



## Regular Monthly Board Meeting February 4, 2013

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### **I: To award bids if Council so desires for the following: Natural Gas Power or Gasoline Power Sanitation Truck.**

Bids were opened during last month's meeting for both diesel and GNG vehicles. These bids were studied by the Mayor and Council. Mayor Boaz contacted the lowest bidder, Mr. Charles Nichols (of TAG Truck Center) and asked for modifications which would make their bid more practical. Mr. Nichols removed a fuel import in the front bumper and a methane detection system. It was not necessary to have the detection system because the gas has an odor to it.

It went from around \$180,000 to \$172,000. "With the rate and spread now, we could save over \$3.00 a gallon, about \$10,000 a year" on fuel Mayor Boaz stated.

Kevin Cagle asked "How long to get a fueling station?"

Mayor Boaz said that he had received prices from three sources, and that a fueling station could be set up within two months. Prices are all over the board with one quote \$38,000 for a four gallon an hour slow fill station. A city in Arkansas has paid \$20,000 for their station, and in Middle Tennessee a company builds the station for around \$17500. Mayor

Boaz told the board members he would get more information back to them.

Kevin Cagle asked about the maintenance. Mr. Nichols stated that it's about a penny per mile more than diesel trucks because of the spark plugs and tank inspection once a year. 80% of the parts are available at the Jackson store, and he said, if we do not have them in stock, we can get them overnight from Memphis.

#### **Motion was made by Mark Davis to purchase the 2014 Freightliner GNG from TAG Truck Center for \$172,793.00. Second by Kevin Cagle.**

##### **Vote:**

Mark Davis ----Aye

Joseph Fisher --Aye

Dwight Lancaster -Aye

Danny Mills --Aye

Bobby Rainey--Aye

Marty Carrington --Aye

Kevin Cagle---Aye

Branson Townsend gave an update on all the activities planned for the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for the City of Parsons. He told members that things would be kicked off in April. Activities include a play by the Young Rivertime Players entitled, "Hot Shot Pete Steams Through Time," which will be performed April 5 and 6. On April 15, an official proclamation for the birthday will be held and the last week in April will be the Peavine Festival. Six historical markers will be placed around town and in May, a Heritage Banquet honoring pioneering families and former public officials will be held. There will be

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park activities this summer and the fall will bring on cemetery tours and more dedications. Another Heritage Day will be held in September along with quilt shows and demonstrations of heritage lifestyles. Christmas will bring on even more events. Branson also told the Council that a Museum Educational Advisory Council had just received another \$2,500 through Humanities Tennessee to finance more projects involving local schools and students.

A report from Parsons Digital Factory director Shane Bridges was presented by the Mayor. According to the report the Digital Factory has trained 96 people, 77 of those being from Decatur County. Forty-three of the 77 were from Parsons. As of the present time, 59 jobs have been created with potentially nine more starting to worth within two weeks.

Mayor Boaz also presented student numbers for the UT Martin Parsons Center campus from Kelli Deere. The 2012 fall term has 194 students enrolled, 49 men and 145 women, ranging in age from 17 through 62+. Forty-one of the students are from Parsons, 26 from Decaturville, 24 from Lexington, and 12 from Camden. The rest of the students come from at least 41 different cities and as far away as Dyersburg, Lawrenceburg, and Gleason. In comparison, the UT Martin Center at Jackson only had 33 students enrolled and the Selmer Center had 205. Board members were presented a thank you letter from the Rivertime Players, Mark Tubbs, president. Tubbs thanked the members for their support and explained that it was a priviledg to present their performances in Parsons. "We continually strive to produce a quality threatre experience", noted Tubbs.

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Mark Davis Second by Marty Carrington. Vote: All Ayes**

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Tim David Boaz, Mayor

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Judy Daugherty, City Recorder