

# City of Crossville

99 Municipal Avenue  
Crossville, TN 38555



## Minutes

Friday, June 29, 2012

10:00 AM

### Council Chambers

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 5 - Mayor J.H. Graham III, Mayor Pro-tem Danny Wyatt, Council Member Earl Dean, Council Member George Marlow and Council Member Boyd Wyatt.

*Others present were City Manager Bruce Wyatt, City Attorney Kenneth Chadwell, City Clerk Sally Oglesby, Finance Director Fred Houston, Darlene Barnwell, Andy Vaughn, David Beaty, Heather Mullinix, Beth Alexander, Steve Hill, Brad Fox, Tim Begley, Mike Turner, and Karli Threet.*

#### Call to Order

*Mayor J. H. Graham, III was present and presiding. He called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.*

#### Ordinances on Third Reading

##### **ITEM #1. Ordinance adopting a budget for FY2012-13**

*Finance Director Fred Houston reported that there had been no major changes since the last meeting. Mayor Graham stated that the budget is unusually complicated due to the bonds being issued and the re-financing of several projects. The actual difference between revenue and expenses in the General Fund is about \$1,000,000. He pointed out that there have been some substantial cuts made in expenditures; however, there were some new expenses that couldn't be avoided. The primary causes were that sales tax has not grown since 2008 and experienced decreases, interest income on fund balance is no longer available, and the housing market has been flat.*

*Councilman Boyd Wyatt asked that the Chamber of Commerce donation be raised to \$80,000. Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Wyatt suggested that no action be taken now, but a budget amendment later in the year if it becomes necessary. Councilman George Marlow commented that he is very supportive of the Chamber and the work that they do throughout the year and their support of our local businesses, but would prefer to wait. Mayor Graham pointed out that the County receives the hotel/motel taxes and he felt that the City is being asked to pay a disproportionate rate. Councilman Earl Dean stated that he would be supportive, but perhaps spread it out over the year. Councilman George*

*Marlow commented during the vote that he would be glad to look at the matter through a budget amendment during the year if the need arose.*

*A motion was made by Councilman Wyatt, seconded by Councilman Dean, that the donation to the Chamber of Commerce be raised to \$80,000. Roll call votes: Ayes - (2) Councilman Earl Dean, Councilman Boyd Wyatt; Noes - (3) Mayor J. H. Graham, Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Wyatt, Councilman George Marlow. Motion failed.*

*Councilman Boyd Wyatt discussed putting the fireworks back in the budget for next year. City Manager Bruce Wyatt stated that he has heard from a local businessman about raising the money through sponsorships, but needs to talk to him further. Mayor Graham remarked that the City is in sound financial shape, but needs to get through a difficult time. Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Wyatt spoke in favor of the fireworks show and that the eye doctors are supportive because they have reduced injury incidents. He would consider adding it at a later time, especially after the bonds sell. Councilman Marlow stated that he couldn't support funds for the fireworks if he couldn't support the additional funds for the Chamber. He suggested giving the City Manager time to assist and look at ways of cutting expenses. It was suggested that the City might consider participating by matching funds with donations from other sponsors.*

*A motion was made by Councilman Boyd Wyatt, seconded by Mayor J. H. Graham, that money be put back in the budget for fireworks in 2013. Roll call votes: Ayes - (2) Councilman Earl Dean, Councilman Boyd Wyatt; Noes - (3) Mayor J. H. Graham, Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Wyatt, George Marlow. Motion failed.*

*Councilman Boyd Wyatt stated that he did feel like better days are ahead for the City and the financial concerns will be fixed.*

*Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Wyatt asked that the City Manager look at a few of issues over the next 6 months. His areas of concern were:*

- 1 - cutting engineering costs and/or possibly hiring an in-house engineer;*
- 2 - looking at legal costs and finding ways to reduce them;*
- 3 - contracting or leasing concession stands; and*
- 4 - selling of surplus city property that we don't anticipate ever needing.*

*A motion was made by Mayor J.H. Graham III, seconded by Council Member Boyd Wyatt, that this Ordinance be adopted on third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:*

*Aye: 5 - Mayor J.H. Graham III, Mayor Pro-tem Danny Wyatt, Council Member Earl Dean, Council Member George Marlow and Council Member Boyd Wyatt.*

## **ITEM #2. Ordinance adopting a tax rate for FY2012-13**

*A motion was made by Council Member Boyd Wyatt, seconded by Mayor J.H. Graham III, that this Ordinance be adopted on third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:*

*Aye: 5 - Mayor J.H. Graham III, Mayor Pro-tem Danny Wyatt, Council Member Earl Dean, Council Member George Marlow and Council Member Boyd Wyatt.*

### **Ordinances on Second Reading**

## **ITEM #3. Ordinance de-annexing 4.12 acres on Northside Drive**

*A motion was made by Council Member Earl Dean, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Danny Wyatt, that this Ordinance be approved on second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:*

*Aye: 5 - Mayor J.H. Graham III, Mayor Pro-tem Danny Wyatt, Council Member Earl Dean, Council Member George Marlow and Council Member Boyd Wyatt.*

**ITEM #4. Ordinance annexing lots on Orange Circle**

A motion was made by Council Member Earl Dean, seconded by Council Member George Marlow, that this Ordinance be approved on second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor J.H. Graham III, Mayor Pro-tem Danny Wyatt, Council Member Earl Dean, Council Member George Marlow and Council Member Boyd Wyatt.

**ITEM #5. Ordinance annexing 5.75 acres on Short Road**

A motion was made by Council Member Earl Dean, seconded by Council Member Boyd Wyatt, that this Ordinance be approved on second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor J.H. Graham III, Mayor Pro-tem Danny Wyatt, Council Member Earl Dean, Council Member George Marlow and Council Member Boyd Wyatt.

**OTHER BUSINESS****ITEM #6. Resolution approving donations to outside agencies in FY2012-13**

A motion was made by Mayor J.H. Graham III, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Danny Wyatt, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor J.H. Graham III, Mayor Pro-tem Danny Wyatt, Council Member Earl Dean, Council Member George Marlow and Council Member Boyd Wyatt.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.*