

**Minutes of the Board of Mayor & Aldermen Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 21, 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 May 22, 2012 meeting. After discussion of a few changes, a motion to approve was made by Alderman Chambless and seconded by Alderman Wombough. Motion passed unanimously with changes.

**Citizen Comments:**

Shonah Sprause asked the Board to reconsider budgeting two officers in the Police Dept due to revenue. She felt these funds could be better used in other areas.

Jack Thompson shared concerns over grass cutting, Board meeting information being put on the website for easy access to citizens, government needs to grow with the town, and solicitation. He feels it should be approved prior to coming to neighborhood home. He also shared his concerns about the Community Center-feels voters should make the decision for or against it. And he asked the question as to why committee members are not at the board meetings.

Elizabeth Carnathan presented the Board with a proposal for administrative office rental space.

**Mayor's Comments:**

The Mayor shared information to establish a Decree to explore establishing a separate school system in Oakland, costs involved, and if laws permit two or more municipalities to join together. He plans for the findings to be completed within 90-days and brought before this Board. The Chairman of this Committee will be Homer Bunker.

The Mayor also plans to seek feedback from citizens about the Community Center by sending out a survey with water bills in July. The goal is to get there in the next few years and be self-sustaining.

The website is working to create a great sense of transparency with information being put there for citizens to see and stay up to date on what is going on in the Town of Oakland.

**Department Heads:**

**Harvey Ellis (Public Works)** – shared information about the grass-cutting bids. After discussion among the Board members, a motion was made by Alderman Chambless and seconded by Alderman Evans to keep the grass-cutting **in-house. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Resolution 06.12.02 Approving Contract Award of Cypress Creek Park Phase I.** The Board discussed the various alternatives of this project and the final project cost was decided at \$151,736.34. They chose the base bid of \$\$130,721.57 plus Alternative #2 \$21,014.77 with MSC Construction LLC. Ken King Engineering will handle the paperwork. Motion to approve this resolution was made by Alderman Powers and seconded by Alderman Evans. Motion passed unanimously.

**Town Judge Jim Gallagher** spoke to the board. He stated that many things are coming up personally and in his business and he would be stepping down as full-time judge for the Town of Oakland. He recommended William Craig Hall as replacement, who is presently the judge for Collierville and Rossville. Gallagher would continue to serve on as as-needed basis. The change will be effective July 1, 2012. Motion to accept was made by Alderman Evans, seconded by Alderman Chambless; motion passed unanimously.

**Oakland Chamber of Commerce Comments:**

Pattie Krepela shared highlights of things going on with the Chamber. The Chamber is moving strong with 200+ members. They are presently working on Oakland in October coming up on October 6. Their website is moving forward and the branding campaign is moving forward also. Good things are happening in the Town of Oakland.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Robert Doll, Auditor – presented the 2010-2011 Audit for the Town of Oakland.** Mr. Doll shared a few highlights of the audit, which was in compliance. He stated if the Board had any questions to please contact him.

**Discussion of Property at 70 Clay Street:** After discussion, it was determined there is a need for the administrative space and doesn't make sense to rent. The Board reviewed the appraisal and decided to table this discussion until next month after reviewing the contract to purchase. Motion was made by Alderman Evans and seconded by Alderman Chambless. Motion passed unanimously.

**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 was made table until July board meeting in order to give Chris Patterson, Town Attorney an opportunity to look over. Motion was made by Alderman Evans and seconded by Alderman Wombough. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 06.12.03** Authorizing the Mayor of the Town of Oakland, Tennessee to execute a contract relating to Wirt Road extension adjacent to Fairway Hills Subdivision, according to Exhibit A (attached). After some discussion as to if BancorpSouth can be a developer, it was decided to move forward with this contract with some changes. Town Attorney Chris Patterson is confident the bank can legally be a developer. Town Attorney will amend the portion of the contract removing LLC from BancorpSouth wording. Motion was made by Alderman Evans and seconded by Alderman Chambless. Motion passed unanimously with changes discussed with Town Attorney Chris Patterson.

**Second Reading: Ordinance 12.03.02** Amending Title 9, Chapter 1, Peddlers, etc. and Chapter 2, Charitable Solicitors. After some discussion, it was agreed to amend the wording. Motion was made by Alderman Wombough and seconded by Alderman Chambless. Alderman Powers voted no. Alderman Evans abstained. Mayor Ferguson voted yes. Motion passed.

**First Reading: Ordinance 12.06.01** Ordinance to Further Amend the Town of Oakland Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget. After some discussion, motion was made by Alderman Wombough and seconded by Alderman Chambless. Alderman Powers abstained; Alderman Evans voted no. Mayor Ferguson voted yes. Motion passed.

**First Reading: Ordinance 12.06.02** Town of Oakland, Tennessee adopting the Annual Budget, Tax Rate and Board Compensation for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2012 and Ending June 30, 2013. Aldermen discussed the change in Capital Outlay for Parks & Recreation total to new number (\$152,000). In Public Works, increase salary by \$8,000, equipment by \$11,000, decrease grass-cutting by \$50,000. After no further changes, motion to approve with changes was made by Alderman Wombough and seconded by Alderman Chambless. Alderman Powers voted yes. Alderman Evans voted no. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Chambless.

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Mayor Scott Ferguson

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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Pamela Walker, Town Recorder