

**Regular Board Meeting
August 4, 2014**

The Parsons City Council met for its regular meeting, Monday, August 4, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the city council meeting room. Mayor Tim David Boaz called the meeting to order. Roll called:

Present	Absent
Mark Davis	
Dwight Lancaster	
Bobby Rainey	
Marty Carrington	
Kevin Cagle	
Joe Don White	
Joseph Fisher	

Motion by Kevin Cagle to accept the minutes and dispense with the reading from last month's regular meeting as sent out. Second by Joseph Fisher Vote: All Ayes

Motion by Mark Davis to approve the financial reports for June 2014 as sent out. Second by Marty Carrington. Vote: All Ayes

Presentations:

Community Forum: none

Reports from committees, councilmen, and other officers

Branson Townsend did a quick announcement on a project that is called Looking Back the Civil War in Tennessee. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War (2011-2015), the Tennessee State Library and Archives is sending teams of archivists and conservators to communities across Tennessee. To meet the needs of individuals in Decatur and Perry counties, a team is coming to the City of Parsons Municipal Building Complex. The Parsons and Greater Area Museum will be hosting the team from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. on Tuesday, August 19, 2014. Individuals may schedule an appointment, and the team will digitally copy and assist in the preservation of your Civil War era manuscripts, artifacts and photographs. Digital copies of these items, representing the rich Civil War heritage of Tennessee families, will become part of a virtual exhibit commemorating the 150th anniversary of the war in Tennessee.

Communications from the Mayor:

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I: New Business:

- I: Parsons Parks and Recreation Advisory Council name change.
Motion by Mark Davis to change name of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council to Parsons Parks, Health and Wellness Advisory Council.
Second by Marty Carrington. Vote: All Ayes
- II: Authorize the Mayor to apply for a USDA Health and Wellness Grant/ Loan and select TLM Associates as the architect and engineering firm for the project,
Motion by Joe Don White to apply for the above grant/loan and to use TML as Engineering Firm. Second by Marty Carrington.
Vote:
Mark Davis – Aye
Joe Fisher - Aye
Dwight Lancaster-Aye
Bobby Rainey-Aye
Marty Carrington-Aye
Kevin Cagle -Aye
Joe Don White -Aye

III: Approval of Appointments made by Mayor Boaz if Council so desires

Mayor Boaz made the following appointments:

A: Appointments to the Mueum Advisory Board

1. Bobbie Bartholomew
2. Margaret Moore

Motion to approve these appointments by Dwight Lancaster Second by Mark Davis.

Vote: All Ayes

B: Appointment to the Parsons Park, Health and Wellness Advisory Council

Joe Don White agreed to serve as the city council member on this advisory council.

Motion to approve by Dwight Lancaster with Second by Mark Davis.

Vote: All Ayes

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- IV: Resolution No: 08-04-2014-01 A Resolution Authorizing the City of Parsons to Participate in the TML Risk Management Pool “Safety Partners” Loss Matching Grant Program.
Motion to pass Resolution No: 08-04-2014-01 by Mark Davis Second by Kevin Cagle. Vote: All Ayes.

- V: First Reading on Ordinance No: 356 An Ordinance of the City of Parsons Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and Establishing the property Tax Rate for 2015 fiscal year

Mayor Boaz stated that he was reducing the tax rate from 1.01 per 100 assessment to .97 per 100 assessment. Certified 97.4. This will be a 4% tax reduction. Our community is starting to grow, we hope to reduce the taxes more in the future. The numbers are higher, but that is because of the growth.

Mayor Boaz stated that he was on the City Council about 45 or 50 years ago. Joe Don White's Dad, Bob White, was mayor at that time. We were going to have a short-fall, and I said “Bob all we have to do is raise those taxes.” I was a youngster and didn't know. Mr. Bob said Tim David you don't understand there are a lot of widows, widowers, and folks on a fixed income that don't have the money to pay their taxes, and you have to think about that. We didn't raise the rates, and we got through it. I will never forget that story. If you pass it tonight and if you have any issues come in and talk with me, and we will make any changes before the next month's meeting and the second reading

Motion to pass Ordinance No: 356 on First Reading by Joseph Fisher Second by Bobby Rainey.

Vote:

Mark Davis – Aye
Dwight Lancaster-Aye
Bobby Rainey-Aye
Marty Carrington-Aye
Kevin Cagle -Aye
Joe Don White -Aye
Joe Fisher - Aye

- VI: Alternate Day for the Christmas Parade

Dwight Lancaster stated that we needed an alternate date for the Christmas Parade in case of rain or bad weather. He suggested the Thursday after the original first Saturday date in December.

Motion by Dwight Lancaster to set the alternate date of the Thursday after the first Saturday in December. Second by Mark Davis, Vote: All Ayes

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Then Council, Mayor, and Attorney went into close session to discuss a lawsuit.

Motion to adjourn by Dwight Lancaster Second by Marty Carrington
Vote: All Ayes

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Judy Daugherty, City Recorder