

# Mayor & Board of Aldermen – Regular Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2018

Present: Mayor Chris Goodman  
Vice-Mayor Ken Sutton  
Aldermen Greg Duncan, Kelly Rector & Frank Cates

### **Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Quorum established**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**

The Mayor called for a motion to review the agenda; a motion was made to review by Vice Mayor Sutton and seconded by Alderman Rector. The Mayor requested to add under “Discussion” items, the Parks & Recreation Board. Alderman Cates request “Grass on Hwy 64”. A motion to amend the agenda and approve the amended was made by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Rector. The motion passed unanimously, none opposed.

#### **4. Reading and correction/Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**

Mayor Goodman called for a motion to review July 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; a motion was made to review by Alderman Cates and seconded by Alderman Rector. A vote was called to accept the July 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting minutes; None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Goodman called for a motion to review July 31, 2018 Special Called Meeting Minutes; a motion was made to review by Alderman Cates and seconded by Alderman Duncan. A vote was called to accept the July 31, 2018 Special Called Meeting minutes; None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Goodman called for a motion to review August 9, 2018 Special Called Meeting Minutes; a motion was made to review by Alderman Rector and seconded by Alderman Cates. Vice Mayor Sutton asked for correction to the vote of Resolution 18-36, correcting the vote as opposed to abstained. An amending motion was made by Vice Mayor Sutton to accept the minutes contingent of the correction; “Vice Mayor Sutton abstained”. The motion to accept the August 9, 2018 Special Called Meeting minutes passed unanimously. None opposed

#### **5. Citizen’s Comments**

Russell Emele inquired of the possibility in getting the minutes posted on the Town’s official website. The Mayor stated he would have the past three month’s minutes posted.

Gary Schmidt asked if the Town had a ten (10) year plan. The Mayor stated the Master Plan will be brought to the Board next month, once the Board has reviewed, revised if necessary; the document will be voted in as a public document. Vice Mayor Sutton requested to have a workshop for the benefit of citizen input on the plan.

#### **6. Communications from the Mayor**

The Mayor thanked all in attendance. Mayor Goodman expressed thanks to the citizens for comments and involvement regarding the property tax discussions and he thanked the board for their efforts in making tough decisions. The Mayor mentioned to the Board that a review is underway of the current Personnel Policy in respect to employee "Grievance Procedures". Also, he mentioned the Town is looking at a multi-modal transportation grant.

#### **7. Reports from Department Heads**

**Code Enforcement** - Walter Owens provided updates.  
**Water & Public Works** – Harvey Ellis provided update.  
**Parks & Recreation**- Brandon Mullins provided update.  
**Police Department** – Chief Earl provided update.  
**Fire Department** – Chief Walls provided update.  
**Admin/Finance** – Yvonne Bullard provided update.

#### **8. Report from Oakland Chamber of Commerce**

Ms. Krepela announced a ribbon cutting at the Magnolia Room, Wendy's will be hosting a job fair, Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The next Chamber Luncheon will be held August 30 at the UT facility in Somerville. Fast-Pace Urgent Care is set to open on September 22, with an Open-House event on September 21. Oakland in October is a month-long celebration with the festival scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> at West Junior High; the golf tournament will be held October 19<sup>th</sup> at Fair Oaks and the Zombie Run and Trick or Trunk on the 27<sup>th</sup> at Ring Container.

#### **9. Reports from Members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen**

##### **Discussion Items:**

- **Organizations Requesting Town Funding** – Alderman Rector requested the Mayor to write a policy or procedure with regards to tax payer dollars being used to fund organizations who request funding.
- **Commercial Truck Parking** – Attorney Minor addressed the Board of an ordinance in place by the Town of Smyrna. The Smyrna ordinance has been revised to address the concerns of the board-members. A draft will be sent to the Board for consideration at September 2018 meeting.
- **Parks and Recreation Board** – The Mayor submitted to the Board a list of five (5) who have been interviewed by Parks and Recreation Director Mullins. Vice Mayor Sutton made a motion

to accept the recommendation contingent to favorable background checks. The motion was seconded by Alderman Rector. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Grass on Hwy 64** – Alderman Cates expressed his frustration in the cutting the State is providing. Vice Mayor Sutton suggested contacting our state representatives and TDOT.

#### 10. Old Business

##### **Resolution 18-33 – Oakland Regional Chamber '18-'19 Funding Request**

A motion to hear Resolution 18-33 was made by Vice Mayor Sutton and seconded by Alderman Cates. A motion was made by Alderman Cates to fund the Chamber events at the 2017 amount. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Sutton. All approved to table Resolution 18-33, the motion passed unanimously.

#### 11. New Business

- **(A) RESOLUTION 18-34**  
**Extend Waste Connection Contract**

A motion to hear Resolution 18-34 was made by Alderman Cate and seconded by Alderman Duncan. A call to vote with all in favor. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.

- **(B) RESOLUTION 18-35**  
**Authorizing Purchase of two (2) Police Vehicles**

A motion to hear Resolution 18-35 was made by Vice Mayor Sutton and seconded by Alderman Cates. A call to vote with all in favor. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.

- **(C) RESOLUTION 18-36**  
**Authorizing Disposal of Damaged and Inoperative Property Identified as Surplus**

A motion to hear Resolution 18-36 was made by Vice Mayor Sutton and seconded by Alderman Duncan. Vice Mayor Sutton made a motion to table this until a destruction procedure and policy is in place. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cates. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.

- **(D) REVIEW/APPROVAL OF:**

##### **Jody Hatchet invoices in the amount of \$6,268.00.**

A motion was made to reimburse Mr. Hatchet by Alderman Cates. Vice Mayor Sutton made an amending the motion to; pay the amount as a good-faith payment with a signed release with an addendum stating the Town will not be liable for drainage issues. A call to vote on the amending motion, all in favor. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.

**Mid-South Turf** – A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sutton to pay the invoice; the motion was seconded by Alderman Cates. The motion passed unanimously.

**12. Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Cates and seconded by Vice Mayor Sutton. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Date: August 16, 2018



Chris Goodman, Mayor



K. Yvonne Bullard, City Recorder