

**CITY OF ETOWAH, TENNESSEE
COMMISSION MEETING**

Record of Minutes of Public Hearing **Meeting Date** October 24, 2011 **Sheet No.** _____

A public hearing of the Etowah City Commission was held on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.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, and Commissioner Dennis Morgan. Also present were Matthew Gravley, City Manager, and Jamie Davis, Recording Secretary. Absent were Commissioner Matt Goodin and Finance Director Melissa Henderson.

Mayor Garwood called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Public input on two projects for which the City is requesting grant funds from the TDOT Transportation Enhancement program to make repairs to the Depot and to reconstruct sidewalks throughout the City.

Mayor Burke Garwood said that Chad Reese, Regional Planner, with Southeast Tennessee Development District has come up with 2 grants for The City of Etowah. He started out with a grant for the Depot and then camp up with one for 12 miles of sidewalks throughout the city. The Depot was already in budget and the Southeast Tennessee Development District suggested that we submit one application and drop the Depot. Focus and go after grant for the sidewalks. It's a 2 year waiting period if approved for grant and Mayor Burke Garwood suggested we submit the sidewalks grant and go ahead and start Depot repairs since they have been budgeted. Commissioner Dennis Morgan ask if it would be another 2 years and City Manager Matthew Gravley said yes it would be. City Manager Gravley said he feels the matching on the sidewalk grant is too much but Mayor Garwood said it's a pie in the sky but let's try it anyway. They would all be ADA compliant, sidewalks would be wider, and we'd have to cover driveways and change the drainage ditches too.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no comments from the public, a motion was made by Mayor Garwood to adjourn the hearing, seconded by Vice Mayor Charles Slack to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a commission vote.

E. Burke Garwood III, Mayor

Melissa Henderson, City Recorder

Respectfully submitted by:

Jamie L. Davis, Recording Secretary