

# City of Red Bank

John Roberts  
Mayor

Randall G. Smith  
City Manager

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Minutes

March 18, 2014

7:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order** –Mayor 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 Floy Pierce and Commissioner Eddie Pierce were present, Commissioner Causer was absent. Also present were City Attorney Arnold Stulce, Police Chief Tim Christol, Fire Chief Mark Mathews, Public Works Director Tim Thornbury, City Recorder Ruth Rohen and those listed on Exhibit “A”.
- III. **Invocation** –Commissioner 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 4, 2014 Agenda Meeting**
  - B. **March 4, 2014 Commission Meeting**

Vice Mayor Floy Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Commissioner Eddie Pierce. The minutes were approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.
- VI. **City Manager’s Report**
  - The City has hired two new police officers.
  - Thanked Johnny Ledford and Justin Headrick for their hard work on revitalizing the bridge behind City Hall.
- VII. **Communication from the Mayor**
  - Welcomed everyone.
- VIII. **Commissioner’s Report**
  - **Vice-Mayor Floy Pierce**
    - Welcomed everyone, especially Harold and Mary Jo Clark
    - The bridge behind City Hall looks good.
  - **Commissioner Rick Causer – Absent**
  - **Commissioner Eddie Pierce**
    - Welcomed everyone.
    - A lot of activities at the ball fields, teams are starting practice.
    - “Welcome Signs” look great

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### PUBLIC HEARING

City Manager Smith advised that the Public Hearing is in regard to a request by Jay Bell, Bell Development, to rezone properties located at 1918 and 1924 Ashmore Avenue from R-1 to R-3 residential

Attorney Michael Stewart came forward and advised that he is representing Jay Bell in this matter. Mr. Stewart advised that the purpose his client is requesting that the property be rezoned is to construct an entrance to a proposed development of an apartment complex on existing R-3 zoned property adjacent to the two parcels stated in the zoning application. Mr. Stewart advised that Mr. Bell has hired consultants to address concerns in regard to storm water runoff, sewer infrastructure and capacity, traffic concerns and the decline of property values in the area. Mr. Stewart presented statements from these consultants; Mike Price with MAP Engineering, Rocky Chambers with Chattanooga Engineering Group and William Haisten with the Haisten Group addressing the concerns and in support of the effort to rezone the parcels to R-3.

Jay Bell with Bell Development and Marcus Lyons, Blue Star Properties, gave an overview of the proposed development that is planned if the rezoning is approved.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Roberts the following citizens spoke in opposition of the rezoning request, each citing various reasons and concerns: Donna Sullivan, John Baker, Becky Browder, Melinda Roddy, James Webster, David Smith, Ryan Davis, Paul VanCoot, Dalton Temple, Amy Suggs, Karen Bridges, Karen Stage, Mac Henry, Kathy Campbell, Jill Guess, Jerry Villegas, and Sterling Bush.

Attorney Michael Stewart readdressed the Commission and summarized the purpose and justification for his client's request that the parcels be rezoned.

Mayor Roberts allowed two further citizen comments, who opposed the rezoning: Carolyn Copeledge and Harold Clark.

Mayor Roberts closed the Public Hearing, noting that it had lasted 1 hour and 27 minutes.

**IX. Unfinished Business –**

**A. (1) ORDINANCE NO. 14-1000 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAPS OF THIS CITY TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1918 ASHMORE AVENUE TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE**

**(2) ORDINANCE NO. 14-1001 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAPS OF THIS CITY TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1924 ASHMORE AVENUE TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL (FIRST READING)**

Upon recommendation by City Attorney Stulce Ordinance No. 14-1000 and 14-1001 were considered as one item. Vice Mayor Floy Pierce made a motion to table the two ordinances until Commissioner Causer was present to cast a vote. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Eddie Pierce made a motion to deny the request to rezone 1918 Ashmore Avenue and 1924 Ashmore Avenue, Seconded by Mayor Roberts. **Roll Call Vote: Mayor Roberts “yes”, Vice Mayor Floy Pierce “no”, Commissioner Eddie Pierce “yes”.** Motion to deny the rezoning request for 1918 and 1924 Ashmore Avenue was approved by a 2 to 1 vote with Vice Mayor Floy Pierce voting “no”.

**X. New Business –**

**A. RESOLUTION NO. 14-969 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ANNUAL AUDIT BY OUTSIDE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Eddie Pierce, seconded by Vice Mayor Floy Pierce. Resolution No. 14-969 was approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

**XI. Citizen's Comments –**

Hamilton County Commissioner Joe Graham presented a donation from his County discretionary funds to the City in the amount of \$7,975.00 that will be used to purchase sod and install a sprinkler system at the James Avenue ball fields.

Jill Guess, 2110 Ashmore Ave., Asked for clarification on the outcome of the vote in regard to the rezoning request of 1918 and 1924 Ashmore Avenue and was informed that the request was denied and that the ordinance failed.

**XII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

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MAYOR

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City Recorder