

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

October 12, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on October 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center.

Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy was present and presiding.

The following Aldermen were present: Mark Billingsley, Ernest Chism, John Drinnon, Carole Hinely, and Mike Palazzolo. Staff present: Patrick Lawton, Andy Pouncey, Tom Cates, Jerry Cook, Chief Richard Hall, Chief Dennis Wolf, Melody Pittman, Michael Saddler, Ralph Gabb, Bo Mills and Dotty Johnson.

Invocation

Director of Community Development Jerry Cook gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Carol Hinely led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

There were two additions to the agenda:

Alderman Chism asked to add the formation of an exploratory committee to look into the feasibility to recognize fallen soldiers of Germantown.

Alderman Hinely asked to add a discussion on recycling.

The Board unanimously agreed to add these two items.

Motion by Mr. Drinnon, seconded by Ms. Hinely, to approve the agenda as amended.

ROLL CALL: Billingsley–yes, Chism–yes, Drinnon–yes, Hinely–yes, Palazzolo–yes. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Palazzolo stated the word *is* should be removed from page 6, third paragraph, first sentence, last word.

Alderman Hinely asked the Court Clerk to research the minutes and add Alderman Palazzolo's comments as to the validation each alderman gave for their vote on Ordinance 2009-15. She stated that Alderman Palazzolo's comments were left out.

Motion by Mr. Drinnon, seconded by Mr. Palazzolo, to approve the minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting held September 28, 2009 as amended.

ROLL CALL: Billingsley–yes, Chism–yes, Drinnon–yes, Hinely–yes, Palazzolo–yes. Motion approved.

Teacher of the Month

Alderman Hinely presented the August Teacher of the Month award to Ms. Kim Douglas, an English teacher at Germantown High School. Four students had recommended Ms. Douglas for this award. The sponsor State Farm Agent Jim Pope presented her with a check.

Alderman Hinely stated she had been honored to give an address to the first International Baccalaureate students at Germantown High School. This was the first class of twenty to graduate and there were about 300 freshmen, sophomores and juniors enrolled in the program.

Citizens to be Heard

Mr. Dan McCleary of 6996 Stillbrook and founder and artistic director of the Tennessee Shakespeare Company came forward to express his gratitude to the City and the Board for the civic support grant and all the support. He stated he had brought in a number of teaching artists from around the country to help launch the educational program. They taught teachers how to teach Shakespeare. He introduced Ms. Stephanie Shine from Seattle, Washington.

Ms. Shine came forward and gave her personal experience in the Germantown schools and how the children were so excited.

BEER BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING – Beer Permit Application – Exline’s Pizza – 7730 Wolf River Blvd. Suite 114 – On-premise

City Administrator Patrick Lawton stated that Mr. Walter Exline, owner of Exline’s Pizza had requested a permit to sell beer for on-premise consumption. According to the Police Department report, nothing had been found to discredit the applicant.

Motion by Ms. Hinely, seconded by Mr. Drinnon, to approve the request from Walter Exline for a permit to sell beer for on-premise consumption at Exline’s Pizza, 7730 Wolf River Blvd., Suite 114.

ROLL CALL: Billingsley–yes, Chism–yes, Drinnon–yes, Hinely–yes, Palazzolo–yes. Motion approved.

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Appeal of Decision by Design Review Commission – Request Approval of an Off-Premise Ground Mounted project Identification Sign – The Villages at Germantown – Exeter Ext., north of Neshoba - REMOVED

CONSENT AGENDA

Civic Support – Germantown Arts Alliance

The City is awarding the first installment of a grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 to the Germantown Arts Alliance. The second installment of \$10,000.00 will be matched by donations raised by the Arts Alliance and awarded in 2010.

MOTION: To award a grant to the Germantown Arts Alliance in the amount of \$30,000.00.

Engine Overhaul for Pumper F 127

This vehicle is a reserve pumper and is currently out of service because the engine uses an excessive amount of oil and is not reliable as a reserve pumper. The overhauled engine will have a 2-year unlimited miles/hours warranty on parts and labor beginning at date of installation. Specifications were mailed to seven regional vendors. Three bids were received and opened. One was a “No Bid”.

MOTION: To authorize G & W Diesel Service Inc. to remove the engine from unit F-127, a Fire Department Pumper and completely overhaul and reinstall the engine in the amount of \$15,695.00.

Motion by Mr. Drinnon, seconded by Ms. Hinely, to accept the consent agenda as read.

ROLL CALL: Billingsley–yes, Chism–yes, Drinnon–yes, Hinely–yes, Palazzolo–yes. Motion approved.

ADD-ON – Formation of Exploratory Committee to look at a memorial for fallen soldiers of Germantown

Alderman Chism asked permission to form an exploratory committee to look into the feasibility to develop an appropriate memorial to honor the fallen soldiers that lived in the City of Germantown. He stated he would like to recommend starting with a small group of Andy Pouncey, Pam Beasley, Rodney Strop, and the Stern Family.

Mayor Goldsworthy stated that pursuant to the policy, when things are brought before the Board at a meeting, the practice has been to place it on the agenda for the next Board meeting which will allow others input.

Motion by Mr. Drinnon, seconded by Ms. Hinely, to place the proposal on the October 26 Board meeting agenda.

ROLL CALL: Billingsley–yes, Chism–yes, Drinnon–yes, Hinely–yes, Palazzolo–yes. Motion approved.

Discussion on recycling

Alderman Hinely stated the apartment and condominium complex do not have the ability to recycle and several had asked to have that ability. She asked the City to look at possibly having drop-off areas within the City for recyclable items. She also asked for statistics on the amount of citizens that use the recycling in comparison to those who don't.

Alderman Billingsley asked staff to update the Board on the progress of the City website relative to when it will be up and running and have the information for the next Board breakfast meeting.

Mr. Lawton stated the person working on the website was Marketing Communications Manager Stacy Ewell and she is to meet with each Board member on a one-to-one basis to explain where we are and show what it looks like and give the launch date.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Sharon Goldsworthy, Mayor

Dotty Johnson, City Clerk/Recorder