

City of Townsend
Commission Meeting Minutes

For

March 11, 2014

Attendance: Attending the meeting was Mayor Michael Talley, Commissioner Jackie Suttles, Commissioner Ron Palewski, Commissioner Kenny Myers, Recorder Shelia Moss, Police Chief Ron Suttles, Police Officer Tony Rayburn, Charles Tippitt, Jan Foreman

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Talley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:34pm.

Kenny Myers, Oath of Office: Recorder Moss asked Commissioner Kenny Myers to stand at 6:40pm. She then administered Commissioner Myers's oath of office.

Discussion, Charter Revision: There was some discussion about the proposed revised City Charter. Commissioner Myers stated that he would like to wait until he has had time to review the revision before voting. Mayor Talley asked Recorder Moss to add this to the March 18, 2014 agenda.

Budget Planning, Fiscal Year 2015: The Commission then began working on the fiscal year 2015 budget and was able to get through the revenue projections sections before concluding the meeting.

Recorder Moss asked the Commission if they would want to allow Mr. Tippitt to go ahead and submit his donation request for the Mary E Tippitt Memorial Library. Mayor Talley allowed Mr. Tippitt to present his request to the Commission. Mr. Tippitt asked Commissioner Kenny Myers if he remembered when Mr. Ray LaBounty was on the Commission when the cable television contract was being discussed. He also asked if Commissioner Myers remembered Mr. LaBounty making a motion to increase the percentage from 1.5 to 4.5 and that the full Comcast Franchise Agreement Fees was to be used annually for the library. Commission Myers stated that he remembers that there were conversations about cable television contracts but does not remember the specifics. Commissioner Tippitt then presented his donation request for \$12,000. He also mentioned that there was a new director at the Blount County Library. There was some discussion about the Regional Library System, the Blount County Library, the Tippitt Foundation and the Mary E Tippitt Memorial Library. Mr. Tippitt reported that the Library used all of the interest earned from the foundation last year for Library operations. He also mentioned that he would like the full donation amount requested but, would be grateful for any donation the library receives.

Officer Tony Rayburn presented his letter for approval to establish a business in Townsend. Mayor Talley explained that there is a moonlighting clause in the current personnel policy that requires employee's to obtain approval from the Commission to have other outside employment. Officer Rayburn stated that this is a scoot car rental business and that he will be a 33.3% owner. He also reported that it will not interfere with his job as a Townsend Police Officer. Mayor Talley made a motion to approve Officer Rayburn's request. Commissioner Palewski seconded and the motion passed with 4 yea votes.

There being no further business, Commissioner Suttles made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Commissioner Myers seconded and the motion passed with 4 yea votes.

Shelia Moss

Approved: _____ date _____

Title: _____