

**MINUTES OF THE
OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

April 16, 2012

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee called by City Manager Mark S. Watson convened at 7:00 p.m. on April 16, 2012, in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Thomas L. Beehan presiding.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Councilmember David N. Mosby.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was given by Mr. William Winstead.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members of City Council were present: Mayor Thomas L. Beehan, Councilmember Anne Garcia Garland; Councilmember L. Charles Hensley; Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr.; Mayor Pro Tem D. Jane Miller; Councilmember David N. Mosby; and Councilmember Ellen D. Smith.

Also present were Dr. Amy S. Fitzgerald, Ph.D., Acting City Manager serving in the absence of City Manager Mark S. Watson; Janice E. McGinnis, Finance Director; Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney; and Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk.

Councilmember Hensley moved to amend the agenda on the floor for City Council to consider the "Final Adoption of Ordinances" first then revert back to the sequence of agenda items. No objections were expressed.

(Amended Agenda Sequence)

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 04-2012

ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 19-82, AS AMENDED, BY DELETING THE PROVISION OF SECTION 2 PERTAINING TO THE SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES FOR COMMODITY CHARGES AND MINIMUM MONTHLY BILLING IN THEIR ENTIRETY, AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES.

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Smith that the ordinance be approved. Acting City Manager Dr. Amy Fitzgerald explained that the consideration of the ordinance at the special meeting is due to a culmination of prior discussions and revisions of the rates by staff. Finance Director Janice McGinnis explained that the newly-proposed rates were based on an equitable structure, and that there was a two-part phase arrangement for the rates: April 1, 2012 and January 1, 2013.

City Attorney Ken Krushenski clarified that City Council would consider the substitute ordinance included originally in the agenda packet for the April 9, 2012 City Council meeting.

The ordinance was unanimously approved by board vote with Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hensley, Hope, Mosby, Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Miller and Mayor Beehan voting "Aye."

Ordinance No. 05-2012

ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 21-82, AS AMENDED, BY DELETING SECTION 13, SEWER RATE SCHEDULE, IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW SECTION PERTAINING TO SEWER RATES.

Councilmember Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Hensley that the ordinance be adopted.

The ordinance was unanimously approved by board vote with Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hensley, Hope, Mosby, Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Miller and Mayor Beehan voting "Aye."

(Reverting Back to Original Order of Agenda)

SPECIAL REPORTS

A special report by Linda M. Daugherty, MPA, University of Tennessee, College of Social Work, Center for Applied Research and Evaluation, on the "Needs Assessment for a New Senior Center in Oak Ridge."

Ms. Linda M. Daugherty briefed City Council on the background of the survey and methodology administered, indicating that there were three areas of focus: benchmarking for quality of provided services, current level of services used by the community, and level of support for a new senior center. She remarked that the survey's conclusion is that citizens are satisfied with the current level of services.

Review of upcoming budget calendar by Finance Director Janice E. McGinnis.

Finance Director Janice McGinnis explained that there was a new process to this year's budget timeline which would include the following:

- Staff will present a budget overview to City Council on May 7, 2012.
- City Council is invited to the Board of Education meeting on May 14, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. where the School's budget will be presented.
- The Board of Education will attend the City Council meeting May 14, 2012, following their aforementioned meeting.
- Lastly, the Board of Education will adopt their final budget on May 24, 2012 and the City's will be adopted on May 29, 2012.

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Elections/Appointments

(NONE)

Announcements

City Manager is proposing to move the April 23, 2012 Work Session to April 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Complex to allow his attendance. Purpose will be to update Council on preliminary budget matters, Woodland School Project, and joint resolution with Oak Ridge Schools.

No opposition expressed by councilmembers. The Work Session was scheduled to April 24, 2012.

Scheduling

Review of Council's availability for May or early June Council Evening Retreat with facilitator. (Proposing Wednesday or Thursday evening, 4 to 8:30 p.m. Location TBD)

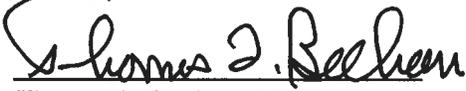
A determination was made that the City Clerk would follow up with councilmembers to determine possible dates.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting of City Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


~~Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk~~
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APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
May 7, 2012


Thomas L. Beehan, Mayor