

**REGULAR MEETING: MAY 13, 2008****ITEM #11 – MATTERS RELATIVE TO BIG SOUTH FORK OUTDOOR RECREATION VISITOR CENTER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Wyatt presented a request from County Mayor Brock Hill, represented by Pepe Perron, for the City to provide water and sewer service to the visitor center proposed to be located at the I-40/Genesis Road exchange. The cost to provide the infrastructure was originally estimated at \$53,260, but with city crews performing the work it is estimated at \$35,000. The 80% enhancement grant for the construction of the 4,000 sf building was approved by TDOT on September 15, 2004 in the amount of \$596,000.

Mr. Perron provided an update on the project. He reported that the community received \$92.5M in tourism revenues. The center will be aimed at tourists of Big South Fork as well as attractions throughout Cumberland County. A kiosk will be located in the center for other counties to display their tourism sites. Staffing is expected to be a combination of paid staff and volunteers. A decision by the City is important so that the bores can be done before the roads are constructed. The Finance Director and Public Works Director will determine if funds are available in the current budget to do the work.

The County is providing their time on obtaining and administering the grants and providing funds for recurring costs. Mayor Graham questioned why the owner of the Hwy. 127N industrial park was not contacted about available property since that would be at the exit leading to the Big South Fork National Park. In addition, that property already has roads, water, and sewer available. The Genesis Road exit does not lead to the park.

A motion was made by Councilman Wyatt, seconded by Councilman Dean, that the City agree to provide water and sewer service to the building utilizing city crews, and that a budget amendment be passed on first reading, contingent on the estimated cost. **Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4, No = 1, Abstain = 0). **Yes:** Councilman Carl Duer, M.D, Councilman Earl Dean, Councilman Jesse Kerley, Mayor Pro-Tem Boyd Wyatt, Sr.; **No:** Mayor J. H. Graham, III.

**ITEM #12- MATTERS RELATIVE TO UPDATE OF HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN**

A video produced by Tennessee Technological University was presented by Mayor Graham on the plan and reasons for it. Cumberland County, Morgan County, Wartburg, Crossville are all part of the plan. In addition, the Nature's Conservancy and U.S. Game & Fish are co-sponsoring the work.

**ITEM #13 – MATTERS RELATIVE TO CUMBERLAND COVE WATER CONTRACT**

Councilman Wyatt asked questions about funding included in the FY08-09 budget for a \$2.4M water line on Hwy. 70. Upon further research with Jerry Garrison, he discovered that this larger line is going to be required sooner or later anyway because of other developments in the area and is not strictly because of the Cumberland Cove development project.

**ITEM #14 – MATTERS RELATIVE TO SKATE PARK DESIGN AT CENTENNIAL PARK**

Parks and Recreation Director Steve Hill presented potential designs for the skate park equipment at various budget levels. He requested Council to establish a budget for the project.

A motion was made by Councilman Kerley, seconded by Councilman Duer, that the budget be set at \$75,000 and Requests for Proposals be sent out. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote