

City of Crossville

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Minutes

Tuesday, July 2, 2013

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

The City Council for the City of Crossville, Tennessee met in special session on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at Crossville City Hall. Mayor J. H. Graham, III was present and presiding.

Present: 5 - Council Member George Marlow, Mayor Pro-tem Danny Wyatt, Mayor J.H. Graham III, Council Member Pete Souza, and Council Member Jesse Kerley. Others present were Interim City Manager Jack Miller, City Attorney Kenneth Chadwell, City Clerk Sally Oglesby, Heather Mullinix, Andy Vaughn, Fred Houston, Gloria Sue Lewis, Jerry Lewis, Jim Morrow, Lou Morrison, Jerry Kerley, Steve Hill, David Beaty, John Turner, Pauline Sherrer, Jerry Garrison, Jeff Skidmore, Grace Ferguson, Virgil Ferguson, Andy Vaughn, Ashley Allen, Larry Kerley, Brianna Moore, Skyler Hawn, Aaron Elmore, and Billy Martin.

ITEM #1 – Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Jesse Kerley, seconded by Councilman Pete Souza, that all items on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

- a. Ordinance amending the FY2012-13 budget for Kinder Garden
- b. Ordinance amending §15-302 to add Deer Creek speed limits
- c. Ordinance amending the FY2012-13 budget for taxiway
- d. Ordinance amending the FY2012-13 budget for cemetery road

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

- e. Ordinance amending FY2012-13 budget for year-end adjustments
- f. Ordinance amending the FY2012-13 budget for Co-Linx Project

The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 5 - Council Member George Marlow, Mayor Pro-tem Danny Wyatt, Mayor J.H. Graham III, Council Member Pete Souza and Council Member Jesse Kerley.

ITEM #2 – OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Matters relative to CBD Redevelopment and Restoration Task Force
Interim Manager Jack Miller reviewed a task force to be set up for the downtown project to serve as a steering committee throughout the project to add order and structure to the process. The chair will be Mayor Graham. The structure of the CBD Redevelopment and Restoration Project Task Force was presented (attached and made a part of these minutes). Mayor Graham discussed the potential for local engineering firms to have the opportunity to provide inspection and other services. The meetings

will be held on a weekly basis. Mayor Graham asked Councilman Souza to review the electrical plans, which he agreed to do.

A motion was made by Mayor J. H. Graham, III, seconded by Councilman Pete Souza, that the CBD Economic Redevelopment and Restoration Project Task Force be approved as recommended by Mayor Graham and Interim City Manager Miller. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 5 - Council Member George Marlow, Mayor Pro-tem Danny Wyatt, Mayor J.H. Graham III, Council Member Pete Souza and Council Member Jesse Kerley.

b. Matters relative to meeting with TVA regarding spec building

Mayor Graham reported on a meeting with Beth Rickman with TVA regarding the possibility of assistance on an industrial spec building. He checked with the Dept. of Labor on current unemployment statistics to determine the types and skills of people who are unemployed. He recommended that the Labor Department be included in meetings on the recruitment of industries. He also reviewed training programs now available. Cliff Wightman of Tennessee Technology Center addressed the City Council and announced that they have a new title "Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Crossville". He informed the Council that they can add classes as needed for specific industries and issued an invitation for tours of their facility by industrial prospects so they can show their facilities and the equipment they have available on-site for training. They can also provide the training at the industrial facility. He welcomed the opportunity to assist in any way. Mayor Graham stated that he intended to have a meeting with all the stakeholders during the middle of August to formulate a plan. He asked the Interim City Manager to prepare a letter to announce the meeting to all the utilities, elected officials, banks, Chamber, and any others that could assist.

c. Matters relative to clarification of procedures of City Manager interview process

Councilmember Pete Souza announced that he believes that one of the finalists has taken another job, but it hasn't been confirmed. He suggested interviewing all the top five candidates. He also expressed concern that the process is not rushed, but not unnecessarily delayed. Mayor Graham expressed concern about the candidates that have dropped out so far. Councilman Souza suggested again that each member of Council appoint someone for a special committee to interview the candidates and bring the top ones to the City Council. Councilman Marlow expressed his concern that, at the last meeting, Council set the rules on who would be interviewed and that it appears they are being changed. He asked for the minutes of that meeting to be read and the audio presented from the previous meeting, which was done. Councilman Kerley agreed that the tape was clear and we shouldn't back track. Mayor Pro-Tem Wyatt commented that we had wasted a couple of weeks already and that two have already eliminated themselves and maybe one more and he didn't want to only interview two people. Councilman Souza agreed that more than two people should be interviewed.

Lou Morrison requested permission to address the Council, which was granted by Mayor Graham. He questioned the fact that some members only voted for two and that he felt the process had been a disaster so far and the votes were not in good faith, especially since one candidate is the son-in-law of a Council member. Councilman Souza suggested starting the process all over because of political maneuvering and rumors of deals being cut. He again suggested a board to screen the candidates.

(At 2:45 p.m., the meeting was recessed. It was reconvened at 2:48 p.m.)

Councilman Kerley questioned if the motion made by the Mayor Pro-Tem was proper because he was in the minority when the motion was made at the previous meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Wyatt responded that it was a renewal of a motion, which was proper. Councilman Souza raised a point of order on whether the motion was proper and asked the Mayor to make a determination. Based on the opinion of the City Attorney, Mayor Graham ruled that the motion was proper.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Danny Wyatt, seconded by Councilman Pete Souza, that interviews start with the remaining 4 or 5 candidates. The motion failed by the following vote: Aye: 2 - Mayor Pro-

tem Danny Wyatt and Council Member Pete Souza. Nay: 3 - Council Member George Marlow, Mayor J.H. Graham III and Council Member Jesse Kerley.

Following the failure of the motion, Mayor Graham expressed his concern about all that is going on with the process and the smaller number of applicants than in previous City Manager searches. He commented that he thought the Council needed to take more time and reflect on it awhile.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m. A work session followed the meeting.