

## Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on

September 5, 1989

The regular meeting of the Englewood Board of Commissioners convened at 7:30 p.m. on September 5, 1989. After a call to order by the Mayor, Minister VanHook of the First Baptist Church led in prayer.

Upon roll call, the following commissioners responded: Armstrong-Here, Brown-Here, Cass-Here, Conner-Here, Long-Absent.

A motion was then made by Cass and seconded by Brown to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. All ayes.

Pat Decker then presented a request by the Soccer League to use both fields at the swimming pool for soccer. They would also like to have the bleachers repaired or the boards taken down. Commissioner Brown then informed the Board that the State Planner had recommended that the bleachers be taken down as they were unsafe and replaced with portable bleachers which would be in the same price range as repairing the present ones. After discussion, a motion was made by Armstrong and seconded by Brown to allow the Soccer League to use to the fields and to remove the boards from the bleachers to prevent accidents. All voted ayes.

Stan Womac then asked the Board if there would be any problem in getting water to a lot that he had bought adjacent to this home in Cumberland Hills. He stated that he was on an existing line. Commissioner Armstrong stated that there was no problem as far as he knew. Commissioner Cass then stated that a pressure test should be run to assure adequate pressure for all customer's on the line. He then stated that if there appeared to be no apparent problems, then connection could be made.

Arland Burger from the Conner Addition then addressed the Board concerning the poor condition of the streets in this area. He asked when something might be done to the streets. He asked if the Board could give an estimated time on repair and if they were on the list for street paving. Commissioner Armstrong then informed them that Martin St. and Manilla St. were in bad shape and that the majority of the money available at this time had been allocated for these projects. He stated that more money would be available in the spring after tax collections.

Several citizen comments were then made:

Bill Marshall-Having sewer problems at his house and would like to be hooked up on sewage. Commissioner Armstrong then asked the Recorder what the cost would be to hook him on. The recorder stated that the last estimate was \$2,500 for the grinder pump with the total cost being around \$7,000.

Tommy Armstrong-Complained that because he had placed a small building on his property, it was assumed that he was going to open a car lot. He was informed by Chief Jack that he should check with city hall. Upon checking he discovered that he was in R-1

not commercial. He then questioned why a car lot and flea market had been allowed to operate in an area zoned on the map as R-1. Commissioners then agreed to check with the State Planning Office as the area in question had always been commercial or industrial as the Mountain Mill had been there for years.

Tom Carver: Noted that several citizens were present on behalf of Chief Hershell Jack.

Jerome Reid: Inquired as to why Commissioner Long wanted to get rid of Chief Jack. The Mayor replied that could not be answered as Mr. Long was not present to answer.

B.E. Brown: It takes 3 to remove or to hire anyone, 1 cannot do anything. he was informed that this was correct.

Junior Carver: Stated that probably 90% of those present were there in support of Hershell and that Hershell was especially helpful to the elderly and the children.

Edward Simpson: Thanked the press for calling the matter concerning Chief Jack to the citizen's attention.

Quiga Raper: Asked how those of the Board present felt about Hershell. Cass replied that he was in total support of him. It was asked if Long's complaint against Hershell would be handled at a regular meeting. Those present were assured that it would be and if a called meeting were held, those are always posted.

Commissioner Armstrong stated that he had worked with Hershell for six years and he had found him to be capable, although he would ask for your last dime. Cass then made a motion to give Hershell a vote of confidence and that the Board has no plans to dismiss him. No response.

Sheila Holden: Asked Commissioner Armstrong what was meant by asking for last dime. He replied that he was always asking for raises or a new piece of equipment.

Jim Middleton: State there was a motion before the Board concerning a show of confidence for Chief Jack and that he would like to know if any action such as that because it would be guaranteeing him a job for life.

Jeanne Nichols: Suggested that in addition to meetings being posted over town that they also be posted on the Community Board at the gazebo. There was agreement to this suggestion. She also inquired as to the opinion of Commissioner Brown concerning Chief Jack. Brown stated the Hershell had done a good job.

Harlan Brock: Asked how Long had been appointed as Police Commissioner. He was told that he was appointed by the Mayor. He asked if he could be unappointed. City Attorney Cunningham replied yes.

Nichols asked if Long had talked to Hershell concerning the problem. Conner replied that he had and there was a conflict of personality. Mayor Conner then stated that the conflict would not be aired on the City Board.

Harlan Brock: Asked why not appoint someone else in Long's place and that would resolve the conflict. Commissioner Cass stated that he would trade departments in a minute.

Mayor Conner then replied that time would be given to Long and Chief Jack to resolve their conflict and if it is not, then further action relative to reappointment would be looked into.

Hubert Shaw: Commissioners should make decisions based on the opinions of the majority of taxpayers, not their personal opinions.

Chris Richeson was present to ask the Board if College Street was a one way street just during school hours or at all times. He was informed that signs were up for a one way street and that was for all hours, not just during school.

C.A. Goodin, Recorder, then recommended to the Board that natural gas rates be raised back to what they were in the spring. Commissioner Cass then stated that he wanted to see figures and information on the gas systems before any decision is made. The Recorder then stated that the town needed some grading done and asked the Board if they wanted to use Asphalt Concepts or someone else. Commissioner Cass stated that he was satisfied as long as the 1983 Purchasing Act was complied with. Armstrong then asked if it was agreeable to the Board to have contractors bid by the ton on any future asphalt jobs. The Board was in agreement. A motion was then made by Armstrong and seconded by Cass to award the bid on the current paving job to Asphalt Concepts. The bid was \$29,085.00. All ayes. The Board was in unanimous agreement to also use Asphalt Concepts for the additional grading needed.

The Board was in agreement to repair the fence at the Buck Cook residence that had been accidentally knocked down during mowing.

Concerning the bad condition of a trailer at the Hit Apperal business, the Board instructed City Attorney Cunningham to send a letter regarding this matter.

Commissioner Cass then stated his disapproval that someone else had been hooked up on the 2" line where Jeff McDaniel had previously been hooked up. He read the last of the 6-12-89 letter from the Tennessee Department of Health concerning the problems that might be encountered on this particular line if additional hook-ups are made. Armstrong stated that there had been no complaints on the pre-existing water line. Cass then stated that that should be a Board decision and not made by one or two. Armstrong stated that a 2" line would carry 30 taps.

Stan Womac then asked if he would need to return to the Board for approval of his tap if pressure was found to be sufficient. Commissioner Cass stated that he only wanted assurance that there would be no pressure problem.

Cass then repeated his question of who was responsible for authorizing the Brock water tap. He said that the Recorder had said it was ok'd by the Mayor. Armstrong then stated that he would vote to put any tap in if it was on a pre-existing line. Cass stated that the town was supposed to be run by a 5 member Board.

Stan Womac then stated his opinion that to increase revenue you would have to increase the system. Cass stated that his first priority was to the citizens inside the city and he was not for providing services outside the city if it is not profitable for the city.

Bill Marshall then asked if there was not money left from the recent sewer grant that could be used for providing him with sewer. Armstrong stated that there was \$56,000 left but that this expenditure was controlled by FmHA. Marshall then asked if he was getting sewer or not. He was assured that it would be checked out by the engineers and the Boards would make a decision at that time. It was also stated that there were 4 or 5 other places in town with similar sewer problems and all would have to be treated alike. The question was raised as to who do we help when there is a \$250,000 job and only \$56,000 to correct the problems.

Commissioner Cass then asked about the Mary Evelyn Cardin trailer. He was informed that she had initially been denied a permit because the trailer would not be facing a street. She then went before the planning commission and was told that if she had an entry on the end that would face the street, for police and fire safety, then the trailer could be set.

Stan Womac then asked the Board that he was looking at some property and would like to know if the city would work with him in applying for a grant for water extensions if he would match the grant. Cass stated that if it was profitable for the city, it would be looked at and then a Board decision would have to be made. He stated that if the Board would go by the City Charter then there would be no problems. But if the Charter and the sunshine law were violated, then there would be problems. He stated that the Charter was a guide to go by and it must be used.

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

Wanda F. Conner  
Mayor

C.A. Goodin  
Recorder