

Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on

February 11, 2013

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Englewood met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Tony Hawn called the meeting to order with Commissioners Alan Phillips, Jerry Shirk, and Terry Hanner present. Wes Atwell was not present.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Jerry Shirk.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2013 MINUTES

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Hanner to approve the January 2013 Minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

There were no communications from the Mayor.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Alan Phillips stated he attended the Rails for Trails meeting at the courthouse and the general idea from what he gets is that the City of Athens and McMinn County wants Englewood to be an equal partner meaning that each would attribute a one-third percentage of a \$300,000 grant with a 20% match. Phillips said he gets the feeling they want Englewood to pony up \$20,000. Phillips stated the project stops at Zion Hill and doesn't come all the way into town. If the town decided they wanted to come on in thru town it would be at the city's expense unless the grant could be amended to include coming into town. He stated Mayor Gentry doesn't think it could be amended. Right now the grant is from Zion Hill to Knox Park Gentry noted. Phillips said it was kind of a gentlemen's agreement that was reached between parties at the meeting. If you have three governmental units involved it makes it easier to get grants in the future. Phillips said he has found that for every person for it, there were four against it. This is a lot for Englewood to take in and he feels this should be left up to the people to decide. Right now they are still in negotiations with the railroad as far as the price goes. They also did a cost estimate on the base material of the trail with (three) 3 inches of pact crusher run. This is approximately \$55,000 for the three (3) inches of crusher run from Zion Hill to Knox Park and that's just for gravel. Phillips also noted that horses will be allowed and with the base no thicker, he doesn't think it will hold up with the horses. It will cost approximately \$10,000 year for maintenance and if it's not properly maintained Phillips thinks it will become a primitive trail. He said we also need to take into consideration of the crime rate that will occur.

OLD BUSINESS

CITY LIMIT SIGNS

Shirk stated this is still a work in progress. Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Hanner to table this matter till the March 2013 meeting. All Ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

JANUARY 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Hanner to approve the January 2013 Financial Report. All Ayes.

RICHARD HILL 2011-2012 AUDIT RESULTS

Richard Hill spoke on the June 30, 2012 audit stating the final audit will be done sometime this week. However, the good news is being able to express a clean audit with no questions over the course of the audit. Hill stated there are four (4) governmental funds and he began speaking on the general fund having overspent by \$115000 and drug fund having overspent \$8700. Hill expressed that when expenditures out-weigh revenues it normally causes alarm but with capital outlay showing \$126000, which was for vehicles purchased last year, the town did not have to borrow money and used reserves to pay so as a result overspent on current revenues. Hill also stated that if the city had borrowed money the town would have been in the hole by \$114000. However, were still in line in the fund balance. Water and Sewer and Natural Gas Fund had expenditures of \$649000 with a \$109,000 loss in water and sewer and natural gas breaking even. If the city shows a loss for two (2) consecutive years it would be to our benefit to raise rates. Hill said the State of Tennessee is very adamant that utilities do not operate at a loss. Phillips asked Richard about depreciation and Richard stated we are in line with depreciation expenses.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Darrell Wright read the police report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Billy Roach was not present at the meeting. Town Manager Moses read the fire report.

RESOLUTION NO. 105 FOR THE 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

This is a Community Development Block Grant application for the Sewer I&I Improvements Project. The Town is experiencing inflow and infiltration problems in the Niota Road sub-basin and we have a self-imposed moratorium until the issues are completed. Engineers have estimated a total project cost of \$250,000 to correct the sewer system I&I problems. By submitting this application, we are requesting funding not to exceed \$250,000 and are committed to provide \$6500 in local matching funds to

complete this project. Motion made by Phillips, seconded by Hanner to accept Resolution No #105. All Ayes.

CREDIT CHECK FEES

Recorder, Ramona Wright stated that the city was at a loss on what we were currently charging on the credit checks. Credit checks right now are \$5.00 but in order to handle the service charges the current company is charging the city will need to go up to \$10.00 on credit checks or do away with them. Tony put this in the form of a motion and Motion was made by Mayor Hawn seconded by Phillips to charge \$10 per credit check. All Ayes.

ANY OTHER LEGAL BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no other business at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Hanner, seconded by Shirk to adjourn meeting.

Tony Hawn

MAYOR

Ramona Wright

RECORDER