

Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on

July 12, 1999

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Englewood met in regular session on Monday, July 12, 1999 at 6:00 P.M., in the Assembly Room at Englewood City Hall.

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

The Board then signed a Memorandum to the late Commissioner Buck Brown. This will be presented to his wife.

The Mayor then stated " Englewood Celebrates," had went well and that ll in attendance has enjoyed it.

The Mayor then discussed delinquent property tax acquired by the Town. He stated that before the 1992 tax sale a lien was given to the Town. A clear title is needed to resolve the lien, He stated that the city was trying to work with the Strasser's concerning this in a way that would protect the town's best interest and to help potential investor's of the property feel at ease concerning any purchase that might be made. City Attorney Herb Williams said that the lien constituted a cloud on the property for any buyer interested. He stated that the Town would like to clear this up as soon as possible and that it would be by agreement or suite and that the agreement has not gone well. Commissioner Cass stated that according to the Town's prior attorney that a family member could not hold a lien on property that was delinquent. (The Strasser's are family members of the former property owner). The Mayor stated that board members would meet with the city's attorney and then present to the citizens what steps would be taken. The city attorney then noted that the Banks that were involved in this matter had signed releases.

Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Cass to accept the June 1999 minutes. All Ayes.

The Board then discussed the Animal Control Ordinance. The Mayor stated that the Town had been unable to enforce the ordinance. Cass stated that there had been a misconception of the public that requiring tags would enforce it. Davis stated that the city expected results from the ordinance and that the requirements for tags be rescinded. Mrs. Gordon Ellis, a citizen, stated that the tags proved vaccination. Davis then noted that the board would like to enforce the ordinance, but as they could not then perhaps it could be repealed in part leaving the requirement for vaccination. Chief of Police Cooley asked how vaccination could be enforced without Tag's. The Board stated that they would have to look furtherer into the matter. Motion was made by Cass, seconded by Davis to table the discussion. All Ayes.

Chief of Police Glenn Cooley then informed the board that the State of Tennessee had mandated that everyone arrested must be fingerprinted. The McMinn County Sheriff's Department has acquired through a grant the equipment to do this. All incorporated

communities are requested to meet the cost of \$20,000 annually to do this. Englewood's cost would be \$2000.00. Cooley estimates that this would cost the Town \$31.25 per arrest based on last year's total. He also stated that Calhoun's cost would be \$333.33 and Athens would be \$10.43. He said that this did not seem fair and that the town did not have a choice as it was mandated by the State. The Mayor asked the feeling of the Board. The city attorney stated that it sounded like extortion. Cass stated that we would discuss the matter with the county executive. Motion was made by Cass, seconded by Raper to table the matter at this time. All Ayes.

Motion was made by Raper, seconded by Davis to donate \$1000.00 to four Englewood Football Teams. All ayes. This will be \$250.00 per team.

Motion was made by Raper, seconded by Cass to accept monthly billing errors in the amount of \$4532.07. All Ayes.

Public Works Director Joe Cline reviewed the growth planning area to the board. Motion was made by Cass, seconded by Raper to approve the growth planning area be presented to the coordinating committee. All Ayes.

C.T.I. Engineer John King was present to discuss the waterline extension with the board. He informed the board that there was 17 miles of lines to lay and that the project would take from 9 months to a year to complete. He also talked about the elevation of the water tank and informed that board that the plans should reach the state by next month.

Citizen Reed Johnson felt that as the appellate court had ruled that the Sunshine Law had been violated, that the Board should revert back to the original decision on the highway route. The Mayor informed Mr. Johnson that the State would not change the route of the highway due to the court's decision.

Motion was then made by Raper, seconded by Cass to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes.

Edward Simpson
Mayor

Deborah Morgan
Recorder