

Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on

March 6, 1989

The Town of Englewood Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 6, 1989, at 7:30 p.m.

After a call to order by the Mayor, it was noted that Commissioners present were Brown, Long, Conner, Armstrong, and Cass.

A call for review of the minutes was then made with a motion by Armstrong to accept the minutes as presented. A second was made by Cass with all voting aye.

The Recorder then presented the Board with a list of city streets in need of repair that include: Kale, Tellico, Second, Englewood Avenue, Sawmill Road, Franklin Crossing, Pin, Manilla, Martin, Hillcrest, Hamilton, Conner Subdivision. A cost item list on the Poteet gas line was also presented showing a cost of \$2,618.23 for the installation of the gas service to her home.

Also present at the meeting was John Kimbrough of Hensley-Schmidt Engineers.

Representatives of the Englewood Church of God were present to ask that their property be changed from R-1 to C-2 which would permit them to add on to their structure at the front. They were advised to meet with the Planning Commission March 21, 1989 and then bring it back before the Board.

Mr. Ayres of Cumberland Securities was present to discuss the FmHA discount. He informed those present they are willing to buy back loans made to communities. It should be considered mainly because the bonds could be bought back at a discount. The deadline was May 7 for the deal. But by March 9, 1989 the loans must be paid off or put up a deposit of 5% of the bond value. This would have been in the range of \$38,000 that the city would have to come up with by the 9th of March. The Fact Sheet and Payoff Calculations were reviewed. After lengthy discussion, it was the unanimous consensus of the Board that it was not in the City's best interest at this time or a substantial savings to the City to take part in the discount program.

It was also discussed that the owner of the lot on Onion Hill that had trash blocking the alley, had informed a Board member that as soon as weather permitted, the trash would be removed. It was also decided that the Bud Newman lot should also be cleaned up as it was an eyesore.

Following discussion the need for a city attorney. A motion was made by Armstrong and seconded by Long to hire Jeff Cunningham as City Attorney at a monthly retainer of \$125.00. This would also enable all Board members to call and office personnel if any problems arise. Any work on further legal matters would be a cost of \$60 per hour. All voted aye.

Commissioner Long then presented two bids on re roofing a portion of the fire hall. It would be for a 14' by 24' sloping roof. This bidding did not include painting. Bids were Elmer Martin \$1,600 and Bob Gates for \$1,100. Upon a motion by Armstrong and a second by Brown, the bid of Bob Gates for \$1,100 was accepted. All ayes.

The Board of Commissioners then decided to release bids on the 1984 Police LTD and the 1977 Oldsmobile Cutlass. It was decided that the city would reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Commissioner Brown then gave the bid amounts from 2 companies on the repair of the pool. They were: Superior-----\$1,800. Hockman-----\$800 to \$1,000. A motion was made by Armstrong and seconded by Brown to accept Hockman's bid to repair the pool. All ayes.

Commissioner Armstrong then stated that he wanted to address the rumor of the city hiring Joe Crabtree. He asked if it wasn't worth money to create interest to encourage growth. Armstrong stated that city would be investing \$7,000 to get grants for beautification, parks, and recreation. Commissioner Cass then stated that practically all grants were being phased out in 1989 and the state was in the process of making loans available to those in need. Cass also stated that grants were matching funds and the city would still have to come up with a matching amount money for any funds received. In addition, he stated that the city was already paying SETDD and Local Planning for assistance in these areas and felt sure that they would help if called upon.

John Kimbrough of Hensley-Schmidt then stated that if the grant request was not attached to employment then it would be hard to come by.

Recorder, C.A. Goodin then informed the Board that due to decreases from the natural gas supplier, the town would be able to lower the cost to its consumers by 20%.

Commissioner Cass then stated that he did not see the hiring of someone specifically for grants would pay for itself and should be tabled until further looked into.

A motion was then made by Armstrong and seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

Wanda F. Conner

Mayor

C.A. Goodin

Recorder