

**Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on
September 1, 1992**

The Englewood Mayor and Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 1, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Brown, Long, Peeler, Casteel, and Cass.

After a roll call to order by the Mayor, invocation was by Bob Darnell.

Upon review of the minutes of the previous meeting, a motion was made by Long and seconded by Peeler to accept the minutes as presented. All ayes.

Representing the Community Action Group of Englewood(CAGE), Steve McCaslin brought a proposal before the Board concerning the efforts of the group to bring an historic museum to Englewood, stating that the museum will be included in the Overhill Experience. The main focus of the museum will be the women's role in the textile industry in Englewood. On behalf of CAGE, McCaslin then asked that the city provide gas, water, and sewer hook-up to the museum and pay the bills on these utilities after the hook-up/ Mayor Cass, with Casteel in agreement, then stated that he appreciated the efforts of CAGE and the face lifting of the property owned by the McConkey's on Main Street. The Mayor stated that figures would be looked at the work session and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

A request was then made for an increase in the mileage paid to the driver who delivers home meals for the senior citizens. A motion was then made by Peeler and seconded by Long to match the mileage amount that the driver receives from the Chattanooga office. All ayes.

***Clean-up policy: Table until work session. Complaints have been made on two parcels of property-George L. Buckner and Hazel Richeson. Concerning the Buckner property, a motion was made by Casteel and seconded by Long to send clean-up notification by letter to Buckner. Brown, Long, and Casteel voted aye with Peeler opposing. In reference to the Richeson property, a motion to send clean-up notification to her was made by Long and seconded by Casteel. None opposed. A motion was then made by Casteel and seconded by Long to send clean-up notification to owners of Eureka Garment and businesses on Main Street with overgrown weeds and grass. All ayes.

***Upon motion by Long and a second by Brown, Section 13-106, Chapter 1, Title 13-Utilities and Services, is amended by adding the following paragraph before that last paragraph of section 13-106: "As an alternative to the \$350 tap fee described above, the town may, on a case by case basis after taking into consideration the best interest of the water system, and under the town's supervision, allow the applicant or designated person to furnish their own connection to the main and install the service line and meter box upon the city's prior approval, and according to the city's specifications and subsequent inspection. The location of the lines will be determined by the town. After the acceptance of the job by the city, the city will install the meter for a cost of \$50.00 to

the customer and all improvements shall become the property of the town." All voted aye.

***Commissioner Peeler-Mayor and recorder had asked for water and sewer increase because of need for money in water. Proposed A,B,and C of agenda (office personnel-Kay Williams, water plant part-time Chad Goodin, change recorder from water to general), felt too many in office and do not need part-time at water plant. Agrees to go along with water rate increase if sewer rate is cut.

*Recorder-FMHA set rates at 140% and must have approval to cut.

*Peeler-Proposes to cut sewer back to 118%. If water is increased, 118% will bring in the same revenue.

*Mayor-need to get hearing with FMHA concerning sewer rate being cut.

***Bob Darnell then addressed the Board concerning his concern of proper operation of the water plant as he had worked there previously for about two years. Several in the audience voiced concerns as the city operation and water plant operation, as well as plant personnel.

***Mayor-Addressing concerns-Mr. Goodin had assured him that David Raper was doing his job at water plant and that the recorder should be looking after the town and what is best for the town.

*Water rate increase-Mayor feels that water should have been increased 4 years ago. Had proposed after minimum to raise from \$1.55 to \$2.00 per thousand gallons. Repairs must be made and some money put back for line relocation. Stated that taking personnel out of water budget is only a band-aid, not a solution and that he wants city run efficiently, with budget line items being adhered to. Employees should be paid from fund that job comes from and that decisions will have to be made.

***Concerning water rate increase-table until conditions of bond indenture are checked. This motion made by Peeler and seconded by Casteel. All ayes.

***Motions were then made:

*Motion by Peeler and second by Casteel to carry through with lay off of Kay Williams in the office. Ayes by Peeler, Casteel, Brown, and Long.

*Water plant-Motion by Peeler and a second by Casteel to dismiss Chad Goodin as part-time worker. Ayes by Peeler, Casteel, Brown, and Long.

*Motion by Peeler and second by Casteel to change recorder from water to general and David Raper from general to water. Ayes-Brown, Long, Casteel, and Peeler.

*Motion made by Peeler and a second by Casteel to change maintenance workers weekly wages to the department that their work is performed in. Ayes-Brown, Long, Peeler, Casteel.

*Motion by Peeler and a second by Casteel that time cards must be punched or personnel not get paid. Must punch out for dinner. If not punched, they must be initialed by supervisor. Supervisor must sign all time cards, and verify any changes made. Ayes-Brown, Long, Casteel, and Peeler.

***Motion made by Peeler to change supervisors C.A. Goodin and Hershell Jack from hourly pay to salary, with a recommendation that they receive a \$20 weekly increase in pay. Anytime less than 40 hours worked must be changed to sick leave or vacation time or no pay. They must attend work sessions, board meetings, and planning commission meetings if asked. Cass then stated that with pending lay offs, it did not seem appropriate to give raise to others. Jack was then asked if he wanted the \$20 weekly increase or comp time for extra hours worked. Jack stated that he would rather have comp. time. The motion was then restarted changing only the \$20 weekly increase in pay being dropped in favor of comp time. The motion was then seconded by Casteel. Ayes were cast by Brown, Long, Casteel, and Peeler.

A motion was then made by Peeler and seconded by Long to place advertisement in the DPA for a meter reader. Ayes-Brown, Long, Peeler, and Casteel. A motion was then made by Long and seconded by Peeler that Kay Williams can be called in as part-time worker if she is willing. Ayes-Brown, Long, Peeler, Casteel. Commissioner Peeler then specified that effective date of the foregoing motion would be 9/2/92.

Comments by the Mayor:

***An emergency disaster plan for the city needs to be looked at

***A new THDA grant is now available that the city may want to apply for.

***Cherokee Hills alley needs to be cleaned up.

***Noted that Mr. Goodin had been to a work session on natural gas last Monday

***Commented that Cherokee Hills alley needed to be cleaned up

***Noted that the Conner Addition fire hydrant needed to be operable.

Stating that the entire town is needed of mowing. A motion was made by Peeler and seconded by Casteel to employ Glenn Cooley to mow for \$5.00 per hour for two days until the town is cleaned up. All ayes.

Concerning the 1952 Chevrolet fire truck owned by the city, a motion was made by Peeler and seconded by Casteel to place an advertisement in area newspapers to take bids on the 1952 fire truck listing the model, and miles. Sealed bids will be taken, setting a minimum bid of \$4,000, which will be opened at the next board meeting. Ayes-Casteel, Long, and Peeler---No-Brown and Cass.

Commissioner Cass then informed the Board that the planning commission was looking at a five year plan for the town. Annexation interest was measured by sending letters out and a meeting was held. There was not much response and it was not favorable toward annexation.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Brown and seconded by Long. All ayes.

Robert L. Cass
Mayor

Recorder