

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE
COMMISSION MEETING**

Record of Minutes of Special Called **Meeting Date** June 02, 2011 **Sheet No.** _____

A special called meeting of the Etowah City Commission was held on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 723 Ohio Avenue, Etowah, Tennessee. Members present were Mayor Burke Garwood, Vice Mayor Charles Slack, Commissioner Ann Abbott, Commissioner Matt Goodin, and Commissioner Dennis Morgan. Also present were City Manager Matthew Gravley, City Recorder Melissa Henderson and Recording Secretary Jamie Davis.

Mayor Garwood called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and stated that this Special Called Meeting was for the second reading of Ordinance No. 715 regarding tax collection period, the 4th of July Committee donation request, and the discussion of a 2% salary increase for city employees.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. First Reading of Ordinance No. 715 was read by Mayor Garwood

ORDINANCE NO. 715

**AN ORDINANCE TO RESTRUCTURE THE
TAX COLLECTION PERIOD FOR THE CITY
OF ETOWAH AND TO NULLIFY ANY
EXISTING ORDINANCES THAT CONFLICT**

WHEREAS, the Charter for the City of Etowah allows for the due date for property taxes to be set by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Etowah City Commission to restructure the collection period for City taxes beginning with the calendar year 2011; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Etowah City Commission to coordinate the City's tax collection period with the collection period of McMinn County taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE:

Section I.

The new due date for the City of Etowah property taxes is the 1st day of October, with the collection period running through February 28th. The taxes will become delinquent on March 1.

Section II.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof be, and the same are hereby repealed, and this ordinance shall take effect and be in force ten (10) days from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed first reading: 06-02-2011

Second and final reading: 06-13-2011

Date of Public Hearing: 06-13-2011

A motion was made by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Vice Mayor Slack to approve. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

b. The 4th of July Committee has submitted a written request for a donation of \$1500.00. This request is for FY 2011-2012. Going forward they will submit a request just like all other committees. Commission Abbott sees the 4th of July Committee as an extension of the Commission.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Slack and seconded by Commissioner Goodin to approve. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

c. Discuss/approve 2% salary increases to be divided over every employee. Mayor Garwood explained that since the city ended up with roughly \$40,000 in surplus over the last Fiscal Year about \$18,000 would go towards a new roof at the school and the remaining \$22,000 would go towards raises for city employees. The property tax increase funds will be going towards capital budget items and general operation funds. Along with a total of \$1000 in donations for groups/organizations that apply by August 15th that will be divided up into \$250 increments. The raises would average out to about \$0.23 per hour per employee which is about \$500 per year increase. And the money will be divided up equally over the employees. Mayor Garwood stated that the L&N Depot had been added into the capital projects list because it needs paint and has other physical problems. He also asked City Manager Gravley to reapproach McMinn County and remind them the Depot is the second most visited landmark in the county. And see if they have any tourism money that can be donated towards the Depot since it is second only behind Mayfield's in tourism.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Slack and seconded by mayor Garwood to approve. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

d. City Manager Gravley ask the Commissioner if he could bring up the purchase of the exterior paint for the Wellness Center which was going to be \$5906.08 from Sherwin Williams. We had already received approval for the labor just not the exterior paint.

A motion was made by Mayor Garwood and seconded by Commissioner Goodin to approve. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

e. The Commission Meeting that is regularly schedule for June 27th needs to be moved to June 28th due to it being Industrial Appreciation Day. The Commissioners all agreed and the schedule will be revised in the newspaper.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mayor Garwood seconded by Commissioner Matt Goodin to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

Burke Garwood, Mayor

Melissa Henderson, City Recorder

Respectfully submitted by:

Jamie L. Davis, Recording Secretary