

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Minutes

February 2, 2016

7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order** –Mayor John Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call** – City Manager Randall Smith called the roll. Mayor Roberts, Commissioners Causer, LeCompte and Pope were present. Vice Mayor Pierce was absent. Also present were City Attorney Arnold Stulce Jr., Fire Chief Mark Mathews, Police Chief Tim Christol, Public Works Director Tim Thornbury, Finance Director John Alexander, City Recorder Ruth Rohen and those listed on Exhibit “A”.
- III. Invocation** – Red Bank Chris Braley gave the Invocation.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance** – Chief Tim Christol led the Pledge of Allegiance
- V. Consideration of the Minutes for approval or correction:**
- A. January 19, 2016, Agenda Work Session**
- B. January 19, 2016 Commission Meeting**
- Commissioner LeCompte made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Commissioner Pope. The minutes of the meetings were approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.
- VI. Communication from the Mayor**
- Welcomed everyone, special recognition for County Commissioner Joe Graham.
 - The old middle school property has officially been deeded to the City.
- VII. Commissioner’s Report**
- **Vice-Mayor Eddie Pierce**
 - Absent
 - **Commissioner Rick Causer**
 - Welcomed everyone, especially Joe Graham.
 - Announced that he has resigned his position as the representative to the WWTA.
 - Congratulated Dalton Temple for acquiring a position is Congresswoman Diane Black’s office.
 - **Commissioner Ed LeCompte**
 - Welcomed everyone
 - Recently attended s Community School Information and Education meeting.
 - **Commissioner Terry Pope**
 - Welcomed everyone.
 - Thanked the police officers in attendance for the work they do.
- VIII. City Manager Report**
- Welcomed everyone
 - The new digital sign is working. The city is still working on adjusting the lighting of the sign.
- IX. Police Department Oath of Office Ceremony**
- Chief Christol presented a newly redesigned Red Bank Police Department patch. He explained the design of the four quadrants of the patch and what the four quadrants represent. Chief Christol introduced Signal Mountain Police and former Red Bank Police Officer Chief Mike Williams who was in attendance to assist with photographing the ceremony. All sworn officers of the department were in attendance to reaffirm their dedication to the City. Chief Christol led the officers in reciting the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor. Mayor Roberts administered the Oath of Office to the officers.

PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive citizen input in regard to the proposed closing of the railroad grade crossing on Kildare Street. It was noted that Police Chief Christol and Fire Chief Mathews have both studied and reviewed the contemplated closure and have indicated that public safety functions will not be impaired by the contemplated closure.

Mary McFarlin from the Tennessee Department of Transportation explained that there are some monetary incentives to the City for closing the crossing. She advised that the preliminary plan is to close the Kildare St. crossing and perform approximately \$250,000 worth of enhancements to the railroad crossing on Midvale Avenue. Mayor Roberts invited citizen comments:

- Robert Dodd, 2206 Lyndon Ave., Asked if any other crossing will be closed and why Kildare Street was chosen to be closed.

After no further comments the Public Hearing was closed.

X. Unfinished Business – None

XI. New Business –

A. RESOLUTION NO. 16-1087 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR A 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Roberts advised that this is a grant that will help alleviate overflow sewer issues in the south end of the city. Commissioner Causer explained that the Hamilton County WWTA has approved the matching funds for this grant and that there will be no cost to the city. Commissioner Causer made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner LeCompte. There were no citizen comments. Resolution No. 16-1087 was approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

B. RESOLUTION NO. 16-1088 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF KILDARE STREET’S RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING

City Manager Smith explained that this item was explained and discussed during the earlier Public Hearing. Commissioner Pope made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner LeCompte. There were no citizen comments. Resolution No. 16-1088 was approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

C. RESOLUTION NO. 16-1089 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED ON TWO POLICE VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Roberts advised that the City solicited bids for the purchase and installation of emergency equipment on two new police vehicles that were recently purchased. The cost of the equipment is \$12,555.00 and will be purchased from Trucker’s Lighthouse, which was the lowest bidder meeting all of the specifications of the bid. Commissioner Causer made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner LeCompte. There were no citizen comments. Resolution No. 15-1089 was approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

D. RESOLUTION NO. 16-1090 – A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 15-1079 AND TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL \$6,000.00 FOR TOTAL RESOURCE, INC. FOR TEMPORARY LABORER I SERVICES DURING LEAF PICK-UP SEASON

City Manager Smith explained that during the budget process a total of \$18,000.00 was approved for temporary labor services during leaf season. He advised that Resolution No. 15-1079 authorized an agreement totaling \$12,000.00 for these services. He explained that the remaining \$6,000.00 of budgeted funds is required to complete leaf pick-up services. Commissioner LeCompte made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Causer. There were no citizen comments. Resolution No. 16-1090 was approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

E. RESOLUTION NO. 16-1091 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE, TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM THE TENNESSEE RIVER GORGE TRUST

Mayor Roberts advised that this property is located on Stringer’s Ridge and will tie into the current Stringer’s Ridge Trails. It was noted by Commissioner Causer that as a condition of accepting the property it has to remain undeveloped land. Commissioner Causer made a motion to approve the resolution subject to approval of the final form of the donation documents by the City Manager and the City Attorney, seconded by Commissioner LeCompte. There were no citizen comments. Resolution No. 16-1091 was approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

F. RESOLUTION NO. 16-1092 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BANK FORM RESOLUTIONS

Chief Christol explained that this item is in regard to the Confidential Drug Fund. He explained that due to some restructuring in the police department there will be new personnel taking care of the Confidential Drug Fund account so therefore new signature cards are required. He explained that the procedure for administering this account has not changed and that dual signatures are required on all checks. Commissioner Causer made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner LeCompte. There were no citizen comments. Resolution No. 16-1092 was approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

G. ORDINANCE NO. 16-1047 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 OPERATING BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (FIRST READING)

Mayor Roberts advised that the City recently declared several weapons as surplus items. He explained that there are state laws that dictate how the city can dispose of the weapons and so pursuant to those regulations the weapons were traded to GT Distributors for an in-store credit of \$10,500.00. He explained that the 2016 budget needs to be amended to reflect this amount. Commissioner LeCompte made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Causer. There were no citizen comments. **Roll Call Vote: Mayor Roberts**

“yes”, Commissioner Causer “yes”, Commissioner LeCompte “yes”, Commissioner Pope “yes”. Ordinance No. 16-1047 was approved on first reading with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

H. AGENDA ITEM 16-817 – APPOINTMENT OF MIKE CONGDON TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS BY VICE MAYOR EDDIE PIERCE

Mayor Roberts explained that Vice Mayor Eddie Pierce’s appointment to the Red Bank Zoning Board of Appeals has moved from the City and is no longer eligible to hold the position. He advised that Vice Mayor Pierce desires to appoint Mike Congdon to serve as his appointee on the Red Bank Board of Zoning Appeals.

I. RESOLUTION NO. 16-1093 – A RESOLUTION APPOINTING HOWARD COTTER AS THE CITY OF RED BANK REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT AUTHORITY

Mayor Roberts explained that Commissioner Causer notified the Board of Commissioners of his intention to resign his position as the City of Red Bank’s representative to the Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority. Mayor Roberts thanked Commissioner Causer for serving in this capacity for the past three years. He further stated that he has contacted former mayor Howard Cotter who is willing to be the City’s representative to the WWTA. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Causer, seconded by Commissioner LeCompte. There were no citizen comments. Resolution No. 16-1093 was approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

XII. Citizen Comments –

- Mary Beene, 4929 Hunter Trail, Asked the City to consider installing a four way stop at Gadd Rd. and Hunter Tr. She has a petition with several signatures requesting the stop signs and explained that she will be forwarding it to the City of Chattanooga for consideration also.
- Chris Braley, 607 Parlem Dr., Agrees with Ms. Beene about the road configuration at Gadd Rd. and Hunter Tr. and felt that a traffic mirror would help the issue. Commented about the four way stop on Appian Way and Hunter Tr. He feels that the stop sign areas could be better aligned.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

MAYOR

City Recorder