

Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on

August 14, 2000

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday August 14, 2000, at 6:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room at Englewood City Hall.

Edward Simpson brought the meeting to order with Commissioners Ronnie Moses, Lance McConkey, Robert Cass and Raymond Roach present. Invocation was given by Joe Cline.

Simpson then informed those present that he had been Mayor for the past four years and that he wanted to thank everyone for their support and that he looked forward to serving on the Board for the next two years.

Simpson then opened the floor for nominations for the position of Mayor. Motion was made by Simpson, seconded by McConkey to appoint Ronnie Moses as Mayor. Commissioner Roach then moved that all nominations for the position cease. Simpson then congratulate Moses and turned the meeting over to him.

Moses then stated that the first order of business would be to appoint a Police Chief. Moses stated that he would like to appoint Danny McDonald as Chief of Police and that all other Police Officers serve in the position of Patrolmen. Cass stated that a vote would need to be taken. Commissioner Cass said that he felt that you need to discuss this matter and that he felt that you need to set down and try to work things out with people and that he felt that if was not the right thing to do at this time. McConkey seconded the motion made by Moses with the following voting as: Roach pass, Cass nay, McConkey Aye, Simpson Aye, Moses Aye.

The Mayor then proceeded to the appointment of City Recorder. Motion was made by Moses, seconded by Simpson to appoint Deborah Morgan as City Recorder. Moses ask if there was any discussion. Commissioners Roach and Cass stated they felt that Ms. Morgan had done a good job in this position. All Ayes.

Motion was then made by Cass, seconded by Simpson to accept the July 2000 Minutes. All Ayes.

Concerning Vice-Mayor, motion was made by Simpson, seconded by Moses to appoint Lance McConkey to this position. All Ayes.

Mayor Moses then made the following appointments:

Commissioner of Police and Fire.....Lance McConkey
Commissioner of Finance.....Ronnie Moses
Commissioner of Parks and Recreation.....Raymond Roach
Commissioner of Streets.....Robert Cass
Commissioner of Utilities.....Edward Simpson

The Board then discussed a water leak at the Wilson Apartments. Charles Wilson was present to ask for an adjustment. The leak was on the service line and had been verified by city personnel. Simpson stated he would make a motion to adjust the sewer, motion was seconded by Cass. Cass then stated he felt that everyone should be treated equally. Moses stated that the Board was trying to do this. Cass stated that the previous Board had not followed the correct policy for this. Moses then read a portion of the July minutes in which Cass made a motion to adjust a customer's water bill. Cass stated that he would continue to do this until a policy was set and adhered to. Roach stated that he felt that a new policy should be put in effect calling for the city to be responsible for anything in the city's side of the meter and the customer be responsible for the customer's side of the meter. The following votes were cast concerning Simpson's motion: Moses Aye, Simpson Aye. McConkey Aye, Cass Aye, Roach Aye.

The Board then discussed the purchase of the old Englewood Speedwash building. Citizens Bank has offered to sell the building to the city for \$20,000.00. Commissioner Cass asked what the building would be used for. Moses stated that it might be used as part of the Library or an an office for a foundry which might locate in the property located behind the building. Commissioner Roach stated that it would be a good investment. Cass stated that he had nothing against the Library, but that he felt that the building needed to be on a tax rolls. He also ask how much renovation to the building would be and stated that there was no adequate parking available. City Attorney Herb Williams asked if an appraisal had been done in the building. Roach stated that he thought there had been as the original price of the building was \$32,000. Cass stated that this was the tax payer's money and he thought the Board should not make a purchase like this without knowing what they planned to do with it. McConkey stated that sometimes growth was taking a chance such as this when you didn't know what your next step was and that he felt that it was a good venture for the city. Motion was made by Simpson, seconded by McConkey to purchase the old Englewood Speedwash Building for Citizens Bank in the amount of \$20,000.00. Before the votes were taken Librarian Bennie Raper asked to speak to the Board. She stated that she hoped the building would be purchased and asked that the Board members come by the Library and let her show them why the building was needed for the Library. Votes: Moses Aye. Simpson Aye. McConkey aye. Cass nay and Roach Aye.

Kay Martin of 1st National Bank and Trust Company then addressed the Board. She stated that 1st National would like to present a proposal to obtain the city's accounts as a result of the closing of Amsouth Bank in Englewood. She informed the Board that 1st National had been in the community for over fifteen years and that it supported the community. She informed the Board that 1st National was very interested in making a proposal. The Board asked Mrs. Martin to present a proposal to the city recorder and the Mayor would review it and if necessary call a worksession for discussion.

Motion was made by Cass, seconded by Simpson to accept monthly billing errors and adjustments in the amount of \$20,202.82. All Ayes.

C.T.I. Engineer John King and Public Works Director Joe Cline then updated the Board concerning the current waterline project. Motion was then made by Cass, seconded by Simpson to approve waterline extension in the following order:

Priority #1-Line Extension on County Road 516 to 520

Priority #2-Line Extension on County Road 442

Priority #3-Line Extension on County Road 435 South of Highway 39

Priority #4-Line Extension on County Road 570

Priority #5-Line Extension from Rocky Branch to County Road 439

Votes: Moses Aye, Simpson Aye, McConkey Aye, Cass Aye and Roach Aye.

The Board then discussed the auction of delinquent tax property. Public Works Director Joe Cline informed the Board that at the July meeting he was instructed to contact someone concerning the auction of the property. He stated that he had spoken with Dean Howard and had discussed an Absolute Auction and a Buyer's Choice. Simpson stated that he felt that the city should not hold an absolute auction. Cline stated that the city needed to get the market value of the property. Roach felt that the city had spent more on appraisals that they would get out of the property. Cass stated that he had doubts concerning the appraisals. Cline then informed the Board that the property recently sold by the city did sell at appraisal value. Moses said that he would like to see the city keep a section of the property located on Highway 411 (n in front of Bain and Holden Tire Company) and eventually use it to house a fire truck and ambulance in order for the town to have emergency services on both sides of the railroad tracks. Cass said that he thought this piece of property would be too small for this. After further discussion motion was made by McConkey, seconded by Simpson to hold a worksession on Monday, August 21, 2000 in order to meet with Mr, Howard and discuss the auction and to allow Kay Martin to also present the proposals by ST National Bank for review at the same time. Votes: Moses Aye, Simpson Aye, Cass Aye and Roach Aye.

Joe Cline also stated that he would need to present a surplus list to the Board for review.

Motion was then made by Cass, seconded by Simpson to table the Auction of Delinquent Tax Property until the worksession. All Ayes.

Moses then appointed himself and Lance McConkey to the Planning Commission. He then scheduled the Planning Commission to meet on Monday, July 28, at 7:00 P.M.

James Middleton a resident of the Conner Addition was present to lodge a complaint against the Ja-You Holstein Dairy Farm located at 317 W. Athens Street in Englewood. Mr. Middleton stated that he wished to complain about the odor coming from the farm. Moses informed Mr. Middleton that the Board would work together to resolve the problem. Simpson stated that this was the first complaint officially brought before the Board concerning this matter, Cass then stated that anyone with these types of problems would need to make a complaint to City Hall in order to have them looked into. He also stated that the city had property that needed cleaning up also. The matter of the Dairy Farm complaint being turned over to the city attorney to review,

Citizen Billy Willix was present to inform the Board that he had a very high water bill and that he was on a fixed income. Mr. Willix stated that he had an \$1100.00 water bill due to a leak about three years ago and had made payments until it was paid, but that other people had received adjustments since that time. Cass stated that this was the type of problem he was referring to earlier concerning adjustments, Simpson asked if a motion was needed to adjust Mr. Willix's bill. Cass stated that he would make a motion to adjust Mr. Willix's bill to his average usage. Motion was seconded by Simpson. Moses Aye, Simpson Aye, McConkey Aye and Roach Aye.

Mary Griffin was present to inform the Board when the soccer fields would be ready for use. She stated that it was time for sign ups and that they had no fields. Roach and Moses informed her that the fields had not been sowed due to lack of rain but they would be ready in the spring. Mrs. Griffin was instructed to use the baseball fields for the soccer fall season. She asked if there would be a problem. Moses informed her there would be no interference if they used the fields.

Scout Leader Bedney Lewis was present requesting use of the pool one evening for training for his troop. The Board informed Mr. Lewis the pool would close for the season after the coming weekend but they would try to make it available and that lifeguards would have to be on duty. Motion was made by Cass, seconded by Moses to allow Mr. Lewis to use the pool for training with proper lifeguards and supervision. Moses Aye, Simpson Aye, McConkey Aye, Cass Aye and Roach Aye. Mr. Lewis was

instructed that the pool could be contacted and someone would get in touch with him concerning the date.

Upon request from Mary Griffin, AYSO Soccer to also use the pool for a fund raiser, the Board informed Ms. Griffin that she could use the pool on the same night as Mr. Lewis following the scout training.

Commissioner Cass then discussed a problem with a water meter at the Joe Nelson residence. The Board stated that the meter needed changing in order to check in whether the usage was correct on the present meter.

With no further business to discuss, motion was made by Simpson, seconded by McConkey to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes.

Ronnie Moses
Mayor

Deborah Morgan
Recorder