

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen for the Town of Oakland, Tennessee  
City Hall — 170 Doss Circle, Oakland, Tennessee 38060  
August 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Call to Order by the Mayor — Establish Quorum

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was called to order by Mayor Goodman. All present — quorum was established.

Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made to approve agenda by Alderman Rector and seconded by Vice Mayor Morris; passed unanimously.

Mayor Goodman asked the Board to consider amending the agenda in adding 2 items: (1). Resolution # 16-36, consideration of a contract awarding work to be done on Water Well # 3; and (2) review and consideration of a credit application for invoicing purposes for the fire department. A motion was made to accept the amended agenda by Alderman Rector and seconded by Alderman Carter; passed unanimously.

Reading and Correction/Approval of Minutes of Beer Board Meeting June 16, 2016

Mayor Goodman called for a motion to review the Beer Board Minutes; a motion was made to approve by Alderman Chambless, seconded by Alderman Carter. There was no discussion; passed unanimously.

Reading and Correction/Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting July 21, 2016

Mayor Goodman called for a motion to review Regular Board Meeting Minutes; a motion was made to approve by Vice Mayor Morris, seconded by Alderman Rector. There was no discussion; passed unanimously.

Citizen's Comments

Douglas Aubut, 30 Alex Cv., commented to the board of on-going parking violations on property and streets, specifically commercial trucks and trailers. Mr. Aubut stated the Willow Crest covenants should be enforced fairly for everyone or rid of them. Lastly, shared his concern of the danger in McDonald's left turn lane/arrow out of the drive on to Hwy 64.

Jeff Harrison, 45 Tall Forrest Ln., asked the board for reconsideration of "trailers parked in yards". Filed a complaint that Code Enforcement officials were

"picking on" residents. He voiced the issue of vacant subdivision lots are unkept and overgrown; he asked that something be done.

#### Communications from the Mayor

The Mayor thanked everyone in attendance. Encouraged participation in the survey for the Master Plan for Oakland. Announced the mosquito abatement program in the community has begun. In response to the Citizen's comments and concerns, the Mayor stated the McDonald's left turn issue is one the state must address and the state will be contacted again. As for the overgrown lots and parking issues, the complaints are being heard.

#### Reports from Department Heads

Public Works — Harvey Ellis provided updates and reported water loss for FY 1516 was 4.7%.

Code Enforcement - Walter Owens provided updates. Alderman Rector inquired of the "3 Day Notice process". Walter stated after 3-5 days & no resolve a second 3-day notice would be issued — they have issued as many as 7 or 8 "3-day notices" of non-compliance to individuals, that results in Walter making contact with them.

Parks & Recreation- Neal Halverson was absent, the Mayor provided a recap of Neal' s report.

Police Department — Chief Earl provided updates including change in Officer Maxwell's role from patrolman to detective. Mayor expressed a huge accomplishment for the Oakland Police and Fire Department's that for a second consecutive year the Town of Oakland has been acknowledged as the 3<sup>rd</sup> safest municipality in the state of Tennessee.

Fire Department — Chief Walls provided updates and paid gratitude to the Oakland Police Officers, Brandon Foster and Kathy Stroud, who assisted his department in a rescue in a recent car crash. Chief Walls also addressed the Board with findings in a study of response times of public safety vehicles exiting straight out on Hwy 64 (605 feet) vs their current route (765 feet); the time was a 6 second savings. The emitters on the red lights were found to be extremely costly at approx. 12k per light. It would be advantageous for the city to possibly incorporate the task in the Master Plan that is overseen by TDOT. Alderman Chambless inquired of a flashing light at the intersection that would make traffic aware of the emergency vehicles entering on to Hwy. 64. Chief

Walls agreed that may be a viable option. The Mayor suggested that there may be other options, but could be checked on.

Admin — Bob Petty was out due to surgery, the Mayor provided an update. 2016 Property tax letters were sent out early by the state and payments are starting to come in to the office.

#### Report from Oakland Chamber of Commerce

Patty Krepela announced the Chamber web-site has a link to the Master Plan. She shared that Fayette County Schools Superintendent Dr. King gave a "State of the Schools Address" laying out a strategic 5 year plan focusing on literacy, increase graduation rates and raising the ACT scores. The Chamber is planning a busy fall coming up with the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament, Oakland's October Fall Festival and Cotton Pickin 5k in Somerville.

#### Reports from Members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen

##### Mayor and Board Salary Schedule

Mayor Goodman asked that the Board submit your comments related to salaries/pay for the next term of elected officials to Mr. Petty prior to the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Morris inquired of the Board to have an engineer's study on a drainage ditch that floods from Walgreens to Fair Meadows. Mayor said they would contact the state to review it.

#### Old Business — None

#### New Business

##### Resolution 16-34

Amending Town of Oakland Personnel Handbook, amending Section III — Hiring Procedures by adding Paragraph III (I) Employment Contracts.

A motion to hear Resolution 16-34 was made by Alderman Rector and seconded by Alderman Chambless.

Alderman Chambless clarified his understanding for the purpose of the contract is in the event after an election a new representative for the town is put in place, that person then cannot resend that contract at which Mayor Goodman added, without due cause, it would take the political perspective out, also depending on the length of the contract. Alderman Chambless called for the vote. Vice Mayor Morris spoke up expressing concern in that Tennessee is an "At-Will" state. When asked, Attorney Myers expressed it was policy decision, the legalities were what they are, it up to the board in the setting of policies. Alderman Chambless asked why the town is considering writing contracts, which Alderman Rector addressed. He pointed out with the upcoming election

a new Mayor and Board will want to put their people in positions. Alderman Rector reiterated the Town is recognized as one of the safest in the state and he didn't want to step back and wait for someone else to get up to speed. Mayor Goodman called for the vote. Aldermen Rector, Chambless and Carter voted in favor. Vice Mayor Morris opposed. Resolution 16-34 passed.

#### Resolution 16-35

Authorizing to solicit, through a request for proposals, for a Cypress Creek Watershed study and subsequent interagency agreement with Fayette County, TN. No discussion.

A motion to hear Resolution 16-35 was made by Alderman Carter and seconded by Alderman Rector.

Mayor Goodman called for the vote. Resolution 16-35 passed unanimously.

#### Resolution 16-36

Approving contract award of electrical service line, Well # 3

A motion to hear Resolution 16-36 was made by Alderman Rector and seconded by Alderman Carter.

Harvey Ellis was referred to in any questions or comments from the board. Harvey offered that Well # 3

Is one of the larger wells supplying drinking water and is running on an emergency supply line now.

Motion was made to accept the bid of Advance Electric by Vice Mayor Morris and seconded by Alderman Chambless. Resolution 16-36 passed unanimously.

#### Credit Application

A motion to review AW Direct credit application was made by Alderman Chambless and seconded by Alderman Rector.

Mayor Goodman described the application as an "invoice only" credit, not a credit card.

Mayor Goodman called for the vote. The item passed unanimously.

#### Review / Approval of Invoices — None

#### Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Rector and seconded by Alderman Chambless.

#### Approval of Minutes:

Date: 9-19

Chris Goodman

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Chris Goodman, Mayor

, Robert Petty

Robert Petty, Town Recorder