

Town of Arlington

5854 Airline Road, Arlington, TN 38002



PUBLIC HEARING – Resolution 2013-01 to adopt the Depot Square Master Development Plan.

Mayor Wissman opened the Public Hearing and advised that notice of the hearing was published in The Commercial Appeal on December 19, 2012. . He invited anyone wishing to speak for or against to please stand to be recognized. State your name and address for the record.

Mayor Wissman recognized Chris Burcky, 11900 Campbell Street, who stated that he thinks this is a great plan and would like to see it approved. He suggested that the Board focus on Option B for the Town land and believes residential density is important for Depot Square. Mr. Burcky also stated that he would like to see a Business Improvement District started and funded by the district. Mayor Wissman thanked Mr. Burcky.

Mayor Wissman recognized Linda Street, 18215 Hwy 196 in Hickory Withe. She advised that she owns property in Depot Square and is a member of the APTA. Ms. Street advised that she is happy that the Town is planning improvements. She asked the Board to make sure that the history of Arlington is kept in place and that old buildings are kept historically correct, regardless of improvements, corrections, etc. Mayor Wissman thanked Ms. Street.

Mayor Wissman called for further comments. Hearing no reply, he closed the Public Hearing.

**Town Of Arlington
Board of Mayor and Aldermen
January 7, 2013
6:30 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present

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

Others Present

Gerald Lawson, Attorney
Steve Hill, Engineer
Heather Sparkes, Planner
See List

Absent

Jeff McKee, Alderman - Excused

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

II. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Vice Mayor McKee.

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Alderman Glen Bascom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2012.

Mayor Wissman called for a motion.

Motion: Vice Mayor McKee made a motion to approve the Board of Mayor and Aldermen minutes of December 3, 2012. Alderman Brooks seconded the motion.

Mayor Wissman called for additions or corrections. Hearing no reply, he called for a vote.

Vote on 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.

Mayor Wissman recognized Bob Vierkandt, 11865 Acred Street, who expressed his concerns about funding health care for the Town's Aldermen who are not full-time employees. Mr. Vierkandt stated that he does not consider this a good idea and believes that it is an abuse of tax payer's money. Mayor Wissman thanked Mr. Vierkandt.

Mayor Wissman recognized Stan Johnson, 12273 Chapel Meadow Lane. Mr. Johnson stated that he is a new resident to Arlington, and advised that recently there have been people hunting on the vacant land which backs up to his property. He advised that the Sheriff's Department was called out after hearing shots fired. The deputies were told that the hunters have the land owner's permission to hunt on the property; therefore, there was not much they could do. Mr. Johnson expressed his concern for the safety of residents just going about their daily routines. He stated that he wanted to bring this issue to the Board's attention with the hope that there is something that can be done. Mayor Wissman advised Mr. Johnson that he will address this issue before the Sheriff's Department presents their monthly incident report.

Mayor Wissman recognized Maurice Gaines, 6143 Chester Street, who advised that, in his opinion, medical insurance for the Board members is a bad idea. He suggested that this would cost the Town a lot of money and would increase the salaries already being paid. He suggested that the Board should pay for their own insurance. Mr. Gaines then suggested that before the issue of a retirement plan comes up, he would urge the Town to talk with other cities and see what they are doing. He noted that retirement programs are expensive and are being replaced

with 401K-type programs, which makes for a better option. Mayor Wissman thanked Mr. Gaines.

Mayor Wissman asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. There were no further comments from citizens.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

A. Shelby County Sheriff's Department Incident Report for the Month of December 2012.

Mayor Wissman addressed Mr. Johnson's comments regarding hunters discharging firearms on the land behind his residence, and advised that he met with Ed Haley, Town Superintendent, Fire Chief Franks, and Representative Ron Lollar, who is seeking an opinion from the Attorney General. He advised that he and Mr. Haley also met with Chief Larry Young and representatives of the Sheriff's Department to discuss what can legally be enforced. Mayor Wissman advised that State law trumps local code and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission (TWRA) regulates legal hunting in Tennessee; therefore, hunting on private land is not a Sheriff's Department issue unless there is evidence of reckless endangerment or activity other than hunting; however, if all the rules are being followed and the hunters are licensed, then it is legal to hunt in the State of Tennessee. Mayor Wissman advised that the Town is looking into what can be done regarding this issue.

Mayor Wissman introduced Chief Young who is new to the substation in Arlington. Chief Young advised that the hunting topic has come up several times in recent months and reiterated that unless there is some other issue such as those previously stated, State law allows hunting during hunting season. Chief Young encouraged residents to contact the Sheriff's Department if they suspect illegal discharge of firearms or reckless endangerment. Chief Young introduced his staff and briefly advised what their responsibility is to the citizens of Arlington.

Mayor Wissman advised that the Sheriff's Department Incident Report for December 2012 is on file for review.

B. Committee Appointments.

Mayor Wissman made the following:

Planning Commission

Appointed Alderman Glen Bascom to fill Mayor's seat
Re-appointed Vice-Mayor Harry McKee, Russ Campbell, Steve McCarver and Larry Harmon.

Design Review Committee

Re-appointed Chris Burcky, Tim Carter, Alderman Jeff McKee and Daniel Davidson.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Appointed Alderman Gerald McGee to take Alderman Glen Bascom's position
Tommy White to replace Debbie Wiseman who resigned.

Parks & Rec Committee

Appointed Joshua Fox, 12271 South Fork
870-2328; Josh.fox@shelby-sheriff.org

There were no objections from the Board.

C. Other as properly presented.

1. Mayor Wissman introduced and welcomed the new Fire Chief, David Franks, who came from Memphis and has over 40 years of firefighting experience.
2. Mayor Wissman advised that the Town is still in negotiations regarding the school issue. He noted that the August 2013 year is not an option at this point. However, meetings are still ongoing to work for autonomy and local control of Arlington schools.
3. Mayor Wissman advised that the Town is looking into hiring a lobbyist to work in Nashville on school-related issues this session. He advised that Lakeland and Arlington want to use Bartlett's current lobbyist, Nathan Green, at a fee of \$6,000 for Arlington. Mayor Wissman called for Board comments. Hearing none, he advised that the Town will proceed.
4. 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 November 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. Mr. Haley explained the revenues received item in the Sewer Fund. Mayor Wissman added that this is how the auditors want this presented. He advised that the first Finance Committee meeting will be on Thursday, January 17, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. for preparation of the 2013/2014 Budget.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Other as Properly Presented

There was no old business brought forward.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2013-01 to adopt the Depot Square Master Development Plan.
Mayor Wissman recognized Heather Sparkes, Town Planner, who advised that the Town has been working on this plan for several months and the plan was reviewed by the Board at a work session in October and the plan was presented to the Planning Commission in November 2012 who recommended approval. She noted that the plan provides a road map for future development of the Depot Square District. Ms. Sparkes advised that Steve Auterman of LRK, Inc. was present to answer questions. Mayor Wissman advised that there have been multiple public hearings and meetings regarding the plan, as well as the plan has been published on the website and was available on CD to anyone who wanted a copy. Mayor Wissman called for a motion.

Main Motion: Alderman McGee made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-01. Alderman Thompson seconded the motion.

Mayor Wissman called for discussion. Alderman Bascom asked Ms. Sparkes to advise the citizens present how they can obtain a copy of the plan. She responded that she had copies available to hand out to those interested. Alderman McGee stated that this plan is a fluid, flexible plan, enabling the Town to go in any recommended direction. He advised that this plan will not happen overnight and will be an expense. At the request of Mayor Wissman, Ms. Sparkes explained the purpose of the master plan and how it works. Alderman Thompson complimented Mr. Auterman and his team on working with the public and achieving the participation required to put together this plan. Ms. Sparkes expressed her appreciation to the public for their input and honest discussions regarding what they would like to see in the plan. Vice Mayor McKee noted that the budget for 2013-2014 is coming up in July and the Town needs to approach aggressively to get items in the budget and then in the CIP. He suggested that the Town may need to look at acquiring rights-of-way, etc. Mayor Wissman called for further comments. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

Vote on Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Resolution 2013-02 to authorize the application of a State of Tennessee Department of Transportation Alternatives Grant application for the Arlington Bike and Pedestrian Trail, Phase II.

Mayor Wissman recognized Mr. Haley who advised that this is an application for a TDOT enhancement program. He explained the project and connections that will be made. He noted that this will hopefully come in as an 80/20 grant with the Town's portion being approximately \$200,000.

Mayor Wissman called for a motion to approve.

Main Motion: Alderman Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-02. Alderman Thompson seconded the motion.

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

Vote on Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

- C. First Reading Ordinance 2013-01 to amend the Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

Mayor Wissman advised that this is a housekeeping item and the first round of budget amendments necessary to adjust line items. He called for a motion to approve.

Main Motion: Vice Mayor McKee made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-01. Alderman Brooks seconded the motion.

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

Vote on Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Report on Debt Obligation – Form CT-0253, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 9-21-151 and Town of Arlington Debt Policy.

Mayor Wissman recognized Ms. Sparkes who advised that this is a form that is required by the Comptroller of the Treasury for the debt that the Town has incurred for the Sewer and advised that this report also serves as confirmation that the Town is following its adopted Debt Policy.

Mayor Wissman called for a motion.

Motion: Alderman McGee made a motion to approve the Report on Debt Obligation. Alderman Thompson seconded the motion.

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

Vote on Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

- E. Request for Consent to Represent Bank of Bartlett in unrelated proceeding, Mark Norris.

Mayor Wissman recognized Ms. Sparkes who advised that this item was removed from the agenda.

- F. Other as properly presented.

There was no other new business to come before the Board.

X. APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

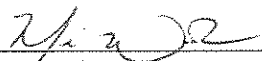
Mayor Wissman called for discussion. Hearing no reply, he called for a vote.

Vote on Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned.



Mike Wissman, Mayor

2-5-13
Date



Catherine D. Durant, Recorder

2-5-13
Date

Submitted By: Theresa Smith, Planning Clerk