

March 11, 2008

The Harriman City council met in regular session March, 11 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Harriman Municipal/Utility Building. The Honorable Chris Mason, Mayor was present and presiding. Mayor called meeting to order. Roll call of Council was as follows:

PRESENT: Kenyon Mee
Ken Mynatt
Mark Powers
J.D. Sampson
Chase Tedder
Lonnie Wright

ABSENT:

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 4, 2008. Councilmember Mynatt made the motion and Councilmember Powers seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

DELEGATIONS

Mayor Mason asked the Public if anyone would like to approach Council. Chief Heidle approached Council regarding the maintenance agreement for the new digital cameras in the police cars. The Police Board approved the recommendation at the Police Board Meeting on March 11, 2008 at 6:30 PM. City Treasurer Charles Kerley has also approved the recommendation. A motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Karin Cisson - Owner of Tennessee's Finest Trophies and Awards approached Council regarding parking problems in front of her business. Ms. Cisson asked for Council and the Police Department to please help enforce business the parking hours of 8-5. She said that the Police Department so far has been very good about responding to her calls and issuing tickets to those in violation. Mayor Mason advised he address the situation with the Police Chief as well as the Police Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mee if he had any old business. Councilmember Mee advised that he did not have any old business to discuss.

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AGENDA

Ordinance 0308-1 - AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN AS A PORTION OF GARRISON STREET (WASHINGTON DRIVE) IN THE CITY OF HARRIMAN, TENNESSEE. A motion was made by

Councilmember Mynatt and was seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve the Ordinance. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

509 Georgia Street - Demolition Bid - One bid was turned in by Wendell Smith Salvage for \$10,300.00. A motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and seconded by Councilmember Mynatt to approve the bid. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

807 Siluria Street - Demolition Bid - One bid was turned in by Wendell Smith Salvage for \$26,480.00. A motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and was seconded by Councilmember Sampson to approve the bid. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

*Hospital approval moved to end of agenda

Health Insurance Bids - A summary of the insurance bids prepared by H.U.B., HR was presented to the Insurance Committee, Lonnie Wright and Mark Powers. Council was presented with a copy and will review for next Council Meeting.

Clean Up Day - In conjunction with Keep America Beautiful there will be a Clean-Up Day in Harriman on April 5th. A motion was made to rent six dumpsters for this day. The money will come out of the line item for Clean-Up. A motion was made by Councilmember Wright and was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

S&ME Environmental Review - After much discussion, it was decided to table this agenda item to the workshop scheduled March 27, 2008. This will be added to the next Council meeting scheduled April 1, 2008.

Franchise Agreement with Comcast - After much discussion with Comcast, Comcast has agreed to keep the percentage rate at 3% and will not be carried over to the customer. The City of Harriman is to have its own T.V. Station (tentatively Channel 15). Contract terms have been knocked down from 10 years to five years. Students from RSCC, TTC, and Roane Schools will operate the T.V. Station. A motion was made by Councilmember Wright to accept the proposed Franchise Agreement and was seconded by Councilmember Mee. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Harriman Carnegie Library - A bid was advertised in the paper for the Harriman Library regarding handicap accessibility.

RECESS from 8:00-8:05

Council Meeting re-adjourned at 8:05 PM

AGENDA CONTINUED

Hospital - Ashby Burkes, the Attorney hired by the City of Harriman to review and advise on the Covenant Lease and Purchase Agreement approached Council and the public with his recommendations. He reviewed all of the sections that the City had concerns with and addressed the resolutions that the City and Covenant have agreed upon. He advised that the City has until December 31, 2008 to cancel the agreement if not approved through the Attorney General. The finalized wording of the Lease and Purchase Agreement should be ready in three days. City Attorney Harold Balcom advised Council of their options; 1) Vote now to approve the contract subject to the language being changed with approval of Mayor Mason and City Treasurer Charles Kerley 2) Recess the meeting to Monday or Tuesday to be able to review the final draft. Councilmember Mark Powers made the motion that the Mayor be given authorization to enter in to the Lease and Purchase Agreement with Covenant pending revised satisfactory reasonable resolution between the City of Harriman and Covenant. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye". Note: Councilmember Kenyon Mee, Councilmember Chase Tedder, and Councilmember Mynatt all disclosed that that they have a conflict of interest due to a family member being employed with either Covenant or the Hospital. All

three Council members advised that they were voting their conscience and were voting for the best interest of the City only.

Mayor Mason and Harold Balcom commended all members of Council, and the Attorneys for their hard work in trying to provide the citizens of Harriman as well as Roane County with a functioning hospital as well as protecting the interests of the citizens as well.

A motion was made by Councilmember Powers to waive the Agenda Rule and was seconded by Councilmember Tedder.

Notice of Lien for 120 Garrett Street - City Clerk, Amy Arriola read the Notice of Lien for 120 Garrett Street for the amount of \$2338.60. A motion was made by Councilmember Mee and was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt to approve the Lien. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilmember Mynatt and was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. Motion to adjourn was passed with a unanimous "Aye".



Christopher B. Mason/Mayor



Amy S. Arriola/City Clerk