

**Regular Board Meeting
February 3, 2014**

The Parsons City Council met for its regular meeting, Monday, February 3, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the city council meeting room. Mayor Boaz called the meeting to order. Roll called:

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

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 Mark Davis to approve the financial reports for December 2013 as sent out. Second by Marty Carrington Vote: All Ayes

Presentations: none

Community Forum:

Reports from committees, councilmen, and other officers

Mayor Boaz gave an update from Travis Martin from TLM on all projects:

Down Town Improvement Project Phase III:

This project has been slowed because of the weather. The mayor explained that Parsons Dairy Bar and the Car Quest parts store requested larger driveway entrances and the electrical designers were verifying pole locations for the changes.

The Parsons Regional Community Park Project:

Plans and specifications are out for bids and will be opened on February 12, 2014. Mayor Boaz stated that the city workers have already removed the asphalt and saved us some money. We need to hurry this up so we can apply for Phase II. The same LPRF grant program for Phase II of the Parsons Regional Community Park will be taking applications again in April.

Select TN Airport Industrial Site Project

The Select Tennessee step one has been received by the state and is being reviewed. Martin says that step usually takes about a month, and the next step will be to set a date for consultants to conduct a site visit. The Select Tennessee project involves a 20 acre site at the north end of the old airport which will be used as an industrial site. Charles Taylor, Decatur County Chamber Director, sent in a letter noting the site the city has selected. Branson Townsend, city coordinator, completed the rest of the information for the committee Mayor Boaz stated.

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Mr. Taylor explained that this is one of the most important things a city can do. To say we have a true industrial site with all the infrastructure set is a step in the right direction. It is a big deal and hopefully it will produce something.

Branson Townsend explained that we would look at whether we want to do one site or multiple sites in the next phase. He went on to say that Select Tennessee is an initiative of the governor. Eighteen sites have been certified state wide, and hopefully we'll be in the next round.

Mayor Boaz said that there is another grant (ECD disaster grant) that Parsons hopes to receive. We applied for it in 2010, and didn't get it. This grant can be used for projects which include replacement for damaged equipment during the disasters dating back to 2010. The city's main lift station which was built in 1988, was damaged by flood waters in 2010, and city workers have had to use the band aid approach to keep the station working properly since that time.

Dale King, Parsons Safety Director told councilmen that he has been working since last year to try to get the ISO score lower for the city. A lower score means better insurance rates for all people living in the city limits. The ISO score stands at a 5 now, and, we are hoping to get it down to a 4 or maybe even a 3 in the future. Each time the number is lowered by one, insurance rates are lowered about ten per cent.

New Business:

none

Old Business:

I: Second Reading on Ordinance 253 An Ordinance to amend the Parsons Municipal Zoning Ordinance: Allowing Homes for the aged as a use permitted on appeal in B-1(General Business) Districts and amending the criteria for homes for the aged in R-2 (Medium Density Residential) Districts.

Motion to pass this ordinance on Second Reading by Dwight Lancaster Second by Danny Mills

Vote:

Danny Mills -Aye

Dwight Lancaster-Aye

Joseph Fisher -Aye

Bobby Rainey-Aye

Marty Carrington -Aye

Kevin Cagle -Aye

Mark Davis Aye

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II: Appointment to the Parsons Decaturville Housing Authority

Mayor Boaz stated that Brenda Brasher who was appointed to this position has a conflict. The mayor recommends the appointment of Dinethia (Dee Dee) Scott to this position. Motion to approve Mayor's appointment by Mark Davis Second by Joseph Fisher
Vote: All Ayes.

Kevin Cagle told council members that severe weather awareness week was coming up. The council had discussed testing the warning sirens at last month's meeting. The state's tornado drill is set for Wednesday, February 19, 2014, and the city may sound the sirens on that day. The exact time and date will be announced later.

Mayor Boaz also read an article which he says was very touching to a city person. The article stated. "No one likes paying taxes, but everyone depends on their city to deliver the basic quality of life services such as fire and police protection, clean water, garbage pick-up, and neighborhood parks. But beyond public safety and meeting basic infrastructure needs, cities serve as the centers for job creation and are engines of economic growth in the state. Cities are the heart of a community. Most Americans either reside or work in cities and the policies, programs and services of those places touch people's lives directly. Whether cities succeed or fail significantly impact the state's and the nation's economic recovery and long term prosperity."

Motion to adjourn by Mark Davis Second by Marty Carrington Vote: all Ayes

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Judy Daugherty, City Recorder