

Town of Arlington

5854 Airline Road, Arlington, TN 38002

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Meeting

Monday, July 1, 2013

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 2013-07 TO ADOPT THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON, TENNESSEE TAX RATE FOR 2013.

Mayor Wissman opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2013-07. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Commercial Appeal on June 7, 2013. Anyone wishing to be heard for or against please come forward to be recognized, state your name and address for the record. Hearing no comment the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2013-07 was closed.

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present

Mike Wissman, Mayor
Harry McKee, Vice Mayor
Glen Bascom, Alderman
Gerald McGee, Alderman
Brian Thompson, Alderman
Jeff McKee, Alderman

Others Present

Gerald D. Lawson, Town Attorney
Catherine Durant, Recorder/Treasurer
Steve Hill, Town Engineer
Heather Sparkes, Town Planner

Excused Absence

Oscar Brooks, Alderman

II. OPENING PRAYER

Alderman J. McKee offered the opening prayer.

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Business owner Tony Jackson led the pledge to the flag.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 3, 2013.

Motion: Aldermen J. McKee made a motion to approve the Board of Mayor and Aldermen minutes from June 3, 2013. Vice Mayor McKee seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. GRIEVANCES AND COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

1. Jeremy Biggs, 12238 Caraway Cove; thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. He complimented the Town on the 4th of July Celebration, noting that it was an event enjoyed by Arlington families. He explained that his purpose in speaking tonight was to talk about tennis courts in Arlington. Mr. Biggs noted that he serves on the Parks and Recreation Committee, the Committee was asked what they would like to see in Arlington, and all but one member stated that Arlington needed tennis courts. He went on to say that the children in Town are missing out on the opportunity to experience the game and team spirit tennis provides. Currently citizens have to drive to other parts of Shelby County to use courts. He noted that when people travel to other cities to participate in sports they take their tax dollars with them and Arlington is missing out on that revenue. He explained that tennis courts would be a onetime expense with little if any operating and maintenance costs. He went on to say that he understood Arlington had a rainy day fund but that the elected officials should limit the amount of money in that fund and the money should be reinvested in the community.
2. Cotton Nelson, 5735 Kristy Creek Cove, noted that he had sent several e-mails over the last few years concerning the need for tennis courts in Arlington. He stated that he wanted to be here for the record to show support for tennis courts. He explained that if we had tennis courts they would get a lot of use from citizens of all ages and that the Arlington High School tennis team would benefit. He noted that if Arlington had courts it would complete the tennis infrastructure in Shelby County. He asked that the Board consider putting in two (2) courts and build a program from there.
3. Jimmy Cox, 5750 Kristy Creek Cove, explained that as a tennis player and resident he was very surprised that Arlington did not have city courts. The city could have tournaments and they would be well enjoyed.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- A. Shelby County Sheriff's Department Incident Report for the month of June. Officer Frasier gave the report for June noting that all stats were down from the prior month. Vice Mayor McKee asked Officer Frasier if the report could breakdown traffic incidents for Arlington. The report for June is on file.
- B. Mayor Wissman noted all the hard work that went into the first Arlington "Star Spangled Spectacular" Fireworks show. He thanked Vice Mayor McKee, Aldermen Thompson, local businesses, volunteers, employees and staff for its success.
- C. Mayor Wissman asked that everyone talk to their neighbors and friends to get them to go to the polls on July 16th to vote for Arlington Municipal Schools. He noted that the Town had sent out postcards with dates, times, and places of voting.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Mayor McKee gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of June.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Second and final reading Ordinance 2013-07 to adopt the Town of Arlington, Tennessee Tax Rate for 2013.**

Mayor Wissman called for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the motion.

Main Motion: Alderman Thompson made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2013-07. Alderman McGee seconded the motion.

Mayor Wissman called for a vote.

Vote on Motion: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Other as properly presented.

No other old business was brought forward.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2013-23 to authorize an agreement with Kimley-Horn & Associates, for engineering services related to the design of Donelson Farms Parkway, TDOT Pin #118492.00.

Mayor Wissman recognized Town Engineer Steve Hill. Mr. Hill explained that the Town published a Request for Qualifications for engineering services related to the design of Donelson Farms Parkway. He noted that six (6) engineering firms submitted packets. A review panel consisting of the Town Planner, Town Engineer and Public Works Superintendent, graded the applicants, and recommended Kimley-Horn & Associates as the high score. Mayor Wissman called for a motion.

Main Motion: Alderman McGee made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-23. Aldermen Thompson seconded.

Mayor Wissman called for discussion. Hearing none he called for the vote.

Vote on Main Motion: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 2013-24 to authorize a Consulting Services Agreement with John Aitken to perform consulting services related to the creation of an Arlington Municipal School System.

Mayor Wissman explained that he and Mr. Haley had been having conversation for some time with John Aitken concerning Municipal Schools. The goal of the conversations was to get the most experienced person to help establish Municipal Schools. He noted that originally the discussions included Arlington and Lakeland then more recently Germantown and Collierville. Mayor Wissman called for a motion.

Main Motion: Alderman J. McKee made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-24. Vice Mayor McKee seconded.

Mayor Wissman called for discussion. Alderman Thompson asked if the starting date was August 1st. Mayor Wissman informed the Board that was correct, however, if Mr. Aitken was needed for meetings with the County Commission prior to August 1st he would accommodate. Aldermen Thompson asked about the scope of work for Southern Educational Strategies (SES) versus Mr. Aitken. Mayor Wissman explained that SES scope is to revise financial figures and Mr. Aitken's would be to establish policies and procedures to aid the elected school board members upon election and swearing in. He went on to say there would not be a better person to guide the Town on what would be helpful to have in place prior to hiring a School Superintendent. There was a brief discussion concerning the billing of time between the municipalities and examples of how that works. Mayor Wissman called for the vote.

Vote on Main Motion: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 2013-25 authorizing a Development Agreement with Creekside Homes, LLC for the construction of Cambridge Manor Planned Development, Phase 2, located north of Forrest Street and north of Cambridge Manor, Phase 1.

Mayor Wissman recognized Heather Sparkes, Town Planner. Ms. Sparkes explained that this was a standard residential development contract for Phase 2 of Cambridge Manor PD and the development is consistent with Phase 1. She advised that a revised contract had been placed before them adding the bonding amounts and removing a payment-in-lieu of improvements. Mayor Wissman called for a motion.

Main Motion: Alderman Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-25. Alderman J. McKee seconded.

Mayor Wissman called for discussion. Hearing none he called for the vote.

Vote on Main Motion: Motion carried unanimously.

D. Other as properly presented.

1. Resolution 2013-26 to remove uncollectable taxes from the Town of Arlington Certified Tax Rolls.

Mayor Wissman called on Ms. Durant, Town Recorder. Ms. Durant explained that the request from the Trustee's office came in after the agenda had been published. However, she respectfully requested that the item be considered. Mayor Wissman called for the vote.

Main Motion: Aldermen McGee made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-26. Aldermen Bascom Seconded.

Mayor Wissman called for discussion. Hearing none he called for the vote.

Vote on Main Motion: Motion carried unanimously.

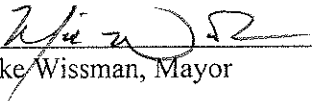
2. Alderman Bascom asked if the Fire Chief had a report for the month of June. Chief David Franks gave the incident report for the Arlington Fire Department (on file).

X. APPROVAL OF THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Motion: Alderman Thompson made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Bascom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Vice Mayor McKee made a motion to adjourn. Alderman J. McKee seconded. Meeting adjourned.

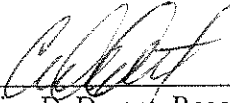


Mike Wissman, Mayor

8-5-13

Date

Attest:



Catherine D. Durant, Recorder

8-5-13

Date

Submitted by: Recorder