

**Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on
November 10, 1997**

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 10, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. on 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.

Mayor Simpson stated that he had received a card from Micheal J, Torbett, in which he had invited the Commissioner to his Eagle Scout Ceremony at Zion Hill Church. Mayor Simpson stated anyone who wished to attend was cordially invited.

Motion was made by Middleton, seconded by Raper to accept the October minutes. All ayes.

Motion was made by Middleton, seconded by Davis to accept the second reading on Ordinance #101397.10. All ayes.

Motion was made by Middleton, seconded by Brock to table dismissing the 1972-1980 property taxes. All ayes.

Motion was made by Middleton, seconded by Davis to advertise for bids on the green city dump truck. All ayes.

Mike Lucas was present to explain about the Regional Planning. Mr. Lucas said he would like the Commission to pass a resolution which would allow the mayor and himself to take the proposed map to the McMinn County Regional Planning Commission to discuss establishing the City of Englewood's territorial limits. Mr. Lucas stated it the Board deemed that appropriate that he would draft a resolution.

Motion was made by Middleton, seconded by Brock to form a resolution for the Regional Planning Commission. All ayes. (Commissioner Davis stated he would pass on this vote because he is a member of the McMinn County Regional Commission).

Reed Johnson stated that Etowah was already a Regional Planning Commission and that they were already trying to do the same thing that Mr. Lucas was doing to the same area.

Mike Lucas explained to Mr. Johnson that Etowah is trying to expand the regional boundaries and that there was a question of territorial over lap.

Commissioner Middleton stated that Etowah is trying to expand their territory because they think we are infringing on their territory, but we already have a grant authorizing the City of Englewood to run water lines down into that area. (The Zion Hill Project)

Mayor Simpson stated the Commission would like to pay special tribute to Hardees for their donation of playground equipment to the city park. Mayor Simpson also stated that Dwight Peeler was instrumental in helping the City get this equipment and he presented a plaque to Mr. Peeler.

Commissioner Davis told Mr. Peeler that the Commission had also had a plaque made to put on the playground equipment that stated it was donated by Hardees. He also stated the total price of moving and setting the equipment up was \$1167.38. He also said he appreciated the work the city employees and Ken Davidson had put into this. Mr. Davis also thanked Dennis Lowe.

Mr. Peeler said that Hardees was glad to do whatever they could and hope someday to be in Englewood. He also stated that when the road is finished that the plans are to build in Englewood.

Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Middleton to take what is left out of the Christmas Bonuses and buy the city employees a turkey or ham. All ayes.

Motion was made by Middleton, seconded by raper to hire Rhonda Cooley as the Librarian for the City Library. All ayes.

Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Middleton to accept the monthly billing errors for October 1997.

Commissioner Middleton spoke about the Engineering Study on the cost of moving Hwy 411 utilities. he stated that C.T.I. had prepared the estimate. The cost was \$63,000.00.

Mildred Rogers commented that the D.P.A. had stated that the water line on Hwy 411 has been abandoned. She wanted to know how she was getting water.

Commissioner Middleton stated that was not exactly true.

Mayor Simpson stated he was the one quoted, but what he told the D.P.A was that when the road was widened that we could abandon the water line. That the paper should have said that it was to be abandoned.

Mrs. Rogers replied "That was what the paper said."

Dean Arnold ask if he could have a copy of the cost estimate. Commissioner Middleton said "yes".

Commissioner Davis ask if this was the final decision on the route of 411 and Commissioner Middleton replied that T.D.O.T. still did not know where the road was going. Commissioner Middleton said that it had been announced at the public hearing in Etowah that it would be on the east side of Hwy 411 all the way through town.

Commissioner Davis ask "When did we hire C.T>I. to do this study?" Mayor Simpson replied, "They are on our staff all the time." Davis asks, "We pay them a retainer?" and adds "We hire then job for job, they are not retained by this City to do our engineering, although we use them, and I have much respect for Al Pierce and C.T.I., but as fas as I know, we haven't hired them yet, and if we did, it is premature because we don't know where the road is going to be. Mayor Simpson replied "There is nothing concrete about this Ralph, it's just a guestionation based on what information we have available to us." Davis then stated "What I'm concerned about is that we are spending the money of the good citizens and as far as I know and being a member of the Board, I should know before we hire an engineer to do a study, whether it makes any difference or not, I still ought to know. I haven't heard one word about hiring engineers or engineer doing a study, this is the first I have heard anything about it. I'm really dismayed. Why he so secretive?" Mayor Simpson replied, "There was nothing secretive." Davis continued, "Evidently it was. I didn't know anything about it. But, I am still wondering who is going to pay for an engineer that hasn't been authorized.

Commissioner Middleton adds "If you will stop think and think a minute, Ralph, you'll know where this came from. The attorney, Mr. Roach, ask C.T.I to do a cost study on the cost of the utilities on Hwy 411 as we know them at this time. That is how it was done. That is how it was hired and that who we will pay." Davis states "Mr. Roach doesn't pay our bills." Middleton replies, "He'll pay this one."

Joe Cline state that we were budgeted \$45,000 in street paving, but it was a big hit to take at one time to General Fund. He would like to spend about \$23,000.00 now and the rest in the spring. The streets with the most traffic should be done first. (Niota Rd., College St., Juniper St., & Second St.) He mentioned that this is the county contract price.

Motion was made by Raper to spend approximately \$23,000 now and the remainder of the \$45,000.00 in the spring. Motion was seconded by Davis. All ayes.

Frances Arnold commented that her husband almost lost his life because the street sign on Kale Ave was gone and the ambulance couldn't find their house. Joe Cline told Mrs. Arnold that the city had signs up in that area, but someone has tore them down.

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

Edward Simpson
Mayor

Deborah Morgan_____
Recorder