

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

Minutes  
June 3, 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, Commissioners Eddie Pierce and Rick Causer 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** –Commissioner Eddie Pierce gave the invocation.
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Finance Director John Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. **Consideration of the Minutes for approval or correction:**
  - A. **May 20, 2014 Agenda Meeting**
  - B. **May 20, 2014 Beer Board Meeting**
  - C. **May 20, 2014 Commission Meeting**  
Commissioner Eddie Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes of all three meetings as printed, seconded by Vice Mayor Floy Pierce. The minutes were approved with all Commissioners voting “yes”.
- VI. **City Manager’s Report**
  - Annual Memorial Day employee appreciation lunch and softball game went well. Congratulated the Police Department for winning the game this year.
- VII. **Communication from the Mayor**
  - Welcomed everyone.
  - Congratulated the Police Department for winning the employee softball game.
- VIII. **Commissioner’s Report**
  - **Vice-Mayor Floy Pierce**
    - Welcomed everyone.
  - **Commissioner Rick Causer**
    - Welcomed everyone, especially Hamilton County Commissioner Joe Graham and Red Bank Planning Commission members Rufus Smith, Terry Pope and Kevin Banas.
    - Thanked the City manager for the invitation to the employee appreciation lunch.
  - **Commissioner Eddie Pierce**
    - Welcomed everyone.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Roberts called the public hearing to order and explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to receive citizen input in regard to the FY 2015 proposed budget. Mayor Roberts advised that the proposed FY 2015 budget totaled \$6,047,900. He explained that there have been several budget workshops open to the public where the proposed budget was discussed in an effort to decrease the budget. He further advised that there are several one-time purchases in the budget along with three additional firemen, three additional police officers and a 3% employee cost of living increase. He advised that the City plans to pave several secondary roads this fiscal year. Commissioner Eddie Pierce noted that there is not a property tax increase proposed for FY 2015. Mayor Roberts invited citizen comments.

The hearing was open to public comment and questions.

Mary Bean, 4929 Hunter Tr. – After inquiry she was advised that a copy of the proposed budget is available on the City’s web site.

After no further comments the public hearing was adjourned.

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- IX. **Unfinished Business** –
  - A. **ORDINANCE NO. 14-1004 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND TITLE 9, CHAPTER 14, SECTION 9-140(6) OF THE RED BANK CITY CODE (SECOND AND FINAL READING)**

City Manager Smith explained that this ordinance sets out amended regulations for outdoor display of merchandise by businesses. Commissioner Eddie Pierce made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Causer.

Citizen Ruth Jenó, 4405 McCahill Rd. – Asked if items on the agenda can be explained in more detail.

After a roll call voted Ordinance No. 14-1004 was approved on second and final reading with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

**B. ORDINANCE NO. 14-1005 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE, AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 10, CHAPTERS ONE (1) AND TWO (2) OF THE RED BANK CITY CODE WITH RESPECT TO ANIMAL CONTROL (FIRST READING)**

City Manager Smith explained that this ordinance will, among other things, implement a leash law for Red Bank. The ordinance will also impose fines of up to \$20.00 for animal cruelty and failure by an owner to remove pet excreta from public areas. Commissioner Causer made a motion to table the ordinance until discussed at the June 17<sup>th</sup> agenda work session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie Pierce. Ordinance No. 14-1005 was tabled with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

**C. AGENDA ITEM 14-808 – APPOINTMENT TO THE VACANT DISTRICT 3 COMMISSION SEAT FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN THIS DATE AND THE NOVEMBER 2014 GENERAL ELECTION**

Mayor Roberts stated that he would like to allow the candidates for the District 3 seat the opportunity to speak before the appointment was made. Commissioner Causer objected to this because the other Commissioners were not consulted first. Vice Mayor Floy Pierce advised that since all of the candidates were not present that is would not be fair to the candidate that is not present. Commissioner Eddie Pierce had no objection to allowing the candidates a chance to speak. After further discussion and in an effort to move the meeting forward, Mayor Roberts withdrew his invitation to the candidates and advised that if they want to speak they may do so during the Citizen Comment section of the meeting.

Mayor Roberts made a motion to appoint Becky Browder, seconded by Commissioner Eddie Pierce. Motion failed with Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Eddie Pierce voting “yes” and Vice Mayor Floy Pierce and Commissioner Causer voting “no”.

Commissioner Eddie Pierce made a motion to appoint Edward LeCompte, seconded by Mayor Roberts. Motion failed with Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Eddie Pierce voting “yes” and Vice Mayor Floy Pierce and Commissioner Causer voting “no”.

Mayor Roberts made a motion to appoint Jon Baker, seconded by Commissioner Eddie Pierce. Motion failed with Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Eddie Pierce voting “yes” and Vice Mayor Floy Pierce and Commissioner Causer voting “no”.

Commissioner Causer made a motion to appoint Jane Hoseman, seconded by Vice Mayor Floy Pierce. Motion failed with Commissioner Causer and Vice Mayor Floy Pierce voting “yes” and Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Eddie Pierce voting “no”.

There was not a consensus of the Commission to fill the vacant District 3 seat thereby requiring the City to start the process of holding a special election.

**X. New Business –**

**A. ORDINANCE NO. 14-1006 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE THEREOF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 TO BE KNOWN AS THE GENERAL REVENUE ORDINANCE FOR SAID YEAR (FIRST READING)**

Mayor Roberts explained that this is the proposed revenue ordinance for FY 2015. He explained that there is no proposed property tax increase. Motion to approve the ordinance was made by Commissioner Eddie Pierce, seconded by Mayor Roberts. Vice Mayor Floy Pierce advised she feels that the ordinance should be tabled until further workshops could be held to decrease the proposed budget. Mayor Roberts invited citizen comments.

- Ruth Jenó, 4405 McCahill Rd. – Feels that there will be no City business done until someone is appointed to the District 3 commission seat.
- Karen Stage, 2022 Ashmore Ave. – Attended the Agenda Work Session today and there was no discussion in regard to postponing the reading. She feels that it would have been more appropriate to discuss it at that meeting.
- David Smith, 317 Reads Lake Rd. – Asked that the Commission reconsider cutting the proposed employee cost of living increase. Commended the Police Department for the great job they do.

After no further citizen comments Mayor Roberts asked for a roll call vote. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-1006 failed with Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Eddie Pierce voting “yes” and Vice Mayor Floy Pierce and Commissioner Causer voting “no”.

Vice Mayor Pierce made a motion to table the ordinance until the June 17<sup>th</sup> commission meeting, seconded by Commissioner Causer. Ordinance No.14-1006 was tabled until June 17<sup>th</sup> with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

**B. ORDINANCE NO. 14-1007 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED BANK, TENNESSEE, MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 (FIRST READING)**

Mayor Roberts made a motion to table the ordinance until the June 17<sup>th</sup> commission meeting, seconded by Commissioner Causer. Ordinance No. 13-1007 was tabled until June 17<sup>th</sup> with all Commissioners voting “yes”.

**XI. Citizen’s Comments**

- James Webster, 1740 Ashmore Ave. – Disappointed that the Commission could not agree on appointing someone to fill the District 3 seat and feels that Becky Browder would be a good choice.
- Mary Bean, 4929 Hunter Tr. – Asked the Commission to consider a pediatric cancer center for the old middle school property.
- Mike Tindle, 1141 Coker Cir. – Disappointed that Vice Mayor Floy Pierce and Commissioner Causer were opposed to allowing the District 3 candidates to speak. Feels that the business of the City is hampered by the lack of an appointee.
- David Smith, 317 Reads Lake Rd. – Recommended Ed LeCompte to fill the vacant District 3 seat.
- John Baker, 1802 Ashmore Ave. – Previewed his qualifications and experience and announced that he will be running for the District 3 commission seat.
- Ed LeCompte, 2528 Lyndon Ave. – Previewed his qualifications and experience and announced his candidacy for the District 3 seat.

**XII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

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MAYOR

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City Recorder