

## Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on

August 1, 1989

The Englewood Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 1, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. After a roll call to order, the following commissioners answered present to the roll call: Armstrong, Brown, Conner, Cass, and Long.

Chuck Corvin then led in prayer.

Imogene Cook was present to complain to the Board of Commissioners about the civil warrant issued against her son Phillip Cook for loss of a rural fire department pager. She stated that the pager had been lost during a fire call and felt that he should not have to pay for it. After discussion, the conclusion was reached that it was not a city pager but a rural one and the city had no jurisdiction over the matter. By Motion of Armstrong and a second by Brown, the Board agreed for the city attorney to issue a letter in response to this matter.

Chuck Corvin then requested the use of the Gazebo Park for a mini-carnival by the Englewood Church of God. He was informed that it was leased by the Lion's Club and if their permission was obtained, then the Board would be in agreement.

Mr. Jim Richardson of the TML Risk Management Pool was present to discuss problems involving the city's insurance coverage. He stated that it was not his position to become involved in internal affairs but would state the insurance company's policies.. He then informed the Board that the yearly visit to the municipality had been made in November 1988 by Judy Housley. After the loss control visit, she sent 9 recommendations back to the Mayor which had never been answered. Since that time, it had been discovered that the city had adopted a policy of letting the dispatchers sleep while on duty. He stated that this had serious potential liability if response time is cut down. City Attorney Jeff Cunningham then presented several proposals concerning the recommendations made by TML, specifically addressing the dispatcher situation. Attorney Cunningham then asked Mr. Richardson if it was feasible for the calls coming in to the dispatchers be answered in Athens if they were not answered on the second ring in the dispatchers office. In this way, the dispatchers could be down during the nighttime hours and still get the phone answered. Mr. Richardson stated that TML's only concern would be that phones could be readily answered. It was also recommended that recreation equipment be checked once a month and that the loitering ordinance be looked into and reviewed by the attorney with a special look at the nuisance possibility.

Based on a question posed by Chief of Police Hershell Jack, Mr. Richardson stated that the city should not go outside city limits in pursuit of a vehicle with the exception being hot pursuit, not losing sight of the vehicle, and a warrant in hand. State law allows the city to go one mile outside the city.

Chief Hershell Jack then informed the Board that the drug money had run out for payment of the drug control officer. Chief Jack then asked that the Board vote to

continue paying the officer for 6 months and see if good results would not come out of it. Chip Bryant, project director of the Drug Task Force, then spoke to the Board of the significance of the program. Commissioner Armstrong then asked what results had come the Task Force. Bryant stated that good progress had been made and results would soon be forthcoming. He stated that his position on deleting the drug task officer would definitely be a mistake.

Mayor Conner then asked what the Board's pleasure would be.

A motion was then made by Cass and seconded by Armstrong to continue pay for the Englewood Drug Task Force officer for another six months and then review the situation at that time. Upon roll call, the following votes were cast: Cass-aye, Armstrong-aye, Brown-aye, Conner-aye, Long-pass. Commissioner Cass then stated that he would like to congratulate the drug task force on a job well done.

Commissioner Cass then stated that when giving raises to the employees during budget hearings, he had completely forgotten the part time employees and then made the motion that they be given the same consideration. Armstrong then asked if \$4.00 was not fair for a part time employee. Cass stated that he felt that police part time should be more. A motion was then made by Cass and seconded by Long to pay the part time police at the rate of \$4.75 per hour. Upon roll call, the following voted: Brown-aye, Conner-no, Long-aye, and Cass-aye.

The widening of the street to the swimming pool was then discussed. Commissioner Cass then stated that before anything is done to the street, it should be passed in a board meeting and that more than one bid should be obtained.

Commissioner Long then made a motion to rescind any prior police policies and procedures and presented a new list of policies and procedures. Commissioner Cass then stated that the Chief of Police should be the one to handle all administrative duties and strongly disagreed that a commissioner should draw up policies and procedures. It was stated that the policies and procedures should be worked out by the police commissioner and the Chief of Police.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Conner and seconded by Armstrong to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

Wanda F. Conner \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

C.A. Goodin \_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder