

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 10, 2011**

The Harriman City Council met in regular session May 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Municipal Complex. The Honorable Chris Mason, Mayor was present and presiding. Mayor called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Eagle Scout T C Crabtree and a prayer by Councilmember Wright. Roll call of Council was as follows:

PRESENT: Buddy Holley
Kenyon Mee
Ken Mynatt
J D Sampson
Chase Tedder
Lonnie Wright

ABSENT:

Mayor Mason wanted to recognize Boy Scout Troop 103 being present tonight. He stated they were trying to fulfill one their requirements which is to attend a City Council meeting. They will be awarded a badge for meeting this requirement.

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes from May 3, 2011. Councilmember Wright made the motion and Councilmember Mynatt seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to pay the bills. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

DELEGATIONS

Mayor Mason asked the public if anyone would like to approach Council.

Paul Martelloni stated he lives at 121 West Hills Court and he is inquiring about the grass being cut between his property and the golf course. He states it is the golf course property and it hasn't been cut yet this year. He had asked the new employees at the golf course about this particular area and they told him they had been instructed not to cut that grass. Mr. Martelloni wasn't sure who told them not to cut it. Councilmember Mee reported he would address the golf board at their next scheduled meeting and have this issue resolved.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Holley if he had any old business. Councilmember Holley stated he did not have any at this time.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mee if he had any old business. Councilmember Mee stated he did not have any at this time.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson stated he wanted to discuss the decision the Roane County Economic Advisory Committee made regarding TVA keeping the land that they bought.

He stated it was in the City of Harriman's Urban Growth Plan and he believed it should have been solely up to the City of Harriman whether it went back to TVA or not. He stated it should be renegotiated due to HUB losing around 60 customers. He thought it would be a good idea if the committee reconsidered their decision. Councilmember Sampson stated he had a letter that was sent to the Knoxville News Sentinel regarding the \$900,000 TVA money that the county still has. He reported it states in the letter that County Executive Ron Woody wants to keep that money for a cushion. Councilmember Sampson stated the City of Harriman could use those funds to pay off the investment fund from HUB. He stated this would help from having to lay off employees or raising taxes. Councilmember Sampson wanted to ask Councilmember's Mee and Wright, Mayor Mason and the District 2 County Commissioner to go to the Advisory Committee and ask them to reconsider their decision on giving the land to TVA or to have TVA pay some kind of in-lieu of tax money for the 60 customers they lost. Councilmember Sampson made a motion to appoint Councilmember's Mee and Wright and the District 2 County Commissioner to a committee to go to the Roane County Economic Advisory Committee and negotiate either an in-lieu of tax or for the remaining \$900,000 to be given to Harriman. This was seconded by Councilmember Mee. Councilmember Mee stated he would like more information. Mayor Mason stated the decision that was made on the 900 acres was a TVA decision not the Economic Advisory Committee decision and Randy Ellis may be able to talk to them since that is county property. Mayor Mason advised them to come up with a resolution to present to the Advisory Committee requesting the funds and what the funds will be for. Mayor Mason stated initially the remaining funds would be used to market and promote Roane County once the cleanup was finished. Councilmember Sampson stated he would like to amend his motion to include a resolution. Mayor Mason stated the county is in the process of negotiating an in-lieu of tax for the property now since they lost the tax revenue. After much discussion Councilmember Sampson amended his motion to appoint Councilmember's Mee and Wright and Randy Ellis to a committee to draft a resolution for the economic advisory committee and present it at the next workshop. This amendment was seconded by Councilmember Mee. The motion passed with four "Yes" votes and two "No" votes by Councilmember's Mynatt and Tedder.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Tedder if he had any old business. Councilmember Tedder stated he did not have any at this time.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mynatt if he had any old business. Councilmember Mynatt asked for permission to move forward with the community gardens and also adopt a pot program. He stated adopt a pot program would be similar to adopt a highway and community organizations, churches or individuals could adopt the pots and keep them planted with flowers. Councilmember Mynatt stated if he could get the permission to move forward with these programs then he could start taking applications. Councilmember Mynatt has talked to the UT Agriculture extension agent and he is willing to come help lay out the gardens. Also this will allow us to start accepting donations of seeds and such. Councilmember Tedder made the motion to move forward with the community gardens and adopt a pot program. This was seconded by Councilmember Holley. The motion passed with unanimous roll call "Yes".

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Wright if he had any old business. Councilmember Wright stated the Industrial Development board has a prospect for a city owned property

and several verbal and written requests for several others. Councilmember Wright stated the Industrial Development board has requested Councilmember's Holley and Wright and Bob Tidwell to assist them in the first few transactions they make for the City. Also he stated we need to get the deeds to the hospital properties on hand. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve Councilmember's Holley and Wright and Bob Tidwell to work jointly with the Industrial Development board. The motion was made by Councilmember Mynatt and this was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. After much discussion the motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

AGENDA

Committee Reports

Councilmember Mynatt stated the Farmers Market will start the second Saturday in June.

Councilmember Sampson stated Ron Woody is aware of the Clifty Street property needing to be mowed. They are going to try to have that done this week.

Reading of Resolution R0511-01: A Resolution Abandoning and Discontinuing the Annexation Proceedings and Plan of Services Previously Adopted by Resolution R0411-01

Attorney Harold Balcom read the resolution aloud for everyone. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve Resolution R0511-01. Councilmember Wright made the motion and this was seconded by Councilmember Holley. Harold explained there were three issues. The first was the election commission stated we had to run the ad in the paper three times but the law states 7 day notice. The second was because of Griffith Drive has never been abandoned or closed and the developer stated the road is not going to be a thru street like it once was. If the city does annex this road then we will be responsible for it. The third and most important reason, there is a designated meth house on a piece of property included in the first resolution. Harold felt the city would not want to be responsible for the cost of clean up or demolition of the house. He stated in the special call meeting tomorrow night there will be a new resolution and map to be voted on. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Discuss and possibly take action on the council intention to make the transition from office of city coordinator to office of city administrator with the new office having the same qualifications, requirements and responsibilities of a city manager

Mayor Mason stated this item was added at Councilmember Wright's request. Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Wright if he wanted to move forward with discussion or add it to the workshop agenda. Councilmember Wright felt it was up to the council but felt they needed to discuss what the intentions were. Councilmember Sampson made a motion to table this item to the workshop agenda and this was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. After brief discussion the motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Second Reading of Ordinance 0511-01: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HARRIMAN ZONING ORDINANCE BY MODIFYING SECTION 11-604 C-1

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, ITEM 8, HOSPITALS AND CLINICS BY
DISALLOWING DRUG CLINICS

Attorney Harold Balcom read the ordinance aloud for everyone. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 0511-01. Councilmember Mynatt made the motion and this was seconded by Councilmember Holley. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Second Reading of Ordinance 0511-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
HARRIMAN ZONING ORDINANCE BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 11-
410, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR SENSITIVE SLOPE AREAS

Attorney Harold Balcom read the ordinance aloud for everyone and stated the errors in the first reading have been resolved. Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 0511-02. Councilmember Holley made the motion and this was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. After much discussion the motion passed with a five "Yes" vote and one "No" vote by Councilmember Sampson.

Industrial Board Appointment

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to appoint Chris Ahler to the Industrial Development Board. Councilmember Tedder made the motion and this was seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call "Yes".

Councilmember Tedder reminded everyone about the Polk Salad Festival at Riverfront Park this weekend. Crusin' is also this Saturday and the Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for May 28th.

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



Christopher B. Mason/Mayor



Angela Skidmore/City Clerk