THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF PARIS, TENNESSEE
JANUARY 3, 2013
REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Paris, Tennessee met in regular session Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom of the City of Paris, Tennessee for the purpose of conducting the following and any other business:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Amending the Table of Uses (Second Reading)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Financial Update
2. Appointments to Boards
3. Contract with Strategic Resource Management (SRM)
4. Agreement for Services for Administrative Hearing Officer
5. Rezoning Request for Property Located at 727 Spruce Street from M-2 to R-3
6. Presentation Regarding SRO's in Paris Special School District (PSSD) Schools

STATUS OF VARIOUS PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENTAL SUMMARIES

1. Project Update Sheet

Present: Mayor Sam Tharpe
Vice Mayor Gayle Griffith
Commissioner Carlton Gerrell
Commissioner Terry Fuller

Also Present: Carl Holder, City Manager
Fred McLean, City Attorney
Kim Foster, Finance Director
Willette Ray, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager
Jennifer Morris, Community Development Director
Charles Elizondo, Police Chief
Lana White, Account Clerk
John Etheridge, Board of Public Utilities
Josh Frey, Investigator for the City of Paris Police Department
Jordan Klutts, Patrolman
Richard Edwards, Paris Special School District
Mike Brown, Paris Special School District

Media: Bill McCutcheon, The Paris Post-Intelligencer
Tim Alsobrooks, WMUF

Mayor Tharpe called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence were observed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Tuesday, December 4, 2012 were approved as presented following a motion by Vice Mayor Griffith and seconded by Commissioner Gerrell. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Ms. Amy Davis, a parent of a PSSD student, came to listen to the proceedings of the meeting. She had concerns of a placement of a SRO officer in the City schools. She thanked those involved in the decision and had thoughts if this would be a long-term situation.

Ms. Paulette Dunlap, a resident of Paris, represented the Central High School Preservation Committee and the Central High School Alumni Association. Ms. Dunlap asked for the commission's help in soliciting a grant for the restoration of Central High School on Rison Street and Johnson Park.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION

Vice Mayor Griffith wished everyone a Happy New Year and reminded those in attendance about the 2013 Helping Hand Auction that begins Monday, January 7th through February 27th.

OLD BUSINESS

AMENDING THE TABLE OF USES

Multi-Family is currently allowed in a P-B (Planned Business) District and not allowed in a B-1 (Highway Commercial) District. The P-B District is actually more restrictive than the other commercial districts. Staff requested that the Commission consider amending the Table of Uses to make it more consistent.

At the December Commission meeting, Vice Mayor Griffith made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Lackey to refer this to the Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Mayor Griffith made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Lackey to approve the amending of the Table of Uses on First Reading. The motion carried unanimously.

This Ordinance was presented at the Planning Commission on Thursday, December 13, 2012. Mr. Scholes made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Griffith to amend the Table of Uses. The motion carried unanimously.

This Ordinance is presented for a Public Hearing and Second Reading.

After a brief discussion, Vice Mayor Griffith made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Fuller to approve the amending of the Table of Uses to allow multi-family uses in B-1 Districts. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Financial Report was presented by the Finance Director Kim Foster. Foster said a surge in property tax revenue helped bring total revenues to more than 40 percent above budget estimates through the end of November. She also stated it was likely that December's totals will be higher, too, because of the higher property tax revenues. Total expenditures, however, were still almost 46 percent of the budget for the same period.

Retail sales in October were more than 2.5 percent lower than October of 2011. Sales for the first 10 months of the year were still almost 3.4 percent higher than the comparable period last year.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS

Mayor Tharpe informed the Board that an appointment to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board would be deferred until next month's meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2013.

After a brief discussion, Vice Mayor Griffith made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Gerrell to approve the appointment of Commissioner Terry Fuller to the Paris-Henry County Library Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gerrell made a motion which was seconded by Vice Mayor Griffith to reappoint Clint Davis, Randy Scholes, and Samuel Tharpe to the Revolving Loan Advisory Board, and to appoint Justin Mueller, Randy Geiger, and Laurie Russell to the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT WITH STRATEGIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (SRM)

Staff requested that the City Commission authorize the Mayor to sign a 3-year contract with Strategic Resource Management (SRM) for consulting services related to purchasing, savings, and revenue enhancement measures.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Fuller made a motion which was seconded by Vice Mayor Griffith to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. The motion carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER

In December, Mr. Chip McLean was appointed as the Administrative Hearing Officer. At next month's meeting City Attorney Fred McLean will present a brief contract for services.

REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 727 SPRUCE STREET FROM M-2 TO R-3

A rezoning request was submitted by Doug and Heather Goodrum for property located at 727 Spruce Street from M-2 to R-3. This information was taken from their submitted application. The property is actually zoned M-2. An M-2 designation is Heavy Industrial while the R-3 is Multi-Family Residential.

After a brief discussion, the Commission referred this rezoning request to the Planning Commission for a recommendation. No other action was required.

PRESENTATION REGARDING SRO's IN PARIS SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (PSSD) SCHOOLS

The City Manager offered a presentation regarding SRO's in the PSSD school system. The following statements represent the summary observations and recommendations of the City Manager and Chief of Police Elizondo:

- Appears there is considerable public support for the concept particularly in the wake of the Newtown event
- We have agreed to temporarily establish a patrol presence at Inman; the Sheriff's Department is staffing PES and Rhea
- This measure will hopefully allow for a "calming period" during which the PSSD can consider the various options
- Depending on the PSSD's determinations, we are willing to partner with the PSSD and the Sheriff's Department to establish a viable SRO Program which has value in addition to the safety component
- We continue to support the idea of an SRO Program concentration on educating children to the day to day issues impacting children (stranger danger, dealing with peer pressure, bullying, etc.)

STATUS OF VARIOUS PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENTAL SUMMARIES

PROJECT UPDATE SHEET

The Ongoing Project Update Sheet, as of December 11, 2012, is provided:

ONGOING PROJECTS (as of 12-11-12)

	Item	Primary Staff	Target Completion Date(s)	Notes
1	Bethel / HCMC	Holder	02-02-13	Bridge construction to start 01-07-13; will close Tyson at site for up to 4 weeks
2	Joy Street	Holder / Morris	03-01-13	Hayes has bid; wants to start in early spring; have received extra allocation for construction from TDOT
3	New Finance, Codes, & Public Works Software	Foster / Pillow / Holder / Jessie / Brown	04-30-13	Will be single source procurement; Contract signed; process of installation and changeover starts in January
4	Collinwood Drainage	Public Works	Weather dependent	Phase I will be work on row and easements; J. Morris is in process of obtaining easements
5	Hazelwood	Holder	???	Holder working w/County to prep RFP for 4-H site: $37.5 M Project; Listening session was held 12-11-12 at UT Extension Office
6	Annexation Projects	Holder / Morris	06-30-13	Engineer suggesting moving bid date to January. Feels job will not start till early March and bidders will up margin to cover possible price increases.
7	Employee Handbook	Holder / Foster / Ray	01-01-13	Reflect personnel rules
8	SRO	Holder/ELIZONDO	07-01-13	Will meet w/ Mike Brown/PSSD to see if we can agree on concept; then present to Commission for budget purposes
9	MTAS Benchmarking	Holder		Will present w/budget
10	Consideration of Insurance Coverages	Holder / Foster	02-28-13	Too many agents requesting consideration; need 5 year plan; Targeting 12-31-12 for consideration; date commencement
11	218 Bypass	Morris / Holder / Greer	Undetermined	Received notice to proceed on appraisals and purchases; James Chatham of McKenzie will do first appraisal; Flowers

				review appraisal
12	Pension Changes	Holder, Foster	Approved	Takes effect 02-01-13

There being no further business the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

/s/Samuel Tharpe
Mayor

/s/Kim Foster
Finance Director