

**March 3, 2009**

The Harriman City council met in regular session March 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Harriman Municipal/Utility Building. The Honorable Chris Mason, Mayor was present and presiding. Mayor 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  
Ken Mynatt  
J.D. Sampson  
Lonnie Wright

ABSENT: Chase Tedder

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 10, 2009. Councilmember Wright made the motion and Councilmember Mynatt seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

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

#### **DELEGATIONS**

Mayor Mason asked the Public if anyone would like to approach Council. Floyd approached Council regarding the Back to School Bash that's held every August before the students start back to school. The event is held down at the Riverfront Park. This year, Floyd would like to have an AH-64A Apache land at the park for adults and children to look at. The Apache helicopter would have plenty of room to land on the field between the Pavilion and the bridge. The Apache would be at the park for only two-three hours. Mr. Floyd has had two previous aircrafts available at previous events, but realizes he needs Council approval. Mayor Mason expressed his concern for liability. Councilman Wright made a motion to approve allowing the Apache to land pending approval of liability from Insurance and Harold Balcom. Councilman Mynatt seconded the motion. Councilman Mee suggested Fire and Police assistance with the crowds. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes".

Mike Demyanovich approached Council regarding the Temperance Building Committee. He announced that the Committee has met and elected officers. He will forward a copy of the minutes to the Clerk for filing.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Mee if he had any old business. Councilmember Mee advised that the Rec. and Parks Dept. have plans to fix and repair the fence at the soccer field as well as the Tennis courts by the Police Station. The Board plans to send information to City Coordinator Bob Tidwell for possible grants that may be available. Councilman Mee also advised that Parks Director, Drack Langley is preparing the soccer fields for the season. Due to the TVA Ash Spill, the TVA soccer fields will not be in use. Councilman Mynatt asked if there were bleachers at the soccer field and Councilman Mee advised no.

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Wright if he had any old business. Councilmember Wright advised that with the budget approaching for the new fiscal year, the main focus should be on paving and street repair. The last major paving was done in 1995. Councilman Wright advised that he, Drack Langley, and State Representative, Dennis Ferguson toured Harriman on March 2, 2009 listing the streets in immediate repair as well as the streets that need minor repairs. Councilman Wright also suggested having all Councilmember's tour the City as well and to take note of the streets. Councilman Wright feels that the stimulus money may not reach Harriman; therefore the City needs to plan on using money now to repair the streets.

Councilman Wright also advised that long time Harriman resident, J.W. Williams was honored recently as the most decorated war veteran in Roane County. Councilman Wright would like to designate March 10<sup>th</sup> as J.W. Williams Day. Councilman Mynatt made a motion to honor J.W. Williams with a letter of proclamation and a letter of thanks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous Roll Call "Yes"

Mayor Mason advised that he would like for State Senator, Ken Yager to go to up to Nashville to check on Stimulus Money. Mayor Mason also advised that he believes the upkeep and maintenance of the railroads is the responsibility of the railroads. Mayor Mason and Bob Tidwell will draft a letter to inquire.

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

Mayor Mason asked Councilmember Sampson if he had any old business. Councilmember Sampson advised that he had Drack Langley look at the dock down at the Riverfront Park and Drack advised that the best thing to do would to have Wendell Garrett, the gentleman that built the dock, to come back out and repair it. Mr. Garrett has the proper equipment. He would like to have Bob Tidwell contact Mr. Garrett to get a quote and then have Council vote as to whether or not it can be approved right now.

Councilman Sampson has not spoken to the Temperance Building Committee yet but he would like to twice a month have an antique car auction at the Armory Building. The Crusin Committee and the Temperance Building Committee could join together, auction the cars and take a percentage of the cars sold and the cars purchased. The money would go towards the Temperance Building. Council approved Councilman Sampson to suggest this to the Temperance Building Committee

Councilman Sampson also suggested running a line of credit of \$10,000,000.00 to assist if the stimulus money does not come in. Use this money to pave the streets and help with the hospital. Councilman Sampson advised that it is his opinion that the hospital is not stable. Mayor Mason advised that those rumors are not true. Mayor Mason advised he would like to se up a meeting with Covenant and Council in April for a progress report to mark the end of the first year. Councilman Wright and Councilman Mee both agreed that the roads need to be paved but neither agrees with taking out a line of credit.

Councilman Wright mentioned that Drack Langley has been looking at a new method of paving being tested by the State right now. It is a sealant that extends the life of the roads by 7-10 years.

Mayor Mason asked City Coordinator Bob Tidwell if he had any old business. Mr. Tidwell advised that he did not have any old business to discuss.

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## **AGENDA**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 0309-1 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HARRIMAN ZONING MAP BY REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM R-1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Mayor Mason read the Ordinance. Councilman Mee made the motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 0309-1. Councilman Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed with two "YES" votes from Councilmen Mee and Wright and two "NO" votes from Councilmen Mynatt and Sampson. Due to the tie, the motion failed.

Resolution R0309-1 - A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY, AS A PART OF ITS PROACTIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, PROVIDE FUNDING TO HELP THE CITY OF HARRIMAN

STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH; REVITALIZE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN HARRIMAN; EXPAND THE EDUCATION OF THE ROANE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, ROANE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGY CENTER; AND REPAIR ROADWAYS DIRECTLY IMPACTED FROM THE ASH SPILL.

Mayor Mason read the Resolution. Councilman Mynatt made the motion to accept the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wright. Mayor Mason believes that this Resolution will help revitalize Harriman by bringing businesses into downtown. The motion passed with a unanimous "Yes".

Charter Change Committee

Mayor Mason asked Council to forward five names out of the Community to serve on the Committee.

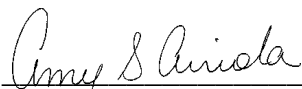
Drack Langley advised that the spring "Harriman Pride Day" is scheduled for April Fourth, 2009. Mayor Mason asked that this be added to next weeks (March 10<sup>th</sup>) Agenda.

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



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Christopher B. Mason/Mayor



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Amy S. Arriola/City Clerk