

## Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on

December 11, 2000

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Englewood met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2000 in the Assembly Room at Englewood City Hall.

Mayor Moses called the meeting to order with Commissioners Roach, Cass and McConkey present. Commissioner Edward Simpson was not present.

Invocation was given by Joe Cline.

Mayor Moses then informed those present that he had received a letter from Bill and Terri Morris of Englewood. The letter was in reference to an easement the Morris's granted to the Town of Englewood in order to install a water line on their property located on McCroskey Street. As a result of the installation the trench for the line was dug too close to the Morris's trees causing them to die. The Morris's fear that if the trees are not removed, there was a danger of them falling into a line or into the road. The Morris's requested that the city remove the trees. Motion was made by Commissioner Roach that the city do whatever was necessary to correct this problem. Motion was seconded by Cass. Moses stated that he had checked on the cost of the removal and that the best price was \$600.00 from Chuck Skipper who would also clean it up and haul the wood to Ivins Martins residence. Mr. Martin is a former city employee. Commissioner Roach amended his motion to include the \$600.00 for removal. Cass amended the second to the motion. Roach Aye, Cass Aye, McConkey Aye, Moses Aye.

Mayor Moses then asked if there were any reports from Commissioners, There were no reports, but Commissioner Roach stated that he would like to ask that motorcycles and four wheelers needed to be kept off of the soccer fields until the grass could come up. Cass stated that where Jerry Martin goes into his barn that the alley had been blocked and Mr. Martin was requesting a sign be placed for the alley not to be blocked.

Motion was made by Cass, seconded by McConkey to accept the November 2000 Minutes. Roach Aye, Cass Aye, McConkey Aye, Moses Aye.

Motion was then made by McConkey to accept on Third Reading Ordinance #112700.29 an Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map for the City of Englewood to Rezone property adjacent to State Highway 39 from R-2 to C-2. Motion was seconded by Moses. Roach Nay, Cass nay, McConkey Aye, Moses Aye. Moses then preceded to use Section 15 of the Charter of the town of Englewood to settle the tie vote. Moses stated that his vote was Aye.

The Board then discussed annexation Ordinance #121100.30. Cass asked if a cost study had been done of the area. He asked what the cost of supplying sewer would be. Public Works Director Joe Cline stated that the cost would probably be around \$100,000. Roach asked if any of the residents had requested to be put in the city. Cline said some were interested but had not put it in writing. Roach stated that he would like to see a

study and that he did not want to induct anyone into the city unless they wanted to be, though sometimes it had to be done. Cline stated that this area was looked at because basically all the services were there except sewer and it could be easily annexed into the city. Moses stated that the State Planner had said that there really wasn't a need to do a cost estimate as it would be an easy place to start. Moses stated that there had been a request for the annexation, though not in writing. Cline stated that personally he lived in the area and had no problem being annexed as the reduction in garbage rates and water rates, plus fire insurance rates would more than offset the cost of paying property taxes. Moses said a public hearing would have to be held and everyone interested would have the right to speak. He said he felt this was a good starting place. Cass stated that the previous Board had looked at the area before and that out of those who attended only one was interested. He said it would have given police assistance and increased the population and that is where you come out. Motion was made by McConkey to accept on First Reading Ordinance #121100.30-an Ordinance to Annex Certain Territory an being Approximately 23 Acres Located Adjacent to Niota Road and Manila Road located within the Englewood Urban Growth Boundary and Described in the Body of this Ordinance and to incorporate the same Growth Boundaries of the City of Englewood, Tennessee. Motion was seconded by Moses. Roach Nay, Cass Nay, McConkey aye, Moses Aye. Moses then stated that he would use Section 15 of the Charter of the Town of Englewood, Tennessee to break the tie vote and that his vote would be Aye.

The Mayor then discussed the Economic Development authority. He stated that he was interested in the industrial development of the Town and that Commissioner McConkey was also interested. He stated that the Town gives a minimum of \$250.00 a year to the EDA. He then stated that he asked the EDA to come and look at some property. He said that he had discussed this with Commissioner Roach, One parcel of property is Phoenix Structures consisting of about nine acres plus about fifteen south that could possibly be gotten and the other piece of property is owned by Floyd Reedy consisting of about 40 acres that he has priced and there is another 13 acres that adjoins it for sale. Mayor Moses asked for the Board's permission to proceed with this and that he felt that the town needed spin off companies in this area and the rail road track has an industrial spur that has never been developed. Moses said that he felt that the Board should go ahead with this and bring the EDA in and maybe get the County to purchase this property for the town in order for us to have a place for our children to work. Roach stated that he felt that Englewood was entitled to the same consideration that was given Athens and Etowah concerning their industrial parks and since this is part of our industrial part of the town, then if the company has gone out of business then they should help us secure those buildings and that we also have an industrial bond board. He stated that the Board should push this. Motion was then made by Roach, seconded by McConkey to enter into negotiations with McMinn County in order for them to do the same for Englewood that they have done for other towns. Roach Aye, Cass Aye, McConkey Aye, Moses Aye.

The Board then reviewed bids for a new utility truck. Joe Cline presented the following bids to the Board: D & M Used Cars \$7500.00, Tedd Russell Ford \$26,940.00, Tri County Chevrolet \$28,560.00. Motion was made by Roach, seconded by McConkey to

accept the bid from Ted Russell Ford to lease/purchase a 2001 ford for \$26,940. Roach Aye, Cass Aye, McConkey Aye, Moses Aye.

Motion was made by McConkey, seconded by Cass to accept monthly billing errors and adjustments in the amount of \$1451.97. All Ayes.

City Recorder Deborah Morgan presented the Board with a financial report, Public Works Director Joe Cline informed the Board of a Public Hearing set for December 21, 2000 at 2:00 P.M. for public input on the next CDBG project. He stated that hopefully the town would be finished with the current project by the first of January in order to reapply. This is a time when the Development District gets input on what projects that the town would like to see in the next funding round. Moses stated that a new firetruck was needed. Roach concurred. He then informed the Board that the yearly inspection of the sewer plant had passed with flying colors. Concerning the waterline extension, he stated that all the lines should be in the ground by the end of January. Weese Construction will be starting to hook up customers on the Zion Hill portion in order to get the Block Grant taken care of because the LMI's must be hooked up first in order to complete the grant. Roach asked about money due from Etowah. Cline stated that the money would come in after the Rural Development money was drawn down. Cline then informed the Board that the customers gas bills for the next month are going to be high as gas prices are still going up with the last index price being over \$6.00. Commissioner Cass stated that a letter should be sent to those customers averaging their gas payments and let them know they might want to check their payments.

Commissioner McConkey then informed the board that new radios for the police department will be purchased from the Drug Fund.

Police Commissioner Lance McConkey then discussed the need for new police cars, He presented the Board with a lease purchase option from Ted Russell Ford. This would be two cars. Commissioner Roach had offered to give the balance of \$7500.00 from his park budget toward the purchase of the police vehicles. McConkey also stated there was around \$3400.00 in savings plus there would be another \$3000.00 in savings for the next fiscal year. \$2500.00 dollars would need to be budget for next year also. the first payment would not be due for one year. The following bids were reviewed by the Board:

Tedd Russell, Ford Motor Credit: \$22600.00, Halogen, \$23574.00, Gray Epperson, \$26314.00. Motion was made by Roach, seconded by McConkey to purchase two patrol cars from Ted Russell through lease purchase Ford Motor Credit, 45,200. Roach aye, Cass Aye, McConkey aye, Moses Aye.

Motion was made by McConkey, seconded by Moses to accept on First Reading the following Amendments to Ordinance #100900.28-Beer Sales: Section 8-209, the charge for privilege tax will be \$100.00/Section 8-210, the number of licenses for the sale of beer shall be limited to ten permits/ Section 8-211, in no event will a permit be issued authorizing the manufacturing, storage of beer, of the sale of beer within two hundred (200) feet of any school, residence, church or other place of public gathering. The distance shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest part of the building from

which the beer will be manufactured, stored or sold to the nearest part of school, residence, church or other place of public gathering. Roach Nay, Cass Nay, McConkey Aye, Moses Aye. Mayor Moses then used Section 15 of the City Charter of the Town of Englewood to break the tie vote. He stated that his vote was Aye.

The City Recorder then informed the Board that Sheila Holden of the Keep McMinn Beautiful asked if the Board wished to pledge \$400.00 toward the purchase of a pebble stone trash can. No motion was made concerning this.

Motion was then made by Cass, seconded by Roach to have the City Recorder to begin the process of collection of any property taxes owed the city from 1994 through 1997. A letter will be sent to property owners with unpaid taxes and run an ad in the paper in order to try to collect unpaid taxes before referring them to Clerk and Master. All Ayes.

The Board then reviewed a letter from the family of Wayne Williams requesting that Highway 411 be named for him. As this is the second request for this from a veteran's family, motion was made by McConkey, seconded by Roach to send a letter requesting that the Highway be named Englewood Veteran's Memorial Highway. All Ayes.

Public Works Director Joe Cline then informed the Board that he had been offered a position as General Manager of Tuckaleechee Utility District. He stated that he would need to begin the new position by January 15, 2001, if he accepted. He said that he had been asked what it would take for him to stay with Englewood. He stated that he would stay in the position for \$35,000.00 per year. McConkey informed the other Board members that the City Recorder had been instructed to check on salaries for this position with other cities in the area. Moses stated that he felt that the Board should do everything possible in order to keep Mr. Cline with Englewood, as the water and sewer was in such good shape at this time and the city would be growing. Cass felt that this amount was not budgeted and that all employees needed to be looked after. Motion was made by McConkey, seconded by Moses to pay Joe Cline \$35,000.00 salary per year. Roach Aye, Cass Nay, McConkey Aye, Moses Aye.

Citizen Reed Johnson then spoke with the Board concerning the cost of Highway 411. Cass stated that he was concerned with sewer.

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

Ronnie Moses  
Mayor

Deborah Morgan  
Recorder