

Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on

December 14, 1998

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Englewood met in regular session, Monday, December 14, 1998 in the Assembly Room at Englewood City Hall.

Mayor Edward Simpson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Ralph Davis, Elizabeth Raper and Amos Brock present. Commissioner Middleton was not present.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Davis.

Mayor Simpson then stated that as a result of the recent city election that the town would now have two new city commissioners, Mr. Buck Brown and Mr. Bob Cass. The Mayor stated that both Brown and Cass had previously served on the city Board. He then informed those present that a called meeting would be held the following Monday to organize the new Board. He also stated that the election committee would be meeting on Tuesday, December 15 to certify the new commissioners and that they could be sworn in at any time thereafter by the Recorder. He also informed those present that Commissioner Robert Middleton had been hospitalized and was in serious condition.

Motion was then made by Brock, seconded by Raper to accept the November 1998 meeting Minutes. All Ayes.

Motion was made by Brock, seconded by Raper to accept on third reading Ordinance #110998.17-an ordinance to convey Industrial Zoning to Commercial Zoning. All Ayes.

Motion was made by Brock, seconded by Raper to accept on third reading amendments to the following ordinances: Animal Control and Motor Vehicle, Traffic and Parking. All Ayes.

The Mayor then informed the Board that as the Town was facing some very important issues at this time, and that the city needed to secure legal services. Mr. Simpson stated that he recommended Mr. Herb Williams of Stokes, Fansler and Williams in Knoxville. Commissioner Davis asked why a local attorney could not be used and made a motion to Table the decision. The motion died for lack of second. Davis then asked the Mayor what the city had been paying for an attorney. Mr. Simpson stated that the cost had been \$250.00 and Mr. Williams cost would be \$500.00. Davis asked why the city would pay double the cost. The Mayor stated that Mr. Williams was well versed in municipal law and was certainly an attorney of note and the city needed that at the time being. Mr. Davis stated that he felt this should wait until the new board was seated as they would be the ones dealing with the attorney.

Motion was made by Brock, seconded by Raper to retain Mr. Herb Williams' legal services. Raper Aye. Brock Aye. Davis Nay.

The Board then discussed J.W. Powell's water leak. Mr. Powell's daughter was present to ask that the Board adjust Mr. Powell's bill as he was 87 years old and the notice of the leak was hung on the front door. This was a door Mr. Powell never uses. Commissioner Brock stated that he felt the city could not control what door a customer uses and the standard procedure was used to inform Mr. Powell of his high bill. The Mayor stated that from now on the office would send certified notice to the customer in these cases. Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Raper to average Mr. Powell's bill. Davis Aye. Raper Aye/ Brock Nay.

Billie Willix was present and informed the Board that he had a leak at one time in an amount of over \$1000.00 and was not allowed an adjustment. The Mayor informed him that the leak had occurred while another board was in office.

Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Brock to accept monthly billing errors and adjustments in the amount of \$637.99. All Ayes.

Will Cass was present asking that the city purchase three sets of bleachers for the park. The Board ask Mr. Cass to confer with Commissioner Davis concerning this matter and Davis would give a recommendation to the board.

Motion was made by Brock, seconded by Davis to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes.

E. Edward Simpson
Mayor

Deborah Morgan
Recorder