

Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on

May 11, 1998

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Englewood met in regular session, Monday, May 11, 1998 at 6:00 P.M., in the Assembly Room at City Hall.

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Davis, Raper, Brock and Middleton present. Invocation was given by Commissioner Davis.

The Board then discussed the salvaging the Eureka Garment Mills. At this time the Mayor questioned Mr. Hugh Reynolds concerning contents of the mills. Mr. Reynolds stated that he had been using the Eureka building belonging to Mr. Jack King, Mr. Lendell Armstrong and himself. Mr. Middleton then asked Mr. Reynolds if he had evidence of the ownership of the contents. Mr. Reynolds stated that he did but that he did not have it with him at this time. Commissioner Brock then stated that Mr. Reynolds had already been given ample time up to two years to remove the property belonging to him from the building, Mr. Simpson asked if there was anyone else involved in ownership of any contents of the building, Mr. Reynolds stated Nancy Strasser. Mr. Simpson asked if Mr. Reynolds could attend a called meeting of the Board concerning this problem on the following Monday night. Mr. Reynolds informed the Board he would attend. The Mayor then verified with Mr. Reynolds his mailing address as he had not picked up certified letters for the Town sent to him previously. Mr. Reynolds stated that his mailing address was P.O. Box 889. The Mayor then stated that certified letters would be sent to Jack King, Lendell Armstrong, Nancy Strasser and Hugh Reynolds requesting them to attend the called meeting of the Board on the following Monday, May 18, 1998.

Attorney Jeri Bryant then presented the Board with a list of unpaid property taxes from 1972 through 1980. She informed the Board that the Clerk and Master had been unable to determine the location and ownership of these taxes as there was not a map and [parcel number on the property and that the Clerk and Master suggested the Town forgive these taxes. The Board decided that the Town would take a little more time to try to determine the location and ownership of the properties before making a decision.

Motion was then made by Commissioner Middleton, seconded by Commissioner Davis to hire Mr. B.J. King, CPA as Auditor for the fiscal year July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998 for the contracted fee of \$7500.00. All Ayes.

Police Chief Glenn Cooley then informed the Board that Dr. William Bowers was willing to do preemployment physicals on new full time employees when they are hired. This will not be a retainer type fee, Dr. Bowers will charge per case. Motion was then made by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Middleton to appoint Dr. William Bowers to do pre-employment physicals. All Ayes.

Motion was made by Middleton, seconded by Brock to accept monthly billing errors in the amount of \$269.35. All Ayes.

Motion was made by Middleton, seconded by Davis to have the City Attorney attend the next meeting of the County Commission and request the Commission to forgive the property taxes due on the properties obtained through delinquent tax sale. All Ayes.

Jeri Bryant then read Ordinance #051198.13-An Ordinance to amend the zoning for the Town of Englewood, tn. Motion was then made by Middleton, seconded by Brock to accept on first reading Ordinance #051198.13. All Ayes.

The Mayor then asked the Board to review the calculation form for certified tax rate that had been presented by Assessor Don Cowart. The form states that the new certified tax rate value of \$1.47 per hundred dollars assessed value. Motion was made by Raper, seconded by Mayor Simpson to allow the Mayor to sign off on the calculation form for certified tax rate. All Ayes.

Mayor Simpson then presented City Attorney Jeri Bryant with a plaque congratulating her on winning the Republic Primary Election this year.

Chief Cooley then addressed the Board concerning application made to the TBI for a computer. He stated that the Police Department had been granted a computer. He then requested that the Board allow City Court Clerk Kristie Hamilton to attend the TIBRS classes to be held in Knoxville for one day on May 20th and in Nashville in May Th, [this would be an overnight trip). This will train Ms. Hamilton on the information that is mandated by the State; enabling her to then train the police officer in collecting data and on the hardware program. He also informed the Board that he had applied for a grant that would pay a clerk's salary for two years with the city providing twenty five percent of the salary. Police Commissioner Brock stated that he felt that this was a good idea and that he supported the Chief's ideas and actions concerning this matter. Motion was then made by Brock, seconded by Davis to send Kristie Hamilton to the TIBR classes for training. All Ayes.

Chief Cooley then addressed the dog problems facing the city. Cooley requested that the Board allow him to initiate and enforce a program of having the owners purchase tags through the city. This will enable the police to identify the dogs with with owners and keep appropriate records concerning this problem. This would initiate a long tern goal of finding a way to deal with the stray dog problem. Motion was made by Middleton, seconded by Brock to allow Chief Cooley to enforce the tagging of dogs and charge a fee of \$2.00. All Ayes.

Chief Cooley then showed the Board a stuffed teddy bear that had been donated to the Police Department. He stated that this type of donation was being made in order for the police officers to have the bears on hand for small children during calls of domestic violence or accidents.

Commissioner Davis then reminded the Board to ask everyone to support the Gospel Festival being held by the CAGE group at the Englewood Community Park this Thursday evening May Th.

Motion was then made by Middleton, seconded by Davis to adjourn the meeting.

E. EDWARD SIMPSON
Mayor

DEBORAH MORGAN
Recorder