

**Regular Board Meeting
October 7, 2013**

The Parsons City Council met for its regular meeting, Monday, October 7, 2013 at 6:00 p .m. at the city council meeting room. Mayor Boaz called the meeting to order. Roll called:

Present	Absent
Danny Mills	Mark Davis
Dwight Lancaster	
Joseph Fisher	
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 Marty Carrington Vote: All Ayes

Motion by Joseph Fisher to approve the financial reports for August, 2013, as sent out. Second by Kevin Cagle Vote: All Ayes

Presentations: none

Community Forum:

Reports from committees, councilmen, and other officers -none

New Business :

I: Discussion on amending Employee's Hand Book

Discussion was to amend the policy- Old policy reads: The City of Parsons encourages all employees to develop their potential through continued education. Accordingly, it is the policy of the City of Parsons to reimburse employees for one half of the tuition cost which should contribute to the advancement of the City of Parsons and is directly helpful to the employee in his/her job.

The employee must request tuition reimbursement approval from the Mayor detailing in writing the course taken, the cost, and the length of time to complete the course.

If deemed appropriate, the approval will provided to the employee in writing.

Educational financial assistance is available only to regular full time employees.

New Policy : Amend Educational financial assistance is available only to employees that plan to continue to work for the City for additional (5) years after gradation

Motion to change policy by Kevin Cagle Second by Joseph Fisher.

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After several questions it was decided to table change to policy until more information could be gotten. Mr Cagle and Mr. Fisher withdrew their motions and the policy amendment was tabled.

II: Second Reading on Ordinance No: 251: An Ordinance of the City of Parsons, Tennessee, pertaining to the keeping of vicious dogs.

Dinah Reddix addressed the board before the vote with concerns over a recent incident when a Pit Bull bit her aunt's face and she says the owner was only fined \$25.00. She stated that was not enough.

City Attorney , Edwin Townsend stated the city can't do anything more than the fine and the state has to pick it up from there if a charge is brought against the owner
If the attorney general wants to prosecute he takes it from there.
Charges have to be filed in circuit court and you have to talk with the attorney general. The city has no liability to do that. The police officers will assist and be witnesses to the state case, but the most the city can do is a misdemeanor and \$50.00 fine.
This ordinance gives the Police Officers in the City some directions as to what they can do.

Mayor Boaz stated we're limited as to what we can do and we are trying to tighten up, and this is the best way we can do this by adopting this ordinance.

Motion by Dwight Lancaster to pass this Ordinance on Second Reading. Second by Kevin Cagle.

Vote:

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

III: Award of bids for the Downtown Enhancement Phase III if Council so desires.

The following s bids were received:

Ronald Franks Construction Co. LLC.	\$449,850.60
Graves & Graves Construction Co. Inc	\$530,225.00
Barnes and Brower, Inc.	\$612,426.00

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TLM Architects & Engineers recommendation that the bid contract be awarded to Ronald Franks Construction Co., LLC, 80 Industrial Road, Savannah, Tennessee 38372 in the amount of \$449, 850.60.

Motion to accept recommended bid by Joseph Fisher Second Danny Mills

Vote:

Danny Mills -Aye

Dwight Lancaster-Aye

Joseph Fisher -Aye

Bobby Rainey-Aye

Marty Carrington -Aye

Kevin Cagle -Aye

Mark Davis Absent -not voting

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Second by Marty Carrington. Vote: all Ayes

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Judy Daugherty, City Recorder