

Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on

September 11, 2000

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Englewood met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2000 at 6:00 P.M., in the Assembly Room at Englewood City Hall.

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

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

The Board then discussed city banking. The local Amsouth will be closing the Englewood branch in October and proposals had been presented to the Board by Citizens Bank and 1st National Bank and Trust. Kay Martin of 1st National was present. Ms. Martin informed the Board that 1st National was very interested in obtaining the city's accounts and that they had purchased the Amsouth Building in Englewood. Commissioner Simpson stated that he thought that the accounts could be divided between both banks. Ms. Martin then stated that 1st National had been in Englewood for several years and the accounts had not been divided between Amsouth and 1st National. She then asked why the city would consider giving the accounts to a bank outside of the area. Commissioner Cass then asked Mrs. Martin about 1st National's interest rate. Mayor Moses stated that the city might be required to use a locally based bank for security reasons. Commissioner Roach stated that Citizens had offered to courier the deposits. McConkey then noted that other banks in the area such as Athens Federal might have higher interest rates but that the Board had not checked with them, Simpson stated that the Board should support local businesses. Motion was then made by Simpson, seconded by McConkey to transfer the city's accounts between 1st National Bank and Citizens Bank. Moses Nay, Simpson Nay, McConkey Nay and Cass Aye and Roach Aye. Motion was then made by Simpson, seconded by McConkey to transfer the city's accounts to 1st National Bank and Trust. Moses Aye, Simpson Aye, McConkey Aye, Cass Nay and Roach Nay.

The Board then discussed the flag pole located in front of City Hall. Commissioner McConkey stated that we should demonstrate pride in our country by displaying the country's symbol with pride and honor. He said that we should request Congressman Duncan to get the city a new flag as the one being used now was in bad badly worn. City Recorder Deborah Morgan then informed the Board that Congressman Duncan's office had been notified and they would be sending the city a new flag. McConkey requested that the old flag be given to the Boy Scouts to be properly retired.

Concerning the repair of the flag pole, Commissioner Cass stated that the repairs were supposed to have been done three months ago. Simpson agreed with Cass and ask why it had not been done. Moses stated that the flag meant a lot to everyone especially those who have served in the armed forces. He said that the pole needed to be repaired. The Board stated that the pole was to be repaired by the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Discussion was then held concerning auction of city property. Commissioner Simpson said that he felt that the city should take what the cost to the city had been concerning the property such as attorney's fees, Circuit Court Clerk fees, appraisals, surveys, etc. and add ten per cent on top of that in order for the city not to lose and cover the cost of expenses. He stated that this would vary on each piece of property. Commissioner Roach stated that the city would never get back the money against the property. Simpson said there was no taxes owed against the property as he had gotten them relieved. Moses then discussed what an Absolute Auction was. He stated that the property needed to be back on the tax roll but that he didn't want to see the city lose on it and that in an Absolute Auction one man could bid on it and get all of the property. Roach stated that the city had paid up to \$6600.00 to have McKinney Excavating clear lots. Simpson said that Raymond Roach had been instrumental in getting two mill properties cleared for the city at no cost. Citizen Reed Johnson then commented that maybe the city could set a minimum bid of ten per cent of more over city cost. Simpson stated that this was what he was trying to do. Moses stated that this was Dean Howard's first auction of tax property. Simpson stated that this was not a tax sale that this was city property. Motion was made by McConkey to hold an Absolute Auction with a minimum bid of city cost plus ten percent. Moses Aye, Simpson Aye, McConkey Aye, Cass Nay and Roach Nay,

Motion was then made by Moses, seconded by Roach to pass Federal By Pass Resolution# 33. All Ayes.

The Police Department was then discussed. Commissioner McConkey ask the Board to approve two full time officers and restated that Mike Hull was Sergeant. Motion was made by Moses, seconded by Simpson to hire Gary Smith and Steve Moore as full time patrolman and to restate that Mike Hull was Sergeant retroactive August 14, 2000. All Ayes.

McConkey stated that the Police Department needed to purchase a stripping kit for the Dodge pickup truck. He said the vehicle would be used during inclement weather, Chief McDonald stated that the cost would be about \$260.00

McConkey informed the Board that the School Buses had been rerouted at the school and that Chief McDonald had informed him that it was working out much better.

McConkey also ask that Chris Richeson be made a reserve patrolman. All Ayes. McConkey stated that Richeson would be helping Chief McDonald at the School Crossings.

Mayor Moses then informed those present that the Drug Dog had been obtained from former Police Chief Glenn Cooley and would be worked and used in the community as it should have been in the past. He stated that the dog had been tested and that it could readily locate drugs. He also said the Board was in the process of getting a certified handler installed for the dog.

Commissioner Cass then ask the City Attorney Herb Williams if the Board should open up College Street from a one-way street back to a two-way street since the buses had rerouted. Mr. Williams stated that it would be a good idea to do this. Motion was then made by Cass, seconded by McConkey to change College Street from a one-way to a two-way street. All Ayes.

Commissioner McConkey then discussed the recent purchase of the Old Englewood Speedwash Building. He said that he had looked at the building and suggested that the police department be moved into it and the Library be expanded in to current police department facilities. He noted that he had talked with Chief McDonald and that the police officers and volunteers would do the remodeling of the building. Mayor Moses said that he thought this was a good idea and that he was behind Mr. McConkey 100%. He said that he thought remodeling the building through volunteer work would give the officers more pride in the office. Commissioner Cass asked if the repairs would be paid from the building repair and maintenance budget. McConkey said they would need to get estimates of the repairs and present them to the Board. McConkey stated that there would be no labor cost, just materials. Moses said he would like to see the color scheme of the city buildings to continue the new building. Motion was made by Simpson, seconded by Moses to move the police department to the new building and get a cost on repairs. Moses Aye, Simpson Aye, McConkey Aye, Cass Nay and Roach Aye.

Motion was made by Cass, seconded by Simpson to accept the monthly billing errors and adjustments in the amount of 43733.52. All Ayes.

The Board then discussed employees salaries. Mayor Moses presented a list of merit raises and requested that the Board pass this. He felt that merit raises would help create a good working relations and encourage employees and better aid the city as a whole. Cass stated that employees were given a 3% raise at the first of the fiscal year. He felt that this was the fair way of doing this. He stated that he would like to see everyone get raises, but the city needed to budget for it and make sure the money was available. Commissioner Roach stated that if water was in the red at the end of the

year that someone would have to go to Nashville and answer for it. Simpson said that the raises could come from the general Fund and totaled \$5865.60 and that the city could certainly afford this and any other amendments could be made at the end of the fiscal year. Moses agreed with this. Motion was then made by Moses, seconded by Simpson to pass the following raises: Joe Cline .72, Dan McDonald .21, Mark Gibson .29, Sharon Gibson .50, Kristie Hamilton .46, Michael Hull .16, Steve Long .26, Deborah Morgan .72, Andrew Robinson .15 and Ronnie Watson .29. Moses Aye, Simpson aye, McConkey Aye, Cass Nay and Roach Nay.

Resident Mildred Rogers then informed the Board of the waterline broken by the State at her residence. She said that gravel and mud had been flushed into her lines causing her faucets to leak. Motion was made by Simpson, seconded by McConkey to have Advanced Mechanical Services do what was necessary to fix the problem. All Ayes. Public Works Director Joe Cline stated that the city could pay the cost then present the invoice to the road contractor for reimbursement.

Motion was then made by McConkey, seconded by Simpson to pass on first Reading Ordinance #091100.27 an ordinance to close an unopened right of way within the corporate limits of the Town of Englewood, Tennessee, ( Patricia Maiden and Teresa Casteel). All Ayes.

Citizen Frances Arnold stated that you could not see to pull out into the road at the corner of Englewood and Kale Street. Joe Cline stated that the city had mowed but the rest of the problem was on private property owned by Reece Armstrong. Moses stated that he would get permission from Armstrong to get it mowed. Cass stated that city could not go on private property and clean it up. Moses stated the he might do it himself.

Cass asked Joe Cline about the County ditching. Cline stated that Mr. Hicks would be getting in touch with concerning this matter.

Moses the had CAGE member Sheila Holden to inform those present of a book located in the Englewood Room at the Textile Museum. The book was put together by a UT student that was doing her dissertation and concerns restoring the town's buildings to their original look.

Dwight Peeler asked when the date of the auction would be. The Board informed him that he would be contacted and according to Dean Howard the auction usually was set about three weeks after the decision to hold the auction.

Moses then recommended that CA Gowin be appointed as Building Inspector. Motion was then made by Moses, seconded by Simpson to appoint CA Gowin as Building

Inspector and Codes Enforcer for the Town of Englewood at \$10.00 per hour-8 hours per week. All Ayes.

Linda Peeler was present to ask the Board about a metal plate in the road near Sunset Avenue. Joe Cline stated that this was covered a gas line and that another utility would be helping Englewood to repair this within the next week.

Eddie Slack asked Commissioner Cass why Ferguson Street was not paved. Cass Stated that it had not needed it as bad as the other streets. Slack said that the road was in bad shape and needed paving. Roy Lynn Slack said some roads were paved that were not in as bad a shape as Ferguson.

Motion was then made by Simpson, seconded by McConkey to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes.

Ronnie Moses  
Mayor

Deborah Morgan  
Recorder