

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 8, 2018

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON MET AT  
CITY HALL THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN REGULAR SESSION.

INVOCATION WAS LED BY VINCE KRAUSS, VALLEY FORGE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS  
LED BY MAYOR ALEXANDER.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT: CURT ALEXANDER,  
MAYOR; WILLIAM E. (BILL) CARTER, MAYOR PRO-TEM; KIM BIRCHFIELD,  
WES FRAZIER, SAMUEL B. SHIPLEY, D. RICHARD TESTER, AND JEFFREY C.  
TREADWAY, COUNCILMEN; ROGER G. DAY, CITY ATTORNEY; DEBORAH  
B. KESSLER, FINANCE DIRECTOR / CITY CLERK AND JEROME D. KITCHENS,  
CITY MANAGER.

MINUTES

MOTION BY MR. SHIPLEY, SECOND BY MR. FRAZIER, THAT MINUTES  
OF FEBRUARY 8, 2018 REGULAR SESSION BE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED.

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

PLAQUE PRESENTATION

MAYOR ALEXANDER ANNOUNCED THAT DUE TO HIS RETIREMENT  
THAT THIS MEETING WOULD BE CITY MANAGER JEROME KITCHENS'  
LAST CITY COUNCIL MEETING. HE THEN ASKED CITY MANAGER KITCHENS  
TO STEP DOWN TO THE PODIUM AREA AND PRESENTED HIM WITH A  
PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR HIS LEADERSHIP  
TO THE CITY FOR THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS SERVING AS CITY MANAGER.

MAYOR ALEXANDER THANKED CITY MANAGER KITCHENS FOR WHAT  
HE HAS DONE DURING HIS TENURE AS CITY MANAGER THE LAST FIVE (5)  
YEARS.

CITY MANAGER KITCHENS THANKED MAYOR ALEXANDER FOR THE  
PLAQUE.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

GARY BARRIGER, KINGSPORT, FORMER ELIZABETHTON CITY SCHOOL  
TEACHER, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF PURCHASING THE EUGENE LEWIS PROPERTY  
NEXT TO THE HAMPTON WATERSHED TO PREVENT LOGGING AND FUTURE  
DEVELOPMENT.

PATRICK LITTLE, NORTH MAIN STREET, SPOKE IN OPPOSITION OF  
THE PARTIAL CLOSURE OF KENDRICK AVENUE BECAUSE OF HIS RENTAL  
PROPERTY ON THE STREET.

JEANETTE MORGAN, 810 EAST B STREET, SPOKE REGARDING MERIT  
RAISES AND THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR ALEXANDER STATED THAT THE WATER DEPARTMENT SITUATION  
WAS AN ON-GOING INVESTIGATION AND NO COMMENT COULD BE MADE.

CHARLIE VONCANNON, CARTER COUNTY COMMISSION MEMBER,  
SPOKE REGARDING THE HAMPTON WATERSHED AND THE PROPERTY  
PURCHASE AND STATED THAT THE WATER SOURCE NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED  
AND ASKED COUNCIL TO PROTECT THE WATER SOURCE. HE ALSO SPOKE

REGARDING THE GOLF COURSE AND HOPED THAT IT COULD BE MAINTAINED UNDER THE PRIVATE MANAGEMENT COMPANY.

ANITA HODGES TAYLOR, ANNOUNCED THAT SHE WAS THE CANDIDATE FOR THE WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN PARTY WHO IS RUNNING IN PLACE OF SARAH SELLERS.

MS. TAYLOR STATED THAT SHE WANTS TO SERVE CARTER COUNTY AND UNICOI COUNTY AS A REPUBLICAN AND IT WAS HER DUTY TO TRY TO ELECT REPUBLICAN PEOPLE ACROSS THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. SHE READ HER PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ASKED TO VOTE FOR HER ON AUGUST 2, 2018.

MATT YOUNG, 111 WEST F STREET, SPOKE REGARDING THE HAMPTON WATERSHED AND STATED THAT HE DID A COST PERSPECTIVE THESIS ON THE WATERSHED AT EAST TENNESSEE STATE (ETSU) UNIVERSITY.

METIN ERYASA, THANKED COUNCIL FOR SUPPORT OF THE WHITE WATER RAFTING "SURF BETSY" PROJECT PRESENTED ON FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> AT THE BONNIE KATE THEATRE. HE ALSO STATED THAT A MEMORANDUM OF (MOU) UNDERSTANDING IS BEING PREPARED FOR REVIEW BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPTS BY CITY MANAGER  
CITY MANAGER KITCHENS PRESENTED MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR REVIEW:

- LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REPORT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2018 AND LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX GRAPHS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018
- POLICE, FIRE, STREETS AND SANITATION, CODE ENFORCEMENT, BUILDING DEPARTMENT PROJECT VALUATION & FEE REPORTS, ELECTRIC, WATER RESOURCES CONSTRUCTION AND WATER RESOURCES FACILITIES REPORTS, PARKS & RECREATION, LIBRARY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018
- LITIGATION TAX RETURN FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2018
- WATAUGA RIVER REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2018

CARTER COUNTY CAR CLUB CRUISE-IN AND ALL DAY CAR SHOW EVENTS  
CITY MANAGER KITCHENS PRESENTED A SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE CARTER COUNTY CAR CLUB FOR THE 2018 CAR CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR WEEKLY SATURDAY NIGHT CRUISE-INS AND THE ALL DAY CAR SHOW EVENT.

MOTION BY MR. TESTER, SECOND BY MR. SHIPLEY, APPROVING THE CARTER COUNTY CAR CLUB 2018 CRUISE-IN ON SATURDAY NIGHTS IN DOWNTOWN FROM 5:00 P.M. UNTIL 9:30 P.M. STARTING SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018 UNTIL OCTOBER 27, 2018 AND ALSO APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL ALL DAY CAR SHOW ON SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2018 ON THE 400 BLOCK OF "E" STREET FROM 5:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M. THEN CONTINUING THE SATURDAY NIGHT CRUISE UNTIL 9:30 P.M.

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

BATTLE AT THE BRIDGE – TIME REVISION  
CITY MANAGER KITCHENS STATED THAT THE REQUEST IS TO APPROVE A REVISION TO THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED EVENT TIME OF 1:00 PM TO

6:00 PM FOR THE INAUGURAL *BATTLE OF THE BANDS* EVENT AT THE COVERED BRIDGE PARK SPONSORED BY THE PARKS & REC DEPARTMENT ON MAY 12, 2018.

CITY MANAGER KITCHENS FURTHER STATED THAT THE EVENT TIME HAS BEEN REVISED TO BEGIN AT 4:00 PM AND WILL CONCLUDE AT 8:00 PM.

MOTION BY MR. SHIPLEY, SECOND BY MR. FRAZIER, APPROVING THE EVENT TIME REVISION REQUEST FOR THE INAUGURAL *BATTLE OF THE BANDS* EVENT ON SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018 BEGINNING AT 4:00 PM AND CONCLUDING AT 8:00 PM.

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

BOARD, COMMITTEE & COMMISSIONS

MAYOR ALEXANDER RECOMMENDED THE REAPPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMAN BIRCHFIELD ON THE PARKS & REC BOARD FOR A ONE-YEAR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TERM.

COUNCILMAN TREADWAY REQUESTED THAT CATHY CAMPBELL BE APPOINTED AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE BONNIE KATE RESTORATION BOARD.

MAYOR ALEXANDER ASKED THAT CATHY CAMPBELL BE APPOINTED TO THE BONNIE KATE BOARD.

MOTION BY MR. SHIPLEY, SECOND BY MR. CARTER, APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMAN BIRCHFIELD ON THE PARKS & REC BOARD FOR A ONE-YEAR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TERM AND THE NEW APPOINTMENT OF CATHY CAMPBELL TO THE BONNIE KATE RESTORATION BOARD FOR A TWO YEAR TERM.

PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

CLOSURE OF PORTION OF KENDRICK AVENUE

CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ AN ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF KENDRICK AVENUE.

MAYOR ALEXANDER OPENED THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

THERE BEING NO ONE PRESENT WISHING TO SPEAK, MAYOR ALEXANDER CLOSED THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION BY MR. TESTER, SECOND BY MR. CARTER, APPROVING AN ORDINANCE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ELIZABETHTON REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION PERMANENTLY CLOSING A PORTION OF KENDRICK AVENUE FROM EAST STREET ADJOINING THE PROPERTY OF CARTER COUNTY BANK, A DIVISION OF BANK OF TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAP AND HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, BE PASSED ON SECOND READING.

ROLL CALL: BIRCHFIELD, NAY; FRAZIER, AYE; SHIPLEY, NAY; TESTER, AYE; TREADWAY, AYE; CARTER, AYE; ALEXANDER, AYE.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 5-2.

PROPERTY REZONING FROM R-3 TO B-2

CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ AN ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A PROPERTY REZONING REQUEST FROM R-3 RESIDENTIAL TO B-2 BUSINESS BEHIND 800 BROAD STREET.

MAYOR ALEXANDER OPENED THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

THERE BEING NO ONE PRESENT WISHING TO SPEAK, MAYOR ALEXANDER CLOSED THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION BY MR. FRAZIER, SECOND BY MR. BIRCHFIELD, THAT THIS IS AN ORDINANCE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ELIZABETHTON REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO REZONE SIX (6) PARCELS OF LAND, THE SAME BEING THE PROPERTY OF CARTER COUNTY BANK, A DIVISION OF BANK OF TENNESSEE, IN THE SEVENTH (7<sup>TH</sup>) CIVIL DISTRICT OF CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE, FROM DESIGNATION R-3 (HIGH DENSITY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO B-2 (ARTERIAL) BUSINESS DISTRICT BY AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE, DATED JULY 8, 1971, AS ADOPTED AND ENACTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 7-19, AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP DATED AUGUST, 1971, ATTACHED AND MADE A PART OF ORDINANCE NO. 7-19, BE PASSED ON SECOND READING.

ROLL CALL: BIRCHFIELD, AYE; FRAZIER, AYE; SHIPLEY, NAY; TESTER, AYE; TREADWAY, AYE; CARTER, AYE; ALEXANDER, AYE.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6-1.

PROPERTY REZONING FROM M-R TO B-2  
CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ AN ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A PROPERTY REZONING REQUEST FROM M-R TO B-2 LOCATED AT 1020 WEST G STREET.

MAYOR ALEXANDER OPENED THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

THERE BEING NO ONE PRESENT WISHING TO SPEAK, MAYOR ALEXANDER CLOSED THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION BY MR. SHIPLEY, SECOND BY MR. FRAZIER, THAT THIS IS AN ORDINANCE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ELIZABETHTON REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO REZONE A REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO REZONE A PARCEL OF LAND, THE SAME BEING THE PROPERTY OF LLT PROPERTIES, LLC, IN THE SIXTH (6<sup>TH</sup>) CIVIL DISTRICT OF CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE, FROM DESIGNATION M-R (MEDICAL -RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT TO B-2 (ARTERIAL) BUSINESS DISTRICT BY AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE, DATED JULY 8, 1971, AS ADOPTED AND ENACTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 7-19, AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP DATED AUGUST, 1971, ATTACHED AND MADE A PART OF ORDINANCE NO. 7-19, BE PASSED ON SECOND READING.

ROLL CALL WAS UNANIMOUS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE  
CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ AN ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO APPROVE AN UPDATE TO THE RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON TO ADOPT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY (MTAS) SERVICE VERSION.

MAYOR ALEXANDER OPENED THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

THERE BEING NO ONE PRESENT WISHING TO SPEAK, MAYOR ALEXANDER CLOSED THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION BY MR. SHIPLEY, SECOND BY MR. FRAZIER, APPROVING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ELIZABETHTON MUNICIPAL CODE, 2015, AS AMENDED, BY REVISING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 3, ENTITLED "RECORD RETENTION SCHEDULE" TO ADOPT A NEW SECTION 1-301 TO UPDATE THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON'S RECORD RETENTION SCHEDULE, BE PASSED ON SECOND READING.

ROLL CALL WAS UNANIMOUS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.



FY 1718 BUDGET AMENDMENT

CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ AN ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 GENERAL FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$590,356.00.

MOTION BY MR. SHIPLEY, SECOND BY MR. FRAZIER, APPROVING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 AND FURTHER REFERENCED AS FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, BE PASSED ON FIRST READING.

ROLL CALL WAS UNANIMOUS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

FY 1718 BUDGET AMENDMENT

CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ AN ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 WATER/SEWER FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY NEXT TO THE HAMPTON WATERSHED.

MAYOR ALEXANDER STATED THAT HE HAD CONCERNS WITH THE PURCHASE BEING A LARGE NON-BUDGETED ITEM AND THE SALE PRICE TO THE CITY SUBSTANTIALLY EXCEEDING THE PURCHASE PRICE.

AFTER DISCUSSION AMOUNT COUNCIL MEMBERS, CITY ATTORNEY DAY AND JOHANN COETZEE, UTILITIES DIRECTOR, MAYOR ALEXANDER REQUESTED A MOTION AND SECOND TO DEFER THIS ITEM 10B AND ALSO 10I AND ALSO REQUESTED THAT AN APPRAISER BE CONTACTED FOR AN APPRAISAL OF THE PROPERTY.

MOTION BY MR. FRAZIER, SECOND BY MR. SHIPLEY, APPROVING THE MAYOR'S REQUEST TO DEFER ITEMS 10B AND 10I AND HAVE AN APPRAISAL OF THE PROPERTY DONE.

MAYOR ALEXANDER STATED THAT THE CITY COULD PUT A DEPOSIT ON THE PROPERTY, IF NECESSARY, WITH AN AMOUNT UP TO \$1,000.00, SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING THRU WITH THE PURCHASE AND APPLYING THE DEPOSIT TO THE PURCHASE AND ASKED COUNCILMAN FRAZIER AND COUNCILMAN SHIPLEY TO AMEND THEIR PREVIOUS MOTION AND SECOND TO INCLUDE THE DEPOSIT.

COUNCILMAN FRAZIER AGREED TO AMEND HIS PREVIOUS MOTION AND COUNCILMAN SHIPLEY AGREED TO AMEND HIS PREVIOUS SECOND DEFERRING THE ACTION ON ITEM 10B FOR THE PROPERTY PURCHASE TO INCLUDE ADDING A DEPOSIT AMOUNT UP TO \$1,000.00, IF NECESSARY, AND THE DEPOSIT AMOUNT APPLYING TO THE PURCHASE PRICE AND ALSO DEFERRING ACTION ON ITEM 10I.

ROLL CALL WAS UNANIMOUS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

BONNIE KATE RESTAURANT LEASE

CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MIA WARD FOR THE BONNIE KATE RESTAURANT.

MOTION BY MR. TREADWAY, SECOND BY MR. FRAZIER, THAT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FOUR (4) YEAR LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON AND MIA E. WARD TO OPERATE THE RED CHILI RESTAURANT IN THE BONNIE KATE THEATER BUILDING, BE PASSED.

ROLL CALL WAS UNANIMOUS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD HOSPITAL PROPERTY LEASE AGMT WITH CITY SCHOOLS

CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE

CITY SCHOOLS FOR THE OLD HOSPITAL PROPERTY.

MOTION BY MR. TREADWAY, SECOND BY MR. TESTER, THAT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE, AND THE ELIZABETHTON CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO LEASE THE CARTER COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PROPERTY TO THE ELIZABETHTON CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ONE (1) YEAR FOR THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00), WHICH LEASE AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO AUTOMATIC RENEWAL EACH YEAR UNLESS NOTICE OF TERMINATION IS PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON, BE PASSED.

ROLL CALL: BIRCHFIELD, AYE; FRAZIER, NAY; SHIPLEY, AYE; TESTER, AYE; TREADWAY, AYE; CARTER, AYE; ALEXANDER, AYE.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6-1.

TA DUGGER JR. HIGH BUILDING PROJECT  
CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE CITY'S INTENT OF IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS AT T. A. DUGGER JUNIOR HIGH.

MOTION BY MR. TESTER, SECOND BY MR. TREADWAY, OPENING DISCUSSION BETWEEN COUNCILMEMBERS AND CITY ATTORNEY DAY.

DR. COREY GARDENHOUR, DIRECTOR OF CITY SCHOOLS, SPOKE AND REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL WORKSHOP WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD AND STATED THE RESOLUTION WAS FOR THE COMMITMENT OF CITY COUNCIL AND THE SCHOOL BOARD WORKING TOGETHER WHEN IT IS FAVORABLE FINANCIALLY. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD AND COMMUNITY WERE READY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT.

AFTER COUNCIL DISCUSSION, COUNCILMAN TESTER AND COUNCILMAN TREADWAY WITHDREW THEIR MOTION TO APPROVE AND A MOTION TO DEFER APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION WAS MADE BY MR. SHIPLEY, SECONDED BY MR. BIRCHFIELD.

ROLL CALL WAS UNANIMOUS AND THE MOTION TO DEFER WAS PASSED.

AUDIT CONTRACT - CITY  
CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON AN AUDIT CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 AUDIT SERVICES.

MOTION BY MR. SHIPLEY, SECOND BY MR. TREADWAY THAT, A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AUDIT CONTRACT WITH BLACKBURN, CHILDERS & STEAGALL, PLC, FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR AT A TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE OF SIXTY NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$69,000.00), WHICH FEE INCLUDES FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) FOR THE ADDITIONAL TESTING OF CENSUS DATA FOR THE PENSION PLAN WITH TCGRS, BE PASSED.

ROLL CALL WAS UNANIMOUS AND THE MOTION PASSED.

AUDIT CONTRACT – ELECTRIC DEPT  
CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON AN AUDIT CONTRACT FOR THE ELIZABETHTON ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 AUDIT SERVICES.

MOTION BY MR. SHIPLEY, SECOND BY MR. TREADWAY, THAT, A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AUDIT CONTRACT WITH BLACKBURN, CHILDERS & STEAGALL, PLC, FOR AUDIT SERVICES TO THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON, ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT, FOR THE 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR

AT A TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE OF THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000.00), WHICH FEE INCLUDES FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) FOR THE ADDITIONAL TESTING OF CENSUS DATA FOR THE PENSION PLAN WITH TCRS, BE PASSED.

ROLL CALL WAS UNANIMOUS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

SPECIAL DUTY POLICE SERVICE AGMT  
CITY ATTORNEY DAY READ A REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A SPECIAL DUTY POLICE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TA DUGGER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROM COMMITTEE AND THE ELIZABETHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

MOTION BY MR. SHIPLEY, SECOND BY MR. BIRCHFIELD, APPROVING A SPECIAL DUTY POLICE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TA DUGGER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROM COMMITTEE AND THE ELIZABETHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR POLICE SECURITY DURING THE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROM ON APRIL 21, 2018 FROM 7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM AT THE TACT BUILDING ON HIGHWAY 91 IN ELIZABETHTON.

ROLL CALL WAS UNANIMOUS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

PURCHASE OF EUGENE LEWIS PROPERTY  
AT THE REQUEST OF MAYOR ALEXANDER, ITEM 10I, THE RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPERTY PURCHASE FROM EUGENE LEWIS WAS APPROVED TO BE DEFERRED ALONG WITH ITEM 10B, THE FIRST READING OF A FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE ON APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE PROPERTY PURCHASE.

LIBRARY GRANT  
CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A GRANT FOR THE ELIZABETHTON CARTER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY THRU FUNDING BY THE TENNESSEE BROADBAND ACCESSIBILITY ACT.

MOTION BY MR. FRAZIER, SECOND BY MR. TREADWAY THAT, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCIDENTAL TO A ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE DOLLAR AND 90/100 DOLLAR (\$1,773.90) GRANT CONTRACT FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND FUNDING FOR TRAINERS TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC TRAINING FOR TECHNOLOGY SKILLS AT TWELVE (12) CLASSES FOR THE ELIZABETHTON-CARTER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, BE PASSED.

ROLL CALL WAS UNANIMOUS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT BID AWARD & CONTRACT  
CITY ATTORNEY DAY READ A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A BID AWARD AND CONTRACT TO HAMPTON GOLF FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE ELIZABETHTON MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE.

JAMIE SELBY, HAMPTON GOLF REGIONAL MANAGER, STATED THAT THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY IS HOPING TO CORRECT A DEFICIT AT THE GOLF COURSE BY BRINGING EXPERTISE AND MARKETING SKILLS TO GROW MEMBERSHIPS. HE ALSO SPOKE ON THE HISTORY OF HAMPTON GOLF.

MOTION BY MR. TESTER, SECOND BY MR. SHIPLEY THAT, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND APPROVING A THREE (3) YEAR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HAMPTON GOLF, INC. TO MANAGE THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, BE PASSED.

ROLL CALL: BIRCHFIELD, AYE; FRAZIER, NAY; SHIPLEY, AYE; TESTER,



AYE; TREADWAY, A YE; CARTER, A YE; ALEXANDER, A YE.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6-1.

TECHNICAL CHANGES TO PERSONNEL RULES & REGULATIONS  
CITY ATTORNEY DAY READ A REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE 2017 PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

MOTION BY MR. SHIPLEY, SECOND BY MR. TREADWAY, APPROVING THE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE 2017 PERSONNEL RULES & REGULATIONS AS FOLLOWS: REGARDING TAKE HOME VEHICLES SPECIFICALLY FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT TO EXTEND TO 30 MINUTES FROM THE SERVICE AREA; SICK LEAVE REGARDING LANGUAGE ADDED SPECIFIC FOR ACCRUAL OF SICK LEAVE AS 10.6 HOURS PER MONTH PERTAINING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DUE TO FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL WORKING 24 HOUR SHIFTS; RETIREMENT BONUS REGARDING ADDING LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO THE PROTECTED FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE AND RETIREES RETIREMENT BONUS AND GIFT; APPENDIX C: FIRE DEPARTMENT - SECTION 3 REGARDING THE MANNING AND LEAVE POLICY ADDITION OF THE MANNING AND LEAVE POLICY; APPENDIX C: FIRE DEPARTMENT - SECTION 4 REGARDING JURY DUTY FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION (24 HOUR SHIFT) PERSONNEL DUE TO THE JURY DUTY POLICY ADOPTED NOT WORKING PROPERLY FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION (24 HOUR SHIFT) PERSONNEL.

ROLL CALL WAS UNANIMOUS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA AMENDMENT  
MAYOR ALEXANDER ASKED FOR A MOTION AND SECOND TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD THE WATAUGA RIVER BOAT RAMP REQUEST TO THE AGENDA AS AGENDA ITEM 10M AND MOVE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AGENDA ITEM FROM 10M TO 10N.

MOTION BY MR. BIRCHFIELD, SECOND BY MR. CARTER, APPROVING THE WATAUGA RIVER BOAT RAMP REQUEST ON THE AGENDA AS 10M AND THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER APPOINTMENT ON THE AGENDA AS 10N.  
PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

LICENSE AGMT WITH STATE OF TN FOR BOAT RAMP  
CITY ATTORNEY DAY CAPTION READ A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT TO CONSTRUCT A BOAT RAMP ON THE WATAUGA RIVER ON PROPERTY ADJACENT TO LOVERS LANE.

CHRIS LITTLE, IDEAS GROUP, SPOKE REGARDING THE BENEFITS OF HAVING A BOAT RAMP ON THE PROPERTY.

MOTION BY MR. BIRCHFIELD, SECOND BY MR. FRAZIER THAT, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTON TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO LICENSE THE USE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED OFF OF LOVERS LANE IN ELIZABETHTON, CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO CONSTRUCT A BOAT RAMP, BE PASSED.

ROLL CALL WAS UNANIMOUS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER  
MAYOR ALEXANDER ASKED FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER DUE TO THE RETIREMENT OF CURRENT CITY MANAGER JEROME KITCHENS ON APRIL 6, 2018.

COUNCILMAN BIRCHFIELD NOMINATED CITY ATTORNEY ROGER G. DAY.



COUNCILMAN SHIPLEY NOMINATED FORMER CITY MANAGER  
FRED EDENS.

COUNCILMAN TESTER NOMINATED JON HARTMAN, PLANNING  
& ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR.

MOTION BY MR. SHIPLEY, SECOND BY MR. BIRCHFIELD TO CEASE  
NOMINATIONS.

MAYOR ALEXANDER ASKED CITY CLERK KESSLER TO CALL ROLL  
FOR THE VOTE OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER.

ROLL CALL: BIRCHFIELD, DAY; FRAZIER, HARTMAN; SHIPLEY, EDENS;  
TESTER, HARTMAN; TREADWAY, EDENS; CARTER, HARTMAN; ALEXANDER,  
HARTMAN.

COUNCILMAN TREADWAY CHANGED HIS VOTE FROM EDENS TO  
HARTMAN.

MAYOR ALEXANDER ANNOUNCED THAT PLANNING & ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR JON HARTMAN WAS SELECTED AS INTERIM  
CITY MANAGER BY A 5-2 VOTE.

PURCHASES, EXPENSES & BIDS  
PURCHASING DIRECTOR GREG WORKMAN REQUESTED APPROVAL  
OF PURCHASES & EXPENSES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$74,540.98.

MOTION BY MR. SHIPLEY, SECOND BY MR. TREADWAY, APPROVING  
THE FOLLOWING: PURCHASES: (a) DIESEL AND GASOLINE FOR CITY GARAGE;  
\$14,483.64 AND \$15,335.70. EXPENSES: (a) TREE TRIMMING – EED, \$44,721.64  
BIDS: (a) NO BIDS, PURCHASES AND EXPENSES FROM THE RECOMMENDED  
SOURCES NOT TO EXCEED \$74,540.98.

ROLL CALL WAS UNANIMOUS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL,  
MAYOR ALEXANDER DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR