

## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES MAY 5, 2009**

The Harriman City council met in regular session May 5, 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 the meeting to order with 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: Ken Mynatt

A motion was made by Councilmember Mee to approve the minutes from April 14, 2009 and was seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

A motion was made by Councilmember Wright to approve the minutes from the special call council meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and was seconded by Councilmember Mee. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

A motion was made by Councilmember Wright to pay the salaries for the month and was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

### **Delegations**

Glenda Copeland approached council concerning the building next door. She stated that she had put a new roof on her building but rain was coming in from the building next door, which is owned by Friket Gencay. She has tried to contact him without any results. She also stated that the water is coming in on her carpet and tile flooring and ruining it. She asked if the City could do anything to help her. Mayor Mason stated that they have turned all his buildings over to file suit. He said he would call Harold Balcom and find out if there is anything else that could be done.

Mike Demyanovich gave an update on the Temperance Building. He stated that the cleanup would be in June and the committee is waiting on a report from Sparkman and Associates. Councilmember Sampson stated that the Temperance Building still needed to be sprayed for termites. Councilmember Tedder stated that there needs to be someone designated to change the air filters once a month.

### **Old Business-**

Street Paving- Councilmember Wright stated that he, Bob Tidwell, Drack Langley and Councilmember Mee went and surveyed the streets that need paving. They selected five streets to start with. They would like to pave the first two, Pansy Hill and Swan Pond Road, with STP money. The cost for the five roads would be approximately a quarter of a million dollars.

Hospital Retirement Fund-Councilmember Sampson asked if anything had been done concerning the Hospital Retirement Fund. Mayor Mason said the study could be done now and pay for it or wait until July when it would be done routinely. The results should be back in December.

Wrecker Service on Interstate-Councilmember Sampson asked if the City would reconsider allowing the police department to patrol the interstate in order for the wrecker services in Harriman to get more calls. The wrecker services are

complaining that they are losing money. Mayor Mason stated that this would need to be brought up at police board.

Annexation Appeal-Councilmember Sampson asked if there had been a date set for the annexation appeal. Mayor Mason responded that he thought it would be in June or July in Knoxville. Harold Balcom is working on this and would be allowed twenty minutes to plead the case in court.

City clerk applicants-Mayor Mason stated that there had been about twenty-five applicants for the city clerk position and had interviewed nine of them. He stated he should have a recommendation by next council meeting.

Pandemic Plan-Mayor Mason explained to council that Roane County had come up with a Pandemic Plan in case of an outbreak of the H1N1 virus.

Flooding-Mayor Mason stated that Howie Rose had been monitoring the water in the city for flooding.

## **AGENDA**

### **Tobacco Use and New Insurance Law**

Mayor Mason wanted to inform council and the public about the new tobacco use and insurance law for all state employees. If a person uses tobacco they have until July 1<sup>st</sup> to declare if they are going to try to stop using it or pay a fifty-dollar a month fee.

### **Art Display on Windows Downtown**

Mayor Mason stated that before Councilmember Powers left he had asked council to cover funds for paint for the Roane State Community College students to display art on the windows in downtown buildings. The students would research what the building was forty years ago and paint the windows accordingly. Councilmember Wright suggested doing one building to see how it looks. Councilmember Sampson suggested not exceeding one hundred dollars for the paint. The motion was made by Councilmember Wright to allow one building to be painted and was seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".


### **First Reading Ordinance 05-09-1**

Mayor Mason read the first reading of the Ordinance 05-09-1 amending the Harriman Zoning Map by rezoning certain property from R-1 low-density residential district to C-2 general commercial district. The property is owned by Steve Byerly and is at the corner of Pine Ridge Road and Highway 29A. The motion was made to approve the reading by Councilmember Tedder and was seconded by Councilmember Wright. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

### **Harriman Housing Reappointment**

Mayor Mason stated that Robbie Lockett, Harriman Housing Authority, recommended Alicia Harris for another five-year term. The motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Councilmember Mee. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned

  
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Chris Mason  
Mayor

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Tracey Bolden  
Interim City Clerk