

The Englewood Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday October 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held in the Community Center Room inside the Municipal Building. There was a public hearing

Call to Order

Mayor James Cox called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

City Recorder Alison Bull did roll call with Commissioners Buford Hackler, Jason Hitt, Shawn Martin and Mayor James Cox present.

Invocation

Commissioner Hitt gave invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of September 2016 Minutes

Commissioner Hitt made a motion to approve September 2016 Minutes. Mayor Cox seconded. All Ayes.

Communications from the Mayor

None at the time

Commissioner Reports

None at the time

Agenda:

Old Business:

Item A. 2nd Reading Ordinance No. 09-12-16-96

Commissioner Hitt made a motion to accept ordinance. Commissioner Hackler seconded. All Ayes.

Item B. Addressing Richard Raper's Seat

Mayor Cox said that Commissioner Raper resigned from his seat. Commissioner Hitt made a motion to accept his resignation. Commissioner Hackler seconded. All Ayes.

New Business:

Item A. September Financial Report

Bull presented the September Financial Report. Commissioner Hitt made a motion to accept the Financial Report from September. Commissioner Martin seconded. All Ayes.

Item B. Police Department Report

Officer Cody Manders presented the police department report. Mayor Cox made a motion to accept. Commissioner Martin Seconded. All Ayes.

Item C. Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Billy Roach presented the fire department report. Commissioner Hitt made a motion to accept the fire department report. Commissioner Martin seconded. All Ayes.

Item D. Library Report

Virginia Key presented the library report.

Item E. Library Board Appointments

Virginia Key discussed a couple of vacancies on the library board, and suggested that Jeanie Nichols, Amanda Kelley, and Susie Lee begin new terms with the board. Commissioner Hitt said that he would serve on the board, as well. Mayor Cox made a motion to approve the library board appointments. Hackler seconded. All Ayes.

Cline mentioned that the air conditioner had been out at the library, and he was getting Webb's to look into fixing it. He said that he would get prices and present them when he had them.

Item F. Proposed Amendment to Personnel Policy

Cline said that he drew this up at the board's request. In the personnel policy right now, there's no cap on vacation leave. This proposed amendment would cap the number of vacation hours at four weeks. Also, it goes on to state that any employee with over 160 hours on their anniversary date, the vacation leave would convert to sick leave which is not paid out upon resignation. There would be no cap on sick leave. Cline mentioned his concern for those who had this number of hours and how it would affect those people. Blair said that he would research it more but it would probably be grandfathered in. Cline said they may need to table this item to give Blair time to review the policy. The board agreed to table it.

Item G. Easement Agreement between CAGE & Town of Englewood

Hitt asked if the town was liable for any accidents that happened on the property and said that it almost implies that the Town would be responsible for any accidents on the property. Blair said that if it's a concern, a revision could be made. Hitt asked if the town has good enough insurance to cover it. Blair said that the insurance isn't necessarily the problem, because we have good insurance. He said that we don't want to take on extra liabilities if we don't have to. Hackler said that it seems one sided to him. Blair said it's a pretty simple agreement, but if there are concerns, especially concerning liability, it can be changed and resubmitted. The board and Blair discussed tabling the item in order to make those revisions.

A citizen said they were unable to hear anything that the board was discussing and the suggestion was mentioned louder.

Item H. Pool Project Financing

Cline said that the pool project that was approved last month requires a \$75,000 match from the town. Initially it was \$50,000. The previous board was going to use a CD that is in Citizens National Bank that's \$50,000. The CD has just re-matured and will not be up unless we early withdraw it until next October. The other \$25,000 would have to come out of fund balance to help meet the project. Currently the general fund has \$550,000 in fund balance and should be more than capable. Cline wanted the new

board to understand where the funding stream would be coming from for the project. Also, the contracts for the project had been signed and they should be starting work at any time. Citizen Raymond Roach said that if the city cashed out the CD, it would be penalized at 2%.

Item I. Roto-Rooter

Commissioner Hackler said that after talking with the guy that actually has to dig the stuff out every time they have to come and dump over there, he doesn't see what little the city gets paid for them to dump justifies the work on the employees over there. Hitt said that Roto-Rooter is presently dumping at our sewer plant, and everyone that knows anything about septic tanks, those aren't exactly the cleanest things to clean out and he feels that's a detriment to the sewer plant. He said they personally don't feel like it should continue because that puts wear and tear on the sewer plant. Hackler said that the guy who works at the sewer plant actually has to dig out the items once they dump it and they pay very little to do it. He said it just doesn't justify it. Hackler said he's in favor of putting a stop to it. Cline said there's no contract. Cox said that he makes a motion for Roto-Rooter to quit dumping in the sewage. Hitt seconded. All Ayes.

Item J. Judge Derek Green Re-Appointment

Cline said that the city is supposed to re-appoint the judge after each election. Cline said that Green has agreed to stay on and the compensation will remain the same, it just needed to be a motion to keep him on. Commissioner Hitt made a motion to re-appoint Judge Derek Green. Commissioner Hackler seconded. All Ayes.

Item K. Appoint New Board Member

Cox said they want a new member for the board. Hitt said that in the past, each person who was interested in the commission seat have each spoken, saying why they are interested in the seat. He said that's the only way to maintain fairness in this process. Hitt suggested that the mayor have each person stand up and speak Gary Kolodziejczak was not present. A member from the audience said that he was under the impression that this was going to start the following day. He said he didn't hear about it. Hackler said that it was posted at the post office and in the Daily Post Athenian. Hitt asked him his name and he said William Randy Reddish.

Tony Hawn said that he has spent fourteen years on the board, he has seen many projects started, and he would like to see them completed.

Gene Coleman said that he has been a property owner here for a while and worked with the public and in the military. He said that he has won some private awards for helping in the community. He said that he is always trying to help people and he has some good ideas, and he thinks he would be a benefit to the group.

Don Burgin said that he has lived in Englewood for 15 years and would like to see it grow. He has two small kids.

Randy Reddish said that he has been here for 2.5 years now, and that he has a lot of experience in different areas, including nursing, working on larger budgets than the city's, and managing in retail businesses. He said that he has seen the ups and downs of this city and thinks he would be a positive impact on the board.

Blair said that someone needed to make a motion for one of the candidates. Cox said that he believes Gene Coleman should be the commissioner. Cox said that Gene has been on the commission for a while. Martin said that someone would make a motion and it would be voted on. Cox said that he made a motion to appoint Gene Coleman. Hackler seconded. A roll call was done by Bull with Hackler, Cox, and Hitt voting ayes and martin voting no.

Item L. Any Other Business to Legally Come Before the Board

- Officer Cody Manders talked about the K-9 dog. The chief has spoken to the officers, and none of them are interested in becoming K-9 officer. Chief suggested that we try to sale or donate the dog to another agency or individual. Hackler asked that would be done. Blair said that if they determined to get rid of the dog, he would have to be deemed surplus property and go through that process. Cline said that the value of the dog was around \$5,000 when purchased. Blair said it would have to follow the town's policy for surplus property. Manders said the dog is 8-9 years old and has been through 5 different handlers.
- Manders introduced the director of the Drug Task Force, Joe Cherry, who was to explain a little more in detail about us becoming a member of the Drug Task Force. The cost is \$2,000 a year. Cherry presented that the DTF already has a legal authority to be in town through the McMinn County Sherriff's office. The drug task force was formed in 1988. Englewood has never been a part of the drug task force. With this agreement between us, Pickel would be able to vote on drug task force matters. Cherry said that they would be more prevalent in Englewood with this agreement. Hitt said that he would like to see the drug problem stopped. He has an 18 month old son and doesn't want him growing up around that. Hackler asked if they would work closely with our police department in training, as well. Cherry said they already have been doing that and woul dcontinue to do that as well. Hackler said that Martin hasn't been able to review the agreement yet and they would need to table it for another meeting.
- Cline said that he had received a letter from John Greer with the Water & Wastewater Financing Board. That board met on September 8th and reviewed Englewood's water loss being over 25% at 26.5%. Cline said that the board decided to take no formal action at that time.
- Cline said that the CDBG grant was not approved but that if they applied again next year, they have assured us that Englewood would get the funding.
- Sarah Gordon with AirMedCare recapped from the previous meeting where she presented the deal for Englewood. The cost for the city of Englewood would be \$7,750 yearly for each citizen to be provided with emergency flights out of McMinn County. Each citizen would have the option to upgrade to full coverage for \$35/household. Hackler expressed concern for those who are unemployed with no insurance. Gordon said that very rarely do people have absolutely no insurance, but if that were the case, the bill would be greatly reduced. She said that if they chose to upgrade to the \$35/household, they would be completely covered. Martin said that he thinks it's a good idea but they would need to discuss where to get the money from to pay for it. The item was tabled for the next meeting.

Item M. Adjournment

Mayor Cox made a motion to adjourn. Hitt seconded. All Ayes.

James Cox

Mayor

Alison Bull

City Recorder