THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF PARIS, TENNESSEE
JULY 3, 2014
SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Paris, Tennessee met in a special-called session Thursday, July 3, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom of the City of Paris, Tennessee for the purpose of conducting the following and any other business:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Financial Update
2. Appointments to Boards
3. Condition of Transfer Station
4. Mixed Drink Tax Agreement
5. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Sign 2015 Arts Builds Communities Grant Application

STATUS OF VARIOUS PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENTAL SUMMARIES

1. Project Update Sheet

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

Also Present: Carl Holder, City Manager
Fred McLean, City Attorney
Willette Ray, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager
Jennifer Morris, Community Development Director
Johnny Berry, Landfill Supervisor

Media: Bill McCutheon, The Paris Post-Intelligencer
Alex AuBuchon, WMUF
Shannon McFarlin, WTPR

Mayor Tharpe called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was presented by Jones Baldwin and a Prayer was presented by Commissioner Gerrell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held Thursday, June 10, 2014 and Thursday, June 25, 2014 were approved as presented following a motion by Vice Mayor Griffith and seconded by Commissioner Gerrell. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS & PUBLIC

None

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

Mayor Tharpe congratulated Commissioner Gerrell on being named Person of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. Tharpe stated that this was very important for the community and the work that Commissioner Gerrell has done for the community and as a Commissioner was much appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

City Manager Carl Holder presented the financial report to the Board. Retail Sales were strong again this month showing a 4.62% increase over April of 2013. We are now 3.74% ahead of FY 2013 year-to-date. (January – April)

In the General Fund, our Expenditures are still running well ahead of our Revenues for the year. As of the end of May, our Expenditures have out-paced our Revenues by over $300,000. On the other hand, the Solid Waste Fund is doing well with Revenues $190,000 ahead of Expenses. One big Revenue item that we are still hoping to receive before the end of June is the final payment on the Joy Street Project in the amount of almost $146,000.

Additionally we are over 21% and over $57,000 behind last year in whole-sale liquor revenues.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Fuller made a motion which was seconded by Vice Mayor Griffith to approve the reappointments of David Flowers to another 4 year term on the Board of Public Utilities, Beth Belew to another 3 year term on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and to appoint Doris Whitfield to the Paris – Henry County Volunteer Center Board for a 3 year term. The motion carried unanimously.

After a brief discussion, Vice Mayor Griffith made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Fuller to approve the reappointment of Bruce Reed to another 6 year term on the Industrial Development Board. The motion carried unanimously.

CONDITION OF TRANSFER STATION

The current transfer station located at the landfill is owned by Republic Waste. It is twenty years old and rapidly deteriorating, especially over the last six months. In the opinion of Johnny Berry and Cary Henson, Civil Engineer and Construction Manager, it is beyond rehabilitation.

With our solid waste removal contract expiring in one year, we need to consider our options as follows:

Johnny Berry, Landfill Supervisor and Joe Buchanan, Owner of Freedom Waste, were present at the meeting. Berry had informed City Manager Holder that the City did not need to purchase the transfer station due to the dilated condition of the structure.

Holder presented the following options to be considered:

1) Require bidders to build a new transfer station;

a) Require certain design elements to correct issues observed over 20 years;

2) Build the station, own and lease it to the successful bidder at a pre-bid established price; or

3) Own and operate the station.

A definite price has not been obtained from Henson but Holder stated a price of about $350,000.

Johnny Berry informed the board that we had good service through the years with Barker Brothers but there were several issues with them that the City had no control over. That was nothing the City could do about them. Berry stated that long-term the City would be better off owning and operating their own station. You would have control over what happens in that building.

Berry recommended that the City at least build the station itself, as he said having private ownership of the station provides the owning company an unfair advantage for future contract bids.

Joe Buchanan of Freedom Waste Services, the current contractor operating the City of Paris station, agreed and added that whichever route the board chose, his company would be more than willing to fulfill whatever role was available.

Commissioner Fuller stated that he would like for the City to see about building our own transfer station and if it is advantageous and economically feasible to operate it also. Vice Mayor Griffith agreed.

After a lengthy discussion, Holder suggested crunching the numbers and to bid with as an alternate and balance off against our costs.

Commissioner Lackey asked about the timeframe on the information provided below:

Total Landfill and Transfer Station Tonnage
(July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014)

Total Tonnage	**21,633**

	Landfill		**Transfer**	
Brush			**Solid Waste**	
City of Paris	1,610		City of Paris	9,895
Others	1,557		Others	3,603
TOTAL	***3,167***		***TOTAL***	***13,498***
Debris				
City of Paris	46			
Others	3,531			
TOTAL	***3,577***			

Milling				
City of Paris	1,253			
TOTAL	***1,253***			
Leaves				
City of Paris	76			
White Goods	5			
GRAND TOTAL	***8,078***			

Landfill	**Solid Waste**
2,985 tons	9,895 tons
37% of Landfill Total	60% of Solid Waste Total

MIXED DRINK TAX AGREEMENT

We continue to move toward an agreement with the school systems regarding remittance of unpaid past mixed drink taxes. The City Manager has written a letter required by HB 1402 / SB 1464 to both school systems and we anticipate that City Attorney McLean will have an appropriate contract agreement for consideration at the next meeting. This is to be completed by August 31, 2014.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN 2015 ARTS BUILDS COMMUNITIES GRANT APPLICATION

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Fuller made a motion which was seconded by Vice Mayor Griffith to authorize the Mayor to sign a grant application for $2,000 as a component of the Back Alley Project. The motion carried unanimously.

STATUS OF VARIOUS PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENTAL SUMMARIES

The Ongoing Project Update Sheet, as June 27, 2014 was presented for review.

ONGOING PROJECTS
(as of 06-27-14)

	Item	Primary Staff	Target Completion Date(s)	Notes
1	218 Bypass	Holder / Morris / Greer	?	Major issue with moving utilities based on revised plans; trying to find less costly solutions; State taking over condemnation of rail road
2	Bailey Fork I Drainage	Public Works	Weather and funding dependent	TDEC now requiring Mitigation Plan
3	Back Alley Paris	Holder / Morris	5 Year Implementation	Major grant applications submitted; denied ArtPlace America Grant; awaiting NEA funding
4	Annexation Projects	Holder / Morris	Finished original scope	Peppers Drive and 77 South underway July 1, 2014
5	MS-4 Permit	Holder / Morris / Jessie / Brown	5 Year implementation	Received permit; now must implement

6	MTAS Benchmarking	Holder		Will issue Commission a Report soon
7	Collinwood Drainage Project	Holder / Jessie	Ongoing	Completed Phase I; Starting Phase II weather permitting; Engineering complete

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

/s/Samuel Tharpe
Mayor

/s/Kim Foster
Finance Director