

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

Minutes

March 17, 2015

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, Vice Mayor Pierce, Commissioners Causer, LeCompte and Pope were present. Also present were City Attorney Arnold Stulce, Police Chief Tim Christol, Fire Chief Mark Mathews, Public Works Director Tim Thornbury, Finance Director John Alexander, City Recorder Ruth Rohen and those listed on Exhibit “A”.
- III. **Invocation** – Vice Mayor Eddie Pierce gave the invocation.
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Fire Chief Mark Mathews led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. **Consideration of the Minutes for approval or correction:**
  - A. **March 3, 2015 Agenda Meeting**
  - B. **March 3, 2015 Commission Meeting**Commissioner Pope made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Commissioner LeCompte. The minutes of both meetings were approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.
- VI. **Communication from the Mayor**
  - Welcomed everyone, especially Chattanooga Police Chief Fred Fletcher.
  - Wished all a happy and safe St. Patrick’s Day
  - Wished Commissioner Terry Pope a happy birthday.
- VII. **Commissioner’s Report**
  - **Vice-Mayor Eddie Pierce**
    - Welcomed all.
  - **Commissioner Rick Causer**
    - Welcomed everyone.
    - Dayton Blvd. roadwork has begun. Asked that motorist be patient and cautious through the construction areas.
  - **Commissioner Ed LeCompte**
    - Welcomed everyone.
    - Has had several productive meetings in regard to the Red Bank Jubilee and New Moon Pie Festival.
    - Attended the Red Bank Chamber Lunch today and the Chamber Board meeting last Friday.
    - Thanked Public Works for the recent repairs and upkeep to the Dog Park.
  - **Commissioner Terry Pope**
    - Welcomed everyone.
    - Congratulated Chief Christol on the department receiving State Accreditation.
- VIII. **City Manager Report**
  - E. Newberry Street project has started, paving of Dayton Blvd. will begin soon..
- IX. **Presentations and Awards**
  1. Vice Chairman Patricia Baker, Virgil Adams and Rebecca Browder with The Red Bank and Sody Daisy Charitable Foundation, Inc. presented the City with a donation of \$26,130.50. Ms. Baker advised that the donation is awarded for the sole and exclusive purpose of partially funding installation of a digital variable message board for City Hall. Mayor Roberts thanked the foundation for the donation and its continued support of the City.
  2. City Manager Smith advised that the Red Bank Police Department recently achieved State Accreditation. Chattanooga Police Chief Fred Fletcher and 911 Director John Stuermer were in attendance to present the Award Certificate. Chief Fletcher gave an overview of what is required of a department to achieve accreditation and the complexities involved. He advised that the City of Red Bank is one of only thirty two agencies statewide that have received accredited and it is the smallest department to achieve this distinction. Chief Christol, giving credit to the officers of the department, thanked the Commission for their support through the process and thanked Sgt. Dan Seymour and Tracy Massey for the work they have done to achieve the accreditation.

X. **Unfinished Business - None**

XI. **New Business –**

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-1037 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MSA, INC. FOR THE LEASE OF TWO COPY MACHINES**

City Manager Smith explained that this is a 60 month lease agreement for two copiers for City Hall and the Police Department. The lease includes 5,000 copies monthly and toner, staplers and maintenance. Cost to lease the two machines is \$159.92 per month plus .011 per copy over the allotted 5,000. Mr. Smith requested approval of the resolution authorize him to sign the contract upon approval by the City Attorney. Commissioner Causer made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice Mayor Eddie Pierce. Resolution No. 15-1037 was approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

B. **ORDINANCE NO. 15-1023 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND FY 2015 OPERATING BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE “2014-2015 TML RISK MANAGEMENT POOL SAFETY PARTNERS LOSS CONTROL MATCHING GRANT” TOTALING \$1,500 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (FIRST READING)**

Fire Chief Mathews explained that the grant funds will be used towards the purchase of fire gloves and safety hoods for firefighters. Commissioner Causer made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Commissioner LeCompte. **Roll Call Vote: Mayor Roberts “yes”, Vice Mayor Pierce “yes”, Commissioner Causer “yes”, Commissioner LeCompte “yes”, Commissioner Pope “yes”**. Ordinance No. 10-1023 was approved on first reading with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

C. **ORDINANCE NO. 15-1024 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND TITLE 13, CHAPTER 3, BY ADDING SECTION 13-102, ET SEQ. TO THE RED BANK CITY CODE IN ORDER TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORDERLY REGULATION OF TEMPORARY OUTDOOR PORTABLE STORAGE UNITS (FIRST READING)**

City Manager Smith explained that this is an ordinance to regulate the use of temporary outdoor portable storage units. Vice Mayor Pierce made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Pope. **Roll Call Vote: Mayor Roberts “yes”, Vice Mayor Pierce “yes”, Commissioner Causer “yes”, Commissioner LeCompte “yes”, Commissioner Pope “yes”**. Ordinance No. 15-1024 was approved on first reading with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

D. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-1038 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MARION ENVIRONMENTAL INCORPORATED FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT**

City Manager Smith explained that the City has plans to demolish the building located at the Red Bank Impound Lot on E. Midvale Ave. He advised that this resolution is to approve an agreement with Marion Environmental for removal of asbestos material from the building. He explained that the asbestos material has to be removed before demolition can occur. Mr. Smith requested approval of the resolution authorize him to sign the contract upon approval by the City Attorney. Commissioner LeCompte made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Pope. Resolution No. 15-1038 was approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

E. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-1039 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER HARDWARE AND LICENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,160.85**

City Manager Smith explained that the City is in the process of upgrading their court management software. He advised as a part of that a new server and licensing is required to run the software package. Mr. Smith advised that the items will be purchased from RJ Young/Preferred Computers and that there are funds available in the budget for this purchase. Commissioner Causer made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice Mayor Pierce. Resolution No. 15-1039 was approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

F. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-1040 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN OFFER OF SETTLEMENT, SNEED VS CITY OF RED BANK**

City Attorney Stulce, noting that all considerations had been previously addressed, explained that this is a lawsuit filed by former Red Bank employee Larry Sneed. He advised that the suit has been on-going for approximately 4 1/2 years. Mr. Stulce advised that the City’s insurance carrier, TML Municipal Pool, has retained a law firm from Knoxville to represent the City in this matter and that he has had multiple discussions about settlement proposals for the case and that they feel that it is in the best interest of the City to settle with the plaintiff. Mr. Stulce explained that the settlement amount is \$225,000.00 with the City of Red Bank paying \$150,000.00 and TML Municipal Pool paying \$75,000.00. City Attorney Stulce explained that the City admits no wrong doing in this matter but that due to the unavailability of several witnesses for the City he feels that settling this case is the best course of action. Commissioner Causer made a motion to approve the resolution and asked for a roll call vote, seconded by Vice Mayor Pierce. **Roll Call Vote: Mayor Roberts “yes”, Vice Mayor Pierce “yes”, Commissioner Causer “yes”, Commissioner LeCompte**

**“yes”, Commissioner Pope “yes”**. Resolution No 15-1040 was approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

**XII. Citizen Comments –**

- Jon Baker, 1802 Ashmore Ave., Thanked the Codes Enforcement Officer for the work he has done for the City. He is impressed by the amount of cases cleared.

**XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

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MAYOR

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City Recorder