

Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on

December 12, 1996

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Englewood met in called session, Tuesday, December 12, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room at City Hall.

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Davis, Raper, Brock, and Middleton present. Invocation was given by Commissioner Davis.

Concerning Highway 411, Mayor Simpson informed the Board that as Commissioners Raper and Middleton own property on Hwy 411 that it could possibly be considered a conflict of interest if they were to receive payment from the State for said property. The Mayor stated that the Board would entertain two votes in reference to Hwy 411. The first vote would be made with all five commissioners voting. The second vote would be made with the two commissioners in question abstaining and stating their feelings should they wish to do so. The matter would then be researched by the City's attorney. After research was completed the legal vote would be upheld.

Commissioner Middleton stated that he would be glad to donate his portion of property to the State for the highway expansion. He stated that he felt it was to the betterment of the Town for the highway to come through instead of by pass. He also stated that the cost of relocation of utilities would not be as costly as expected due to the recent Water Rehab Project.

Commissioner Davis then informed the Board that he would like to express his opinion concerning the location of the highway. Davis stated that he opposed the highway coming through town in the past and still opposed it. He could not understand why or believe that the State of Tennessee would let five unpaid commissioners make this decision. He agreed that the utility relocation cost had improved but that there would still be an expense in that area. He also stated that he was worried about cost to the senior citizens as they make up a large portion of the population of Englewood. Davis informed the Board that losing forty-two pieces of property to the highway would have a definite impact on the Town. He also felt that the railroad being located so close to five lanes of traffic would be hazardous.

Mayor Simpson informed Davis and Middleton that the Board appreciated their opinions and honored them.

Motion was made by Middleton, seconded by Brock to send a letter to the state requesting that Hwy 411 be routed through the Town of Englewood. Davis-Nay, Raper-Aye, Brock-Aye, Middleton-Aye, Simpson-Aye.

Motion was made by Brock, seconded by Simpson that a letter be sent to the state requesting that Hwy 411 be routed through the Town of Englewood. Davis-Nay, Raper-Abstain, Brock-Aye, Middleton-Abstain, Simpson-Aye.

Motion was made by Middleton, seconded by Davis to allow the police department to receive their Police Salary Supplement. All ayes.

Middleton then informed the Board that he felt that a City Recorder should be appointed and he felt that it should be Joe Cline. He stated that someone was needed to see that work was being carried out by the maintenance department. He also stated that there was a problem with the meter reader driving the city vehicle. He informed the Board that Mayor Cass had told the maintenance supervisor not to allow this and he also stated that the meter reader was not covered by insurance.

Motion was then made by Commissioner Middleton to appoint Joe Cline as Recorder.

Commissioner Brock then stated the newly elected commissioners needed time to become more informed about the position of City Recorder. He also stated that the meter reader did have permission to drive the city vehicle and was insured when driving it.

Mayor Simpson stated that he respected Mr. Cline but, that he felt that the City Recorder did not have to be appointed at this time.

Commissioner Raper stated that the City had operated for four years without a recorder being appointed and she felt that a few more weeks would not matter. She informed the Board that she wished to become better acquainted with the duties of the Recorder.

Commissioner Middleton's motion to appoint Joe Cline as City Recorder died for lack of a second. Commissioner Middleton then apologized to Mr. Cline.

Motion was then made by Middleton, seconded by Brock to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

Edward Simpson
Mayor

Deborah E. Morgan
Recorder