AGENDA SESSION
March 9, 2010
3:15 P.M.

The Agenda Session was called to order by Chairman Benson, with Councilmen Murphy, Rico, Ladd, McGary, Berz, Gilbert, Scott and Robinson present. City Attorney Michael McMahan and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Barry Bennett, Gary Hilbert, Mo Minkara, Dan Johnson, Richard Beeland, Steve Leach, Bill Payne, Lee Norris, Daisy Madison, Randy Ray, Dickie Hutsell, Larry Zehnder, Paul Page, Karen Hundt, Fredia Kitchen, Chief Cooper, Chief Rawlston, Chief Dodd, and Jerry Stewart. Dennis Malone and Jim Templeton joined the meeting later.

Ordinance 5(a) was relative to sign permits. Adm. Leach noted that Mr. Taylor of Southern Advertising was present last week and a handout had been prepared regarding the fees for Southern Advertising signs. (This is made a part of this minute material). Mr. Gary Hilbert proceeded to go over the handout, noting that the cost of inspection for the City on one sign was $184.45, yet the fee was only $110.00. Councilwoman Berz questioned why we were just charging $110.00? She questioned this because we know it is a deficit. Mr. Hilbert explained that they were trying to balance this. Councilwoman Scott asked if a technical fee was like a toll road or would it last forever? Mr. Hilbert stated that there was a technical fee on ever permit, with Councilwoman Scott surmising that it was a continuing expense.

Mr. Hutsell added that we prefer to get what we are getting in Chattanooga; that outside of Tennessee, impact fees can be charged. He stated that our fees are in the intermediate range and that we want to protect our local contractors.

Councilwoman Berz asked about the one-stop shop and could the fee be more in a city without a one-stop shop? Mr. Hutsell responded that it could be more or less—that here, one inspector can do it all. Councilwoman Berz still questioned why we would vote a deficit? Mr. Johnson stated that this was what Public Works was recommending. She still could not understand why we would fund a deficit. Mr. Hilbert responded that we were trying to be conservative. Bill Payne explained that this handout is just for Mr. Taylor’s signs and every sign is not this way. Mr. Hilbert added that this is good mid-range. Councilwoman Berz asked if they could cover their costs.
Ordinance 5(b) waived the Land Disturbing Permit for the Tennessee Stream Mitigation Program—Friar Branch Restoration Project located at 2453 Hickory Valley Road.

Ordinance 5(c) forgives interest accrued on 2009 Water Quality Fees is paid before June 1, 2010. If not paid before then, the interest goes back to March 1st.

Ordinance 6(a) was amended to delete the dead animal pickup section.

Ordinance 6(b) amends the City Code relative to vehicle license fees. Mr. Johnson stated that we were waiting on information from the County. Councilwoman Scott wanted to know what the fee was for not have a City Sticker and was told $50.00 plus court costs. She felt that people should be told at the County that they would be subject to a $50.00 fine. Councilwoman Robinson wanted to know if tickets were given for not having a City Sticker? Chief Cooper explained that you first have to prove that they are a city resident—that generally tickets are given.

Ordinance 6 (c) is relative to landfill fees, and Jerry Stewart went over these costs.

Ordinances (d) through (g) were zoning matters. Ordinance (h) was discussed in Public Works last week.

Resolution (a) will be discussed in Parks and Recreation Committee. Resolution (b) authorizes a MOU with the Tennessee Valley Regional Communication System’s Executive Commission to establish a separate fund. Resolution (c) is a Public Work’s item. Resolution (d) was discussed in Public Works last week. Resolution (e) is a Special Exceptions Permit for Race Trac Petroleum at 2501 Cowan Street and 2306, 2500, 2516, and 2528 Broad Street. Councilman Benson stated that there was some confusion on this and noted that Ann Weeks was present in the interest of this case.

Ms. Weeks asked what the confusion was. She stated that they were supporting this and had had 6-7 meetings since July; that they had voiced concerns about the design and changes had been made; that this property had been vacant for 20+ years and would add $500,000 to the tax base with this site; that they had invested in the community.

Councilman Murphy had been out of the room and when he returned noted that this was a zoning issue and should not be discussed here. Councilman Benson agreed that this could be considered zoning and asked Ms. Weeks if she could come back to the Council meeting tonight.
Resolution (f) authorizes the appointment of a special police officer (unarmed) for McKamey Animal Care and Adoption Center, Inc. to do special duty.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 16, 2010**

Ordinance 6(a) is an abandonment for Race Trac Petroleum.

Ordinance 6(b) is the Budget for Stormwater Fees.

Resolutions (a) and (b) will be covered by Parks and Recreation. Resolution (c) authorizes application and acceptance of a Grant by the Chief of Police from MetLife Foundation for Community-Police Partnership Awards in the amount of $15,000 to be used for the Sector Three Bike Patrol. Resolution (d) will be discussed in Public Works committee. Resolutions (e) and (f) will be discussed in Public Works next week.

There were no purchases.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.