

# Town of Arlington

5854 Airline Road, Arlington, TN 38002



## **PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance 2013-01 to amend the Town of Arlington, Tennessee, budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.**

Mayor Wissman opened the Public Hearing and advised that notice of the hearing was published in The Commercial Appeal on January 14, 2013. He invited anyone wishing to speak for or against to please stand to be recognized. State your name and address for the record. Hearing no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

### **Town Of Arlington Board of Mayor and Aldermen February 4, 2013**

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

##### Present

Mike Wissman, Mayor  
Harry McKee, Vice Mayor  
Oscar Brooks, Alderman  
Glen Bascom, Jr., Alderman  
Gerald McGee, Alderman  
Brian Thompson, Alderman

##### Others Present

Gerald Lawson, Attorney  
Steve Hill, Engineer  
Cathy Durant, Recorder  
See List

##### Absent

Jeff McKee, Alderman - Excused

Mayor Wissman called the meeting to order and advised that a quorum was established.

#### **II. OPENING PRAYER**

Alderman Thompson led the opening prayer.

### III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 7, 2013.

**Motion:** Alderman Brooks made a motion to approve the Board of Mayor and Aldermen minutes from the January 7, 2013, meeting. Alderman McGee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### V. GRIEVANCES & COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Wissman asked if any citizen wished to address the Board to please come to the podium, state your name and address for the record. There were no comments from citizens.

### VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

#### A. Mayor Luttrell Present to Address the Board.

Mayor Wissman introduced Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell who addressed the Board regarding County issues of significance, as well as issues specific to Arlington. He stated that the County is going through the four-year property re-appraisal process, and property values will drop as much as five to ten percent. He advised that this affects revenues and what County services can be provided. Mayor Luttrell stated that the County is reviewing their budget and looking at essential services and necessary future expenses. He stated that the school budget is now exclusively Shelby County's responsibility since Memphis withdrew their financial support of approximately \$68m. Mayor Luttrell advised that with the merger of the two school systems, the cost will be greater, and even with the recommended cuts, it is projected that there will be somewhere between \$57m to \$180m deficit. Mayor Luttrell then advised that through an agreement with the Department of Justice there will be reforms within the Juvenile Court System at a cost of approximately \$5m to \$6m. Mayor Luttrell advised that even though changes in revenue and expenses has created challenges for the County, the County government has a bond rating of AA+, they continue to pay down their debt, and they balance their budget. He reviewed other issues facing the County including pension and health care costs; economic development; and responsibility for emissions testing, which may become a County-wide requirement. Mayor Luttrell concluded by thanking the Mayor for allowing him to address the Board. Mayor Wissman asked the Board if

they had any questions for Mayor Luttrell. Alderman Thompson asked for clarification that the schools and the juvenile court reforms are the main reasons for the budget shortfalls. Mayor Luttrell replied yes, and added that lower re-appraisals also contribute. He explained where the certified tax rate would have to be set to generate the same amount of revenue as last year. Mayor Luttrell noted that law enforcement and the criminal justice system consume the largest portion of the County's revenues. There was discussion regarding security in the schools and what assistance may be provided by the City of Memphis. Mayor Luttrell stated that he sent a letter to Mayor Wharton but has not received a response. Mayor Wissman thanked Mayor Luttrell for his presentation.

B. Shelby County Sheriff's Department Incident Report for the Month of January 2013.

Mayor Wissman recognized Lt. Hatchett, Watch Commander, for the Sheriff's Department who reviewed the incident report for the month of January 2013 and noted that the crime stats were down from December's report. Mayor Wissman advised that the report is on file if anyone wishes to review it.

C. Other as Properly Presented

1. Mayor Wissman recognized Chief Franks who advised that equipment is being installed on the new truck and it should be in service in early March. Alderman Bascom asked if the Board could get a monthly report from the Fire Department. Chief Franks replied yes, and advised that the Fire Department responded to 67 separate incidences in the month of January. He also advised that the Fire Department went to homes in the Dr. Logan Subdivision and began a free smoke detector campaign which was provided by a grant from the State. He noted that these detectors have a 10-year battery and will be handed out to older homes in Arlington. Mayor Wissman mentioned the grass fire that occurred at Milton Wilson and 385 which was started by a downed power line. Chief Franks advised that the fire was pushed by 40 to 50 mph winds.
2. Mayor Wissman advised that he and Ed Haley, Town Superintendent, will be in Nashville next month for the TML Conference; therefore, Vice Mayor McKee will chair the Board Meeting for March. Mayor Wissman then noted that the Board approved an actuarial study on TCRS in April 2012 and presented it to the Board in December 2012. However, since nothing has been done, Mayor Wissman recommended

that each alderman set up an appointment with Mr. Haley and Ms. Durant to address questions and/or concerns prior to voting in April.

3. Mayor Wissman advised that the School Committee took a break during December and January because of the negotiations going on with the school issue. He advised that the committee will continue to work on establishing policies to go forward.
4. Mayor Wissman noted that he and Ed Haley, Town Superintendent, will travel to Nashville to meet with the lobbyist.
5. There was nothing further to come before the Board.

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Wissman advised that committee reports, including the Treasurer's Report and financial reports, for the month of January are on file at Town Hall and have been provided to the Board. Mayor Wissman asked if anyone wished to report on their committee. Vice Mayor McKee read the Treasurer's Report into the Record.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Second and Final Reading Ordinance 2013-01 to Amend the Town of Arlington, Tennessee, Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013.

Mayor Wissman advised that this Ordinance has been amended between the first and second reading and revisions are noted on the detailed exhibit to the Ordinance. Mayor Wissman called for a motion.

**Main Motion:** Alderman Brooks made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2013-01 as amended. Alderman Thompson seconded the motion.

Mayor Wissman called for discussion. Hearing no response, Mayor Wissman called for a vote on the main motion.

**Vote on Motion:** The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Other as Properly Presented

There was no old business brought forward.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Resolution 2013-03 to Establish a Policy for the Sale and Disposal of Property Determined to be Surplus to the Town of Arlington.

Mayor Wissman recognized Mr. Haley who advised that he and Ms. Durant have discussed this issue for the last three years and they recommend following State recommendations per TCA Code and adopting the MTAS Model Policy.

Mayor Wissman called for a motion.

**Main Motion:** Alderman Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-03. Alderman McGee seconded the motion.

Mayor Wissman called for discussion. Alderman McGee asked for clarification of how the auctions would be handled. Ms. Durant responded that they hope to be able to use Shelby County's auction for the most part. There was discussion regarding what type of items would be auctioned. Mr. Haley advised that electronic equipment would be destroyed and no Town employees would be eligible to participate. Mayor Wissman called for further discussion. Hearing no response, Mayor Wissman called for a vote on the main motion.

**Vote on Motion:** The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approve Lease Agreements for Calendar Year 2013 for Facility Use by Sports Programs.

Mayor Wissman recognized Alderman Brooks who requested Ms. Durant to explain the changes made which included fees, removal of language regarding the Coke contract and use of Town Hall for sign-ups, and edited language regarding the tenant's responsibility for maintaining the property. Alderman Brooks explained the main change to the fees noting that the Town was generating revenue for the ball parks through the concession stands and now the Town will permit the leagues to run their own concessions. He noted that with the new agreements, the Town will increase the per-player fees from \$5 to \$10 for residents and \$20 for non-residents.

Mayor Wissman called for a motion.

**Main Motion:** Alderman Thompson made a motion to approve the Lease Agreements for sports programs for the 2013 season. Alderman Brooks seconded the motion.

Mayor Wissman called for further discussion. Alderman Thompson asked about scheduling conflicts and Ms. Durant responded that she is working on the schedule as much as possible on paper and then if someone not scheduled requests to use a field, Dickie Wiseman, Public Works Superintendent, will be responsible for approval. There was a brief discussion. Mayor Wissman called for a vote on the main motion.

**Vote on Motion:** The motion carried unanimously.

C. Other as Properly Presented

1. There was a brief discussion on the status of the sewer project.
2. There was no other new business presented.

**X. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Main Motion:** Alderman McGee made a motion to approve bills for payment. Vice Mayor McKee seconded the motion.

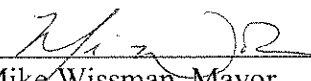
Mayor Wissman called for discussion. Hearing no response, he called for a vote.

**Vote on Motion:** The motion carried unanimously.

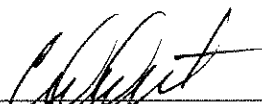
**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Alderman Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

  
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Mike Wissman, Mayor

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Date

  
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Catherine D. Durant, Recorder

3-5-13  
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Date

Submitted By: Theresa Smith, Planning Clerk