

Minutes of the Board of Mayor & Aldermen Meeting
Thursday, July 19, 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 June 21, 2012 and June 28, 2012 meetings. After discussion of a few changes, a motion to approve was made by Alderman Chambless and seconded by Alderman Powers. Motion passed unanimously with changes.

Citizen Comments:

Ray Skinner spoke to the board in favor of the Community Center. He feels there is a need here for youth programs and expressed his concerns.

Mayor's Comments:

The Mayor thanked Oakland Chamber for being at the meeting. He presented Chamber President, Dave Trosper, a check for \$60,000 for economic development. This money will help them to continue their efforts to bring more industry and development to the Oakland area.

Department Heads:

Chris Pate, Town Planner, brought 2012 fiscal year municipal planning contracts for Selmer, Mason, Newbern, LaGrange and Halls before the Board for approval. These contracts are annual contracts with the exception of LaGrange, which is a month to month contract. This contract has not been approved by LaGrange board as yet. Halls contract has been submitted to their board, with no response. Motion to approve all contracts with the exception of Halls was made by Alderman Evans and seconded by Alderman Chambless. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Evans asked Chris Pate a question related to Beer Board, in regard to the distance to residence, schools, churches, etc. According to Chris Pate, there is no reference to residence in any ordinance or resolution related to Beer Board Permits. The Board has the authority to stipulate the distance from any residence. Chris Pate and Town Attorney, Chris Patterson will seek guidance on this issue.

Rick Jewell, Police Chief, requested to purchase a 2006 Chevy Trailblazer for \$11,000 from the Drug Fund rather than spend the \$23,000 amount budgeted for a new vehicle. Motion to approve was made by

Alderman Chambless and seconded by Alderman Wombough. Alderman Evans voted no. Alderman Powers abstained. Motion passed.

Harvey Ellis, Public Works Director, asked the Board to waive the permit fees on the Cypress Creek Park Project. Motion was made by Alderman Wombough and seconded by Alderman Powers. Motion passed unanimously.

Fayette County Animal Rescue:

This group gave a slide presentation and shared information about their needs and requested help in relocating to the Oakland area and possibly a facility (2500 sf) on at least 5 acres to allow for adequate space to care for rescue animals. They asked the Board for a motion to help find land and associated resources for relocation along with a grant of \$50,000 to lessen the financial burden. The Board recommended come back next month with suggestions as locations and consider a monetary donation at that time. Motion was made by Alderman Chambless and seconded by Alderman Evans. Motion passed.

Oakland Chamber of Commerce Comments:

Pattie Krepela thanked the Mayor for the State of the Town Address at the Chamber Lunch on Wednesday. She also reminded everyone about Oakland in October coming up in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 06.12.01 To establish a Town of Oakland, Tennessee Internal Financial Control Policy in accordance with the Internal Control and Compliance Manual for Tennessee Municipalities known as the "City Manual". Motion to approve was made by Alderman Wombough and seconded by Alderman Chambless. Motion passed.

Resolution 07.12.01 & 07.12.03 Issuance of Capital Outlay Notes, Series 2012 for Water & sewer Department for financing of one (1) Ford F150 SuperCab Truck and two (2) Ford F150 Reg Cab Trucks (purchases approved in Town of Oakland Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance 12.06.02). After discussion among the Board, a motion to withdraw the resolutions and pay for the trucks from Water Department reserve funds was made by Alderman Wombough. The motion was seconded by Alderman Powers and passed unanimously.

Resolution 07.12.04 Authorizing the Mayor of the Town of Oakland Tennessee to execute a contract to purchase the office building located at 70 Clay Street, details according to Exhibit A, (attached). After discussion, it was decided to table this item until next month. The aldermen would like to see the lease agreements on the property. Motion to table and add to agenda next month was made by Alderman Chambless and seconded by Alderman Wombough. Motion passed unanimously.

Any Other Old/New Business:

Alderman Wombough had questions about the 2010-2011 Audit performed by Bob Doll and presented to the Board at last month's meeting. He was concerned if the Town was following up on the recommendations made by Mr. Doll and if the delinquent property taxes had been turned over for collection. Yes on both questions, according to Pam Walker, Finance Director. We are in the process of following up on his recommendations. Alderman Wombough had concerns about Mr. Doll's comments to review Department's spending, especially the Police Department. Alderman Wombough feels the Police Department is and has been traditionally underfunded and to decrease spending would compromise the integrity and safety of the Town. His suggestion was to be cautious before cutting spending in these critical areas.

Alderman Powers had a question if the Town has estimates of costs to the Town on take-home vehicle use. She also asked if the Comptrollers report on compensation for personal use had changed; if so she would like to see a copy.

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

Mayor Scott Ferguson

Date

ATTEST:

Pamela Walker, Town Recorder