

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS  
OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, WILSON COUNTY, TN

JUNE 27, 2000

The Board of Mayor and Alderpersons of the City of Watertown, Wilson County, Tennessee met in regular session at 8:30 P.M. on June 27, 2000 at the Watertown Community Center.

Alderpersons Present: Brent Bain, Howell Roberts, Jan Jewell, Sharon McComb, Charles Robertson, Gary Eakes and Mayor Mike Jennings.

Mayor Mike Jennings called the meeting to order.

Motion made by Sharon McComb and proper second by Howell Roberts to approve the minutes of May 9, 2000 as printed. Motion carries.

Motion made by Jan Jewell and proper second by Howell Roberts to approve the minutes of May 30, 2000 as printed. Motion carries.

Mayor Mike Jennings stated that Richard Woodard with Lebanon Distributing was present concerning buying some acreage in the Industrial Park. He would like to buy 5 acres at \$15,000.00 per acre with the option on buying 5 additional acres at \$15,000.00 per acre. Mr. Woodard will put up \$10,000.00 to hold the additional acres for the next 3 years and if Mr. Woodard buys the additional 5 acres the \$10,000.00 would come off of the cost and if he decides not to purchase the land the City would keep the \$10,000.00. The City would take care of the survey and the closing.

Motion made by Brent Bain and proper second by Jan Jewell to enter into the contract with Mr. Woodard. Motion carried unanimously.  
Bob Lee will prepare the contract.

Mayor Mike Jennings has contacted several local surveyors to survey the property in the Industrial Park but haven't heard anything from them. Mr. Woodard had gave Mike the contact name of Cumberland Surveying out of Gordonsville which could do the survey within a week. The estimated cost would be \$800.00 to \$1000.00.

Motion made by Sharon McComb and proper second by Brent Bain to authorize Mayor Jennings to have the survey done and Mayor Jennings will try to get other bids. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Brent Bain and proper second by Jan Jewell to authorize John Smith to do the engineering work for the project of the expansion of the water lines in the Industrial Park.

Motion made by Brent Bain and proper second by Jan Jewell for John Smith to prepare the specs and take care of the bidding process. Motion carried unanimously.

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Johnnie Ruth Hubbard was present concerning she was having a problem with neighbors dumping trash on her property. This property has high grass and trash piled up everywhere. Since this property is rental property Bob Lee will send a letter to the owner to notify them of the violation.

Mayor Mike Jennings had talked with Mr. Larry Keller and there is a good possibility that we could be getting a part-time doctor at the Community Center building. Mayor Jennings will bring back further information to the Council when he finds out more information.

Mayor Mike Jennings stated that a Public Hearing had been held at 8:00 on the updated Watertown Municipal Code and a second reading needs to be passed. There are two or three things that need to be changed or amended. Attorney Bob Lee stated the first one is the firework ordinance (7-401), the final amended ordinance never was drafted. Bob had prepared the corrected copy and we will insert the correct one. The second one is section 8-102 which is the blue laws which stated a business could not open on Sundays this needs to be pulled out of the book. The third one is section 15-111 which states a train can not block an intersection no more than 5 minutes at a time this needs to be changed to state 20 minutes. Bob Lee recommended to adopt the updated Municipal Code Book. Motion made by Brent Bain and proper second by Sharon McComb to adopt the Municipal Code Book with the changes on second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Mike Jennings stated that a continuation budget needs to be passed on second reading and that we should be able to start working on the new budget in the next few days. Motion made by Sharon McComb and proper second by Charles Robertson to pass on second reading the continuation budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Mike Jennings stated that John Smith would be coming within the next month to look at the problem on Central Avenue concerning the run off when there is heavy rainfall. John will get back with the Council with his opinion and recommendations within the next 30 days on what needs to be done.

Mayor Mike Jennings stated that the problem that the residents on Euclid Avenue was having with a new street light was a 250 watt bulb was installed to begin with and then it was changed to a 100 watt bulb. Normally a 250 watt bulb is installed at a intersection and a 100 watt bulb is used on the others. Mayor Jennings asked the Council for any suggestions or recommendations. After discussion it was decided to ask MTEMCO to try installing the light on a longer arm.

Mayor Mike Jennings stated that Buddy Dicus has requested to do the audit services for the City for a cost of \$5500.00.

Motion made by Brent Bain and proper second by Charles Robertson to approve the audit contract for Buddy Dicus to do the audit for the period of 7-99-8-00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Mike Jennings stated that there was a accident several weeks ago at the Fire Hall. This was reported to the insurance company and the City was told to go ahead and have the building repaired.