Motion by Mark Davis to pass this Ordinance on Second Reading. Second by Danny Mills

Vote:

Joseph Fisher---Aye

Mark Davis----Aye

**Kevin Cagle----Aye** 

**Dwight Lancaster--Aye** 

Danny Mills -----Aye

**Bobby Rainey-----Aye** 

Marty Carrington---Aye

Councilman Kevin Cagle asked the council to recommend a person to represent them on the county's solid waste committee. According to the city's attorney, Edwin Townsend, he would have to look for the "proper way to handle" the request,

Kevin Cagle also told the board that the city needed to "look into researching getting a new garbage truck."

Mayor Boaz stated that the garbage truck is in terrible shape, and that he and other workers have been looking into the possibility of using compressed natural gas in the truck, which would be a tremendous savings to the city. We are trying to get more information on changing over.

We are going to have to do something maybe in the next month or two. If you want to do bids we might get an ideal, we can go that route if you want to.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

I: Motion was made by Cagle to take bids on the garbage truck in two ways, one for regular gas and one to use compressed natural gas in order to see the difference in prices. Seconded by Mark Davis

Vote: Joseph Fisher---Aye

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Mark DavisAye
Kevin CagleAye
Dwight LancasterAye
Danny MillsAye
<b>Bobby RaineyAye</b>
Marty CarringtonAye

Dwight Lancaster threw out the question about having a representative from the city on the Lexington Electric System Board. "Just looking ahead", noted Dwight. No action was taken.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Caş	gle Second by Marty Carrington Vote:	All Ayes
Tim David Boaz, Mayor		
Judy Daugherty, City Record	_ ler	