

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF MARSHALL

TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

The Town of Chapel Hill Board of Mayor and Alderman met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Town Hall, 2202 Unionville Road, Chapel Hill, TN.

Members present: Mayor Danny Bingham, Aldermen Marion Joyce, Horace Hill, Jr., Tommy Lawrence III, Jan Darnell, Dottie Morton, Michael Faulkenberry, Town Administrator Mark Graves, Town Attorney Todd Moore and Town Clerk Carolyn McDonald.

Mayor Danny Bingham called the meeting to order and followed with an opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Graves.

Carolyn McDonald called roll with all members being present.

- 1) Marion Joyce asked to amend the Agenda to include discussion to create City Park parking regulations. A motion was then made to approve the minutes as amended, motion being made by Alderman Joyce and seconded by Alderman Hill. All members in favor and Agenda is approved.
- 2) Alderman Hill made a motion to approve last meetings minutes and motion was seconded by Alderman Joyce. The minutes were approved by all members.
- 3) Citizen Input: Joy Haynes Hall stated that all meeting minutes should be available several days before each meeting.
- 4) Communication from the Mayor: TAP Grants are being reviewed again. Mark Graves stated the TAP Grant is intended to be applied to fund sidewalks with \$2,000,000 grant and the town's responsibility part being \$400,000 which is used for planning.

The BOMA will need water and sewer training class and the Board was notified of this by e-mail. Someone can come to Town Hall and do the training for us if the state approves it. Someone from MTAS or TAUD would be the likely trainers. Alderman Joyce believes there is a class available in

Franklin. This training is state mandated. The majority of the board wants to schedule a Saturday for all day training to get the necessary hours all in on one full day. This may be possible with combining the class to include Marshall County Board of Public Utilities.

5) Old Business: City Park Parking

Alderman Joyce ask Attorney Moore if he found related rules for other small town parks. Todd Moore stated the BOMA needs to create an ordinance to reflect regulations on weight limits and overnight parking to enable police officers to enforce rules. Until this ordinance passes a sign can be posted.

Alderman Joyce ask that an ordinance be presented tonight with 1st reading stating “No heavy trucks allowed on City Park property and no overnight parking of any type. Park hours are from 7a.m. to 10 p.m.” Alderman Faulkenberry made a motion to pass with a second from Alderman Joyce.

Motion passed first reading with all members in favor.

6) New Business:

11-A Resolution 17-18 Approve hiring and contract for Recorder/Treasurer

Alderman Hill made a motion to approve and Alderman Joyce seconded. With a roll call vote all members voting Aye, resolution passed.

Alderman Morton asked for a copy of the Employee Agreement.

11-B Resolution 17-19 Accept Caney Springs Assets

Alderman Joyce made a motion to accept with Alderman Hill seconding. Upon roll call all members voting Aye, resolution passed.

City Attorney Moore informed the Board the Town will receive a deed from Caney Springs Fire Department. This will also include an extra parcel of land.

11-C Surplus Police Vehicle

Alderman Lawrence made a motion to surplus the vehicle with Alderman Faulkenberry seconding. On roll call vote all members voted Aye.

11-D Resolution 17-21 Accept Bids for Trash cans

Mark Graves informed the Board that bids closed today at \$52 for large cans and \$41 for small cans. It will be approximately 8 weeks until delivery of 700 large and 100 small cans. The bid from Stringfellows is \$45,343 total.

Alderman Hill made motion to accept and Alderman Faulkenberry seconded. Upon roll call vote all members voted Aye, resolution passed.

Alderman Darnell ask if customers will be required to take these cans. Chad Dennis explained the need to require use of these cans. This will enable him to enforce some of the city ordinances regarding trash. Mark Graves informed the Board these cans have a 12 year warranty and have serial numbers which can track these cans to reduce theft. The city will make citizens aware of new cans by posting on website.

11-E Resolution 17-22 Increase Sewer Rates for SRF Loan

Greg Davenport spoke as water/sewer engineer. He explained the \$1.15 million estimate will be bid after SRF is approved.

1. We presently experience back-up and overflows
2. Much of the previous additions to this sewer line are on overload now.
3. One year ago the Council for TN Rivers Keepers are threatening litigation if we do not fix this problem. We have reached an agreement with the council and will avoid litigation by beginning corrective measures to this problem.

SRF is federally granted money with low interest. Our environmental review has been completed. Now we must have a rate increase to secure the loan. This increase needs to be done as soon as possible to insure project is completed during the next construction cycle. The new line will be an 8" line which will be enough to accommodate new growth. This line will be guaranteed 20 years. There will be a \$5 increase each year per customer until \$15 increase has been implemented (over a 3 year period). Alderman Darnell questioned if more grants are approved can we increase our rates. Greg stated we must stay with the dollar amount increase that will be proposed (\$15). Alderman Joyce ask if we have principal forgiveness on this could we reduce rate increase and Greg advised

probably not and would be very minor because interest rate is so low. This grant should move quickly.

Alderman Hill made the motion to pass this resolution and a second by Alderman Faulkenberry passed with all members voting Aye.

7) Alderman Faulkenberry would like for the communication from the town to the public to be improved.

Alderman Morton stated that this responsibility for public communication be the task of the Recorder/Treasurer and City Manager. She would like the minutes to be publicly posted as soon as possible and the agendas be posted 9 days prior to the meetings.

Alderman Morton requested a work session to discuss the duties in detail of the City Manager and the Treasurer.

Alderman Faulkenberry wants the addition of sewer lines to Crutcher Road discussed at this work session.

The newly hired Treasurer/Recorder will begin employment on September 27th.

A work session for BOMA was set for Tuesday, September 19th at 5:00 p.m.

8) Other Business:

E. W. Hill thanked everyone for taking the Fire Department of Caney Springs.

Barbara Harris ask what about Nashville Highway/Crutcher Road new sewer line being put in? The town is looking for past agreements but as yet have not found them. Ms. Harris ask about being de-annexed if Town does not extend this service because she pays taxes which should include all services for her as a property owner. Ms. Harris stated there could be no growth without sewer on the north side of town. She states she is very frustrated with the city having no answers for her. She stated if businesses were to come in and show interest in locating in the north area then the Town could perhaps have more grants to help develop all areas without sewer. Add this to be discussed at the work session 9/19/17.

Alderman Morton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Faulkenberry. All members in favor and meeting is adjourned.

Mayor Bingham _____

Minutes taken by _____