

**Minutes of the Board of Mayor & Aldermen Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 16, 2012 7:00pm**

**Those present:** Mayor Scott Ferguson; Aldermen present: John Evans, Chuck Wombough, Maggie Powers, and Karl Chambless; Chris Patterson, Town Attorney; Pamela Walker, Town Recorder; and others present in the audience.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ferguson and quorum established. He led the audience in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Ferguson opened the discussion with any changes to the minutes from the July 19, 2012 meeting. A motion to approve was made by Alderman Powers and seconded by Alderman Chambless. Motion passed unanimously.

**Citizen Comments:**

A couple of citizens had comments about drainage in their subdivision and also street repair concerns. Dennis Clark invited candidates to a forum/debate on October 2 at 7pm at Warren Community Church.

**Mayor's Comments:**

Mayor Ferguson shared information about two grants the Town will be receiving. A Disaster Relief Grant for \$900,000 will be forthcoming and \$100,000 Energy Grant, both with no matching funds. He commended Town Departments for their work on receiving these grants.

Mayor Ferguson also recognized several individuals for their dedication to the appearance of their neighborhood: Nathan and Holly Luechauer, Jerry Black and Cindy Shiver. These individuals were presented certificates for Beautification and hard work to beautify the entrance to their subdivision.

**Department Heads:**

Harvey Ellis (Public Works) – **Resolution 08.12.02 Approving contract award of asphalt paving contract.** Motion to approve was made by Alderman Powers and seconded by Alderman Chambless. Alderman Wombough voted yes; Alderman Evans voted no. Motion passed.

Alderman Wombough asked for completion date for Cypress Creek Park? According to Harvey Ellis, Public Works Director, park is close to 70% complete. There will be a dedication ceremony when completed.

Alderman Wombough also inquired about increase in Tap Fees. Harvey feels this issue should be revisited and discussed. This item will be added to the agenda for September meeting.

Alderman Wombough made a motion to settle the case discussed in Client/Attorney meeting. Alderman Chambless seconded the motion. All aldermen agreed. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Evans asked about FEMA grant and drains at Oakland Woods entrance. Harvey Ellis will address his concerns in-house.

Alderman Chambless shared concerns about grass cutting and equipment. Feels some townspeople are not satisfied with the job being done. It was recommended the Mayor look into options to expedite these concerns timely. Harvey Ellis mentioned he has already taken steps to remedy these concerns.

TDOT will resurface Hwy 64 up to the entrance to the Oaklands.

Billy Ray Morris, a citizen, suggested the Town use the trustees from the county to mow the grass if needed. Harvey Ellis will look into this further.

**Oakland Chamber of Commerce Comments:**

Pattie Krepela let everyone know their new website is up and running smoothly. She also reminded everyone about Oakland in October coming up on October 6. There will be lots of things going on that day and plans to make it successful. The Chamber luncheon will be held at the Lutheran Church on Wednesday, August 22. Everyone is invited.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Award of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Audit Contract to Robert Doll, CPA** – Motion to accept was made by Alderman Chambless and seconded by Alderman Wombough. All agreed. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion of property located at 70 Clay Street** – After some discussion, Alderman Powers made a motion to table indefinitely. Alderman Chambless seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion passed unanimously.

**Fayette County Animal Rescue:**

Alderman Powers had some suggestions for possible locations; will get back with them on these possibilities.

**Resolution 08.12.01** Authorizing the Mayor of the Town of Oakland, Tennessee to execute a contract relating to Fairway Hills Subdivision Phase I, Section B, according to subdivision contract, Exhibit A, attached. Motion to accept was made by Alderman Wombough, seconded by Alderman Chambless. Alderman Powers voted yes; Alderman Evans voted no. Motion passed.

**Beer Permit Issues with Residences:** Add to the agenda for next month.

**Any Other Old/New Business:**

Parks & Recreation Director – The Mayor is hoping to make a decision within the next week.

Alderman Wombough expressed concerns with the Human Resource Position. He recommended making it part-time; doesn't feel the need for a full-time position at this time; functions of this job have been performed by other employees. A motion for the Town of Oakland administration to share the HR Position with another town was made by Alderman Powers and seconded by Alderman Wombough. Alderman Chambless voted no. Alderman Evans voted no. Mayor Ferguson voted no. Motion failed.

Alderman Evans brought up the budget item of salaries. He stated the Town appears to be top heavy on salaries, namely the Mayor's. Alderman Evans recommended the Mayor's salary be added to the agenda next month and an ordinance drafted determining full-time/part-time and salary. Alderman Wombough stated in his opinion the Mayor's position is a full-time position and this should be brought up in discussion of the next Fiscal Budget. According to Town Charter, the Mayor's salary can only be changed in the fiscal year prior to the election. Alderman Evans made a motion to decrease the Mayor's salary to \$36,000 per year. Alderman Powers seconded the motion. Alderman Wombough voted no. Alderman Chambless voted no. Mayor Ferguson abstained. This was a tie vote. There was no change.

After no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Wombough.

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Mayor Scott Ferguson

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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Pamela Walker, Town Recorder