

## **Regular Board Meeting**

The Parsons City Council met for its regular meeting, Monday, March 4, 2013, 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 from last month's meeting as sent out. Second by Joseph Fisher Vote: All Ayes

Motion by Joseph Fisher to approve the financial reports for January, 2013, as sent out. Second by Danny Mills Vote: All Ayes

### **Community Forum:**

Charles Taylor, Decatur County Chamber Director, addressed the council and says he is excited about what is going on in the city and county . He discussed the 4-H Camp and Convention Center possibility. If one of the four local sites gets in the final picks, he stated he wanted everyone to work as a whole and get dead serious behind the effort. "It's a 37-38-million project" Mr. Taylor stated. "It is huge and would be tremendous for the community." Three other prospects are also looking at Decatur County. Second Harvest, an Indiana Company, and a start -up Company are looking for possible locations. It looks good. I would like to ask support from the city, and wanted to let you know how hard the Chamber has been working.

### **Report from Committees: .**

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

Mayor Boaz stated that the city lost a valued city resident last week, Wanda Conger. Wanda was the chairman of the library and museum board, and member of several committees. She was a hard worker, leader, and a great friend to our community, it really takes away when you lose someone so involved.

Cameras have been installed at the city park. The tennis courts have been utilized a lot. The college and high school both have tennis teams. Mayor also noted that Kelli Deere stated that the UT Martin campus recently had been evaluated by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and passed with flying colors with no recommendations. Accreditation in SACS is designed to help educational institutions boost their ongoing performance efforts for the benefit of their students.

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### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **I: Resolution 03-04-2013-01 A Resolution adding a new water rate for Reseller Wholesale Customers.**

Mayor stated that we have been talking to North Utility District and they asked us to turn on their water line.

From time to time they have a little difficulty when the turbidity is up.

Mayor stated that the resolution is not a contract like the city has with Decaturville.

Decaturville purchases all their water from Parsons, but the North Utility District will only need to purchase water from time to time. We didn't have a rate that fit them so we had to add this rate to our system. Rate is calculated on what it costs to operate. I talked to Dick Adams, and he was in agreement with this rate.

Vote:

Mark Davis ----Absent and not voting

Joseph Fisher --Aye

Dwight Lancaster -Aye

Danny Mills --Aye

Bobby Rainey--Aye

Marty Carrington --Aye

Kevin Cagle---Aye

#### **II: Discussion on Refunding Bonds on Rural Development water Loan 91-04.**

Mayor Boaz handed out information on refinancing a Rural Development Loan.

City Council members are to look over the proposal, and take action on the refunding proposal in April.

The proposed refinancing could save the city thousands of dollars over the life of the loan.

#### **III: First Reading on Ordinance No:246 Entitled An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of land adjacent to the City Water Plant.**

Mayor Boaz stated that we need more land around the Water Plant for a clear well and a sedimentation basin. "We did a survey on the water plant, and the way the land is, we own across the road and part of the school ball field. We own from third base to outfield, but not land on the side of the plant. I think the road was put through the land. I think the plant was put in about 1953. We had part of Brenda Mayors' property fenced in, and they have agreed to sell it to us. It's about six acres where the Elmer Rushing old beer joint was located.

We're sort of in a corner here. On the other side is TVA land, a ravine, and we need more space. The price looks high, but it would not affect the cost of water."

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Motion to pass Ordinance No 246 on First Reading by Joseph Fisher Second by Dwight Lancaster.

Vote:

Mark Davis ----Absent and not voting

Joseph Fisher --Aye

Dwight Lancaster -Aye

Danny Mills --Aye

Bobby Rainey—Aye

Marty Carrington --Aye

Kevin Cagle---Aye

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**I: Second Reading on Ordinance Mo. 239 An Ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance of Parsons, Tennessee: Adoption of Design Review guidelines.** Mayor Boaz stated first reading was done on July 6, 2012, and that this Ordinance has been sent to the zoning board, the chamber, and others for public input, and everyone is comfortable with it now. Motion by Kevin Cagle Second by Joseph Fisher to pass on Second Reading.

Vote:

Mark Davis ----Absent and not voting

Joseph Fisher --Aye

Dwight Lancaster -Aye

Danny Mills --Aye

Bobby Rainey—Aye

Marty Carrington --Aye

Kevin Cagle---Aye

**II: Award of bid for a New CNG Fueling Station which the city will need to fuel the new garbage truck. if City Council so desires.**

**Mayor Boaz presented three bids to the Council.**

**1. Mid South -----\$39,326.00**

**2. Tri-State Meter and Regulator Service, Inc---- -\$20,000.00**

**3. Simpkins Energy-----\$17,500.00**

**337 Hill Avenue**

**Nashville, Tenn 37210**

According to the Mayor, Simpkins Energy from Nashville is the lowest in the amount of \$17, 500.00 and all the parts are made in Tennessee. Cagle stated the truck is on its way in five to six months, and the city needs to fuel the new garbage truck, and the city needed to act and not have a truck with no way to run it. Motion made by Danny Mills to go with Simpkins, and Second by Kevin Cagle.

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Vote:

Mark Davis ----Absent and not voting

Joseph Fisher --Aye

Dwight Lancaster -Aye

Danny Mills --Aye

Bobby Rainey—Aye

Marty Carrington –Aye

Kevin Cagle---Aye

Mayor Boaz asked for board approval to put up a sign at the city's property, the old Robinson Building site, to see if they would get any offers on the land. Survey shows the amount of land to be about two acres. This land is located at 1343 West Main Street. The new Highway has come in front of the property now, and we hope to get a higher price for the prime property. All council members present gave their approval.

The last item of the night was a warning to citizens from the mayor. According to the mayor, and some councilmen, local citizens had received letters from HOMESERVE USA as a solicitation for a water service line coverage type insurance. Mayor Boaz looked them up on the internet, and stated this is a come on. The Better-Business Bureau says to be careful. I would caution anyone about dealing with this company. They act like the letter comes from the city, and we are not affiliated with it.

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Danny Mills Second by Joseph Fisher.. Vote: All Ayes**

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Tim David Boaz, Mayor

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Judy Daugherty, City Recorder