

## DECEMBER 2, 2008

The Harriman City council met in regular session December 2, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Harriman Municipal/Utility Building. Vice Mayor Ken Mynatt was present and presiding. Vice-Mayor Mynatt called meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Councilmember Wright. Roll call of Council was as follows:

PRESENT: Kenyon Mee  
J.D. Sampson  
Chase Tedder  
Lonnie Wright

ABSENT: Mayor Chris Mason

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from November 11, 2008. Councilmember Wright made the motion and Councilmember Tedder seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked for a motion to pay the salaries. Councilmember Wright made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Mee. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

### **DELEGATIONS**

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked the Public if anyone would like to approach Council. Danny Jones advised that there was a problem at 303 King Drive. He advised Council that to his knowledge there is no power in the house, and that the people are living in the van in the driveway. Ken Mynatt advised he would alert Maria Nelson, the City Building Inspector/Codes Enforcement Officer and have her investigate.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked Councilmember Mee if he had any old business. Councilmember Mee advised that he did not have any old business to discuss.

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked Councilmember Tedder if he had any old business. Councilmember Tedder advised that he did not have any old business to discuss.

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked Councilmember Wright if he had any old business. Councilmember Wright advised that he did not have any old business to discuss.

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson suggested investing in Cedar Trees for Hwy. 27 similar to the trees in Pigeon Forge. By lighting up the exit at the Interstate this will possibly entice people to get off on our exit. Councilmember Sampson suggested as well that the City speak with TVA regarding putting a "Welcome to Harriman" sign on the trestle.

Councilmember Sampson advised that a Hospital Employee said it would take 10 years before the new hospital would be built. Treasurer Charles Kerley advised that he sits on the Hospital Advisory Board, and that to his knowledge Covenant has not at this point indicated how long it will take to get the new hospital built. Treasurer Kerley advised that he would consult with the other advisory members for facts.

Councilmember Sampson suggested a freeze on Departments for purchasing and hiring. Councilmember Wright suggested having City Coordinator Bob Tidwell to speak with the Department Heads as to their current practices. City Coordinator Bob Tidwell advised he would get back with Council on what he finds out.

Councilmember Sampson advised that he wasn't present when Council voted on the Harriman Browder Building. He advised that he has received complaints from people about the decision and wants to know if Council still stands by the

decision. Vice Mayor Ken Mynatt advised that it was approved by the majority of Council to move the City offices to the Browder Building. Vice Mayor Mynatt advised that he voted his conscience and he still stands by that vote. The City is still in negotiation stage at this point. Councilmember Mee advised that the City doesn't have to make payment for a year.

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked City Treasurer Charles Kerley if he had any old business. Charles Kerley advised that the old Retirement Program at the hospital has beneficiaries, possibly four that are still receiving benefits from the plan that existed prior to Covenant purchasing RMC. Charles Kerley advised that he met with Janice Bardill about the Cities options. Option I recommends freezing the plan but not terminating it, the plan would be maintained until all is paid. Option II (which is favored) recommends freezing and terminating the plan. This option may have to pay a lump sum based on the present value. Dr. Kerley advised that he and the Mayor have discussed using the existing consulting firm. Councilmember Mee inquired as to whether or not the City Attorney, Harold Balcom could make the negotiations. Dr. Kerley advised that Mr. Balcom stated that this is not in his area of expertise and advised to seek Counsel elsewhere. Vice Mayor Mynatt asked the will of the Council. After some more discussion, Council decided to table until the next meeting and authorized Dr. Kerley to price shop.

Vice-Mayor Mynatt asked City Coordinator Bobby Tidwell if he had any old business to discuss. Bobby Tidwell advised that he did not have any old business to discuss.

Vice-Mayor Mynatt thanked everyone involved with the First Annual Parade of Trees. He read through a list of all of the contributors, and volunteers.

## **AGENDA**

Temperance Building Committee -

Vice Mayor Mynatt read out the list of appointees suggested by the Mayor to serve on the Temperance Building Committee. Those include: Ron Cowan, Mike Demyanovich, Hal Jones, Pat Mynatt, J.D. Sampson, Chase Tedder, and Mimi Tedder. Councilmember Mee made the motion to accept the appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wright. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and was seconded by Councilmember Mee. Motion to adjourn was passed with a unanimous "Aye".

*Kenneth Mynatt*

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Ken Mynatt/Vice-Mayor

*Amy S. Arriola*

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Amy S. Arriola/City Clerk