

**Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on
March 3, 1991**

Then Englewood Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 3, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. with Commissioners Brown, Long, Peeler, Cass, and Casteel all being present. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cass. Invocation was by Mike Ogle of Englewood Methodist Church.

Mayor Cass then called for a review of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Casteel and seconded by Long to accept the minutes as presented. All voted aye.

John Lipps of the 911 Committee was present to answer any questions the Board might have. He informed them that the approximate cost to Englewood would be in the range of \$15,000 and the installation of additional communication line. He also stated that it was due to come on line around October 1st. He informed the Board that the 911 Board would like to have a commitment from the city that they intend to participate in 911. Mayor Cass then asked the pleasure of the Board. Commissioner Long then informed the Board that Etowah would like to talk to Englewood concerning participation in their program. Mayor Cass stated that he preferred one centralized location, but had no objection to talking to Etowah. Casteel then made a motion that the city agreed with the 911 figure of \$15,000 but would not be bound until a contract was signed. The motion was seconded by Peeler. All voted aye.

Eddie Slack was present to complain about his drainage problem. He was informed that ditching the alley had been approved at the last board meeting and would be done as soon as dry enough.

Dennis Hyde and wife, residents of Sunset Avenue, were present on behalf of other Sunset Avenue residents to ask when Sunset Avenue would be opened back up. They asked for gravel for the alley behind their residence on Sunset as it was their only means of parking off the street. The Board was in agreement that they would look at the situation. The Commission also stated their appreciation to the Hyde's for their representation of the residents of Sunset Avenue concerning the crossing. They were informed that a court order and lawsuit would soon be filed concerning the opening of the street.

In reference to a question raised as to placing a mobile home on any property bought within the city, Roy Slack was informed that a workshop was being held on March 26 concerning town land use.

Buck Cook was present to give the Board an estimate for roof repair on the Community Center building. He reported that the entire roofing structure needed replacing. Estimated cost of the shingles & labor--\$1,926.36. To replace the roof the total cost would be \$4,691.98. Due to the fact that the lease agreement has expired on

the building, the Board agreed that Mayor Cass should meet with McMinn County School Admin. James Hoyal concerning the lease on the building.

At the previous board meeting, Recorder C.A. Goodin proposed that a 15% natural gas rate hike be passed to cover a \$27,000 demand charge that the city was being charged due to the natural gas deregulation process. The Mayor stated that the increase should have been done in October and asked if there was any discussion on the matter. He also stated that Joe Strange of East Tennessee Natural Gas had explained it to the Board at the last work session and there had been no rate increase since July 1985. Stating that the demand charge was beyond the Board's control and there was no other choice. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Casteel to raise the natural gas rate by 15%. All commissioners voted aye.

The county annual clean-up fix-up week has been tentatively set for the week of April 22-26. This allows dumping at the landfill free of charge. Commissioner Brown made a motion to designate April 22-26 as clean-up fix-up week in Englewood. The motion was seconded by Long. All voted aye.

Concerning the unsafe condition of the McConkey property at the corner of Main St. and Englewood Avenue, it was stated that a letter had been sent to Mr. McConkey concerning safety. His response was that it had been inspected 6 months before and the loose brick removed and it was now safe. The Board agreed that a letter should be sent from the city attorney to Mr. McConkey asking for a letter as to the certified inspection that was done.

To improve police dept., record keeping, a motion was made by Casteel and seconded by Peeler to purchase sheets for a court log book at an approximate cost of \$100. All commissioners voted aye.

In response to the residents of Cumberland Hills that asked for a fire hydrant installed at their expense, it was agreed that Mayor Cass would get back with the rural fire chief. The rural fire department also requested that they be able to purchase gasoline from the city. It was agreed to table the matter until further study.

It was noted that several bad holes had developed over the winter and were in need of repair.

Concerning pool repair, Commissioner Brown noted that more work would need to be done on the pool before opening date.

Commissioner Peeler noted the fire department high pressure hoses could possibly be used to clean out drain tiles, and this would be checked into.

Stating that leaves were a Mayor culprit in stopping up the drain tiles, Commissioner Casteel noted that residents be made aware of the leaf bags available at City Hall each fall for collection of the leaves.

After noting by Mayor Cass that the regular workshop would be held the 3rd Tuesday that would include study of personnel policy, budget amendments, and infiltration problems, a motion was made by Brown and seconded by Peeler to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

Robert L. Cass
Mayor

C.A. Goodin__
Recorder