

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION
February 11, 2008

An executive session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held on February 11, 2008, at 6:15 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room of the Municipal Center.

Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy was present and presiding.

The following Aldermen were present: Ernest Chism, John Drinnon, Carole Hinely, Mike Palazzolo and Alderman Frank Uhlhorn. Staff present: Patrick Lawton, Kristen Geiger, Andy Pouncey, George Brogdon, Tom Cates, Jerry Cook, Josh Whitehead, Chief Richard Hall, Pat McConnell, Bo Mills, Chief Dennis Wolf, Michael Stoll, Tim Gwaltney, Ralph Gabb, Michael Saddler and Butch Eder.

Mayor Goldsworthy called the meeting to order. She stated the Board would have a moment of silence before the meeting begins for Johnny Spaulding, an employee who lost his life in a motorcycle accident.

Invocation

Mr. Dave Phillips from Germantown Church of Christ will give the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop from Germantown Church of Christ will lead the Pledge.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes.

Life Saving Award

Mayor Goldsworthy suggested the Board step down for the presentations for the Police and Fire awards.

Recognition of Fire Department Rescue Personnel

In response to a question from Alderman Hinely, Fire Chief Wolf explained the special training the men had taken and to earn the instructor credentials.

Chief Wolf stated that John Selberg, Sherry Turner, Howard Thompson and Terry Fisher had responded to the Union University tornado at the request of TEMA. They had worked the usual 8-hour shift and then went to Jackson.

Teacher of the Month Award

Youth Excellence Award

Resolution 08R01 – A resolution approving additional WTF Antennas on the City water storage tank

In response to a question from Alderman Palazzolo, Josh Whitehead stated there would be a consideration of a net of \$21,000.00 in addition to the current lease.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2008-1 – Amendment to Code of Ordinances – Amendment to Permit Staff Administrative Review and Approval – Second Reading

Josh Whitehead stated this amendment would allow staff to administratively approve changes or minor revisions.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2008-2 – Amendment to Sign Ordinance – Amendment to the Temporary sign Regulations – Second Reading

Mr. Whitehead stated this amendment would change the temporary sign regulations and the Window Sign regulations.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2008-3 – Amendment to the Germantown Sign Ordinance – Amendment to Medical Office Sign Regulations – Second Reading

Mr. Whitehead stated this was a cleanup of the medical office sign regulations. There were some loose ends that were not covered by the original ordinance and this would encompass those problems in the medical district.

Professional Service Contract – Seismic Risk Assessment

Mr. Lawton stated the Board had asked staff to look at all the buildings regarding the seismic risk and a great deal of time and effort had been given to see who could deliver the best services. Staff was recommending CCF and Allen and Hoshall.

Bo Mill explained an emergency purchase that needed to be added to the agenda. There was a failure of a wall in Duntreath Drainage Ditch. One wall segment had fallen into the lining of the ditch, causing a great deal of erosion around some of the homes. There were two other segments that were beginning to fail. A contractor that had done business with the City was contacted and the fee was negotiated on site.

ADD-ON – Emergency Purchase – East Bridge Ditch Repair

The Board unanimously agreed to add the agenda item.

Butch Eder gave an update on some maintenance work that would be done this budget year.

CONSENT AGENDA

Appointment to Beautification Commission

First Amendment to Subdivision Development Contract No. 455 – Gardner Woods Subdivision – Extend the Date of Completion

Recognition of Donations – Parks & Recreation – Youth Leadership Conference

The Board unanimously agreed to move item 9, the Resolution approving additional wireless transmission facility antennas.

Alderman Chism asked staff to check with other municipalities to see what they have done with feral cats.

Mayor Goldsworthy stated the City's ordinance does not require cats to be on a lease and there is not a probation for cats to run loose. It is up to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to change the ordinance.

Bo Mills stated that Animal Control loans traps to citizens and tries to help but the problem is that one cannot tell a feral cat from a domestic cat.

A discussion followed on how to treat the feral cat issue.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the Council Chamber for the regular meeting.