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# THE CITY COMMISSION

## CITY OF PARIS, TENNESSEE

December 5, 2013  
REGULAR MEETING

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The Board of Commissioners of the City of Paris, Tennessee met in regular session Thursday, December 5, 2013 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:

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Financial Update
2. Appointments to Boards
3. Worker's Compensation Reform
4. Rezoning Request for Property at Fairgrounds Road and Bell Avenue
5. Recodifying 13-501 and 13-502 of the Paris Municipal Code (First Reading)
6. Submission of NOI Permit to State Environmental Protection Agency

### **Present:**

Mayor Sam Tharpe  
Vice Mayor Gayle Griffith  
Commissioner Pete Lackey  
Commissioner Carlton Gerrell  
Commissioner Neil Buettner

### **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  
Michael Williams, Fire Chief  
John Etheridge, Board of Public Utilities

### **Media:**

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

Mayor Tharpe called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Mr. Conner Samuels and Mr. Kainon Deberry. A Moment of Silence was observed.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held Thursday, November 7, 2013 were approved as presented following a motion by Vice Mayor Griffith and seconded by Commissioner Gerrell. The motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS & PUBLIC**

No Comments.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Lackey stated "Go Big Red". Vice Mayor Griffith said "Merry Christmas and Shop Local".

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Finance Director Kim Foster presented the Financial Update.

The good news is our Retail Sales are improved over last month, the bad news is we are still considerably behind when compared to the same time frame (January – September) last year at -3.08%. Additionally, our Property Tax collections are a little sluggish and behind the two (2) previous year's levels. On a positive note, revenues are about 1.8% ahead of last fiscal year to date (July – October). We are making up our shortfall in Local Option Sales Tax and Property Tax by being ahead in State Shared Taxes and ESN122 collections.

After adjusting for projects such as Joy Street, the Highway 218 By-Pass and similar non-recurring items, our General Fund Revenues are at 30.90% of budget. Although this is a bit behind where we would like to be, our General Fund expenditures are also a bit behind at 31.69% after adjustments.

Overall, our normal operating expenditures in the General Fund have outpaced revenues by approximately \$77,500. In the Solid Waste Fund our revenues, after adjustments, are at 34.48% of budget and expenses are at 36.54%. Our

spending has outpaced our revenues in the Solid Waste Fund by approximately \$32,400. Historically, spending tends to be higher in the summer months and lower in the winter; so hopefully, we will see a slowdown in spending that will allow our revenues to catch up.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS**

Commissioner Carlton Gerrells’s appointment on the Planning Commission expires on Friday, December 6, 2013. It is a Mayoral Appointment. Mayor Tharpe reappointed Commissioner Gerrell to the Planning Commission for another three-year term. His term will expire on December, 2016.

**WORKER’S COMPENSATION REFORM**

July 1st is the date for the initiation of the new Worker’s Compensation Statute. The primary feature of the new laws is that cases will be heard by Administrative Judges instead of in Circuit Court.

**REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY AT FAIRGROUNDS ROAD AND BELL AVENUE (FIRST READING)**

At the Planning Commission meeting held Thursday, November 14th, a rezoning request was submitted.

This property is the site of the Paris Livestock business that suffered from a fire a few years ago. The business has never totally relocated at this location and the property has been vacant for some time now.

The property owner has a prospect to sell the 7.5 acre tract. The prospective buyer would like to develop the property with multiple residential duplex units.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Griffith made a motion which was seconded by Ms. Terrell to rezone the property from M-1 to R-3 and refer this to the City Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

After a brief discussion, Vice Mayor Griffith made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Lackey to approve the rezoning request. The motion carried unanimously.

This will be presented at next month’s meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 2, 2014 for a Public Hearing and Second Reading.

**RECODIFYING 13-501 AND 13-502 OF THE PARIS MUNICIPAL CODE (FIRST READING)**

Staff requested that the current 13-501 and 13-502 become 13-601 and 13-602. These relate to cable television regulations. Numbering is all that changed. Nothing substantial in the Ordinance changed.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Fuller made a motion which was seconded by Vice Mayor Griffith to approve the Recodifying of the Municipal Code. The motion carried unanimously. This will be presented at next month’s meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 2, 2014 for a Public Hearing and Second Reading.

**SUBMISSION OF NOI PERMIT TO STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

Staff prepared the Notice of Intent (NOI) Permit as required under the MS-4 program and is prepared to submit it. After a brief discussion, Vice Mayor Griffith made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Fuller to authorize the Mayor to sign the permit and all related documents. The motion carried unanimously.

**STATUS OF VARIOUS PROJECTS AND DEPARTMENTAL SUMMARIES**

The Ongoing Project Update Sheet, as of December 2, 2013 was presented for review.

**ONGOING PROJECTS (as of 12-02-13)**

Item	Primary Staff	Target Completion Date(s)	Notes
1	Holder / Morris		Finished
2	Public Works	Weather dependent	Completed Phase I; Starting Phase II; Weather permitting engineering complete
3	Holder		Holder and Greer creating Plan B for development of Youth Camp
4	Holder / Morris	Finished original scope	Amending for pressure issues on 79 South. Three (3) options to consider.
5	Holder / Morris		No further City involvement.

6	MTAS Benchmarking	Holder	Department Heads attending data sessions on December 2 <sup>nd</sup> and December 3 <sup>rd</sup>
7	218 Bypass	Morris / Holder / Greer	Missed December 4 <sup>th</sup> deadline for purchases due to various issues; Morris actively working.
8	Valleywood Drainage Project	Holder / Jessie	Ongoing Process ARAP permit denied; Reapplying; Have General Permit with 100' of man-made structures.
9	MS-4 Permit	Holder / Morris / Jessie	Deadline for Notice of Intent (NOI) application – December 31, 2013 Currently working on NOI submission.

There being no further business the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

/s/Samuel Tharpe  
Mayor

/s/Kim Foster  
Finance Director