

**MINUTES OF THE
OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 9, 2011**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Courtroom with Mayor Thomas L. Beehan presiding.

INVOCATION: Reverend David Allred, Associate Pastor of High Places Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jim Dodson and art students

ROLL CALL:

The following Councilmembers were present: Anne Garcia Garland, Thomas Hayes, Charles Hensley, Jane Miller, David Mosby, Ellen Smith, and Mayor Thomas Beehan.

Also present were City Manager Mark Watson, City Attorney Kenneth Krushenski, Deputy City Manager Steven Jenkins, and Sandy B. Sexton, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk.

I. APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS

Mayor Beehan opened the meeting for public comments.

T.J. Garland, 120 Outer Drive, came forward and stated that he believes that the Oak Ridge Police Department is selectively enforcing a Tennessee gold-buying law – House Bill 218, Title 38 - passed in July of 2009 relative to scrap metal and jewelry dealers. Mr. Garland stated that out-of-state dealers are not complying with the law as required.

Mayor Beehan directed the City Manager and City Attorney to meet with Mr. Garland and report their findings back to the Council.

Steve Meade, 104 Walton Lane, came forward and stated that the law specifically requires that the materials purchased at the jewelry businesses be on the premises where the purchases were made for thirty days. Out-of-town businesses set up a hotel room to sell their wares. Mr. Meade stated that he does not believe that the businesses are staying on the premises for thirty days in accordance with the law.

Kay Williamson, 420 Jefferson, came forward and stated that she concurs with Mr. Garland and Mr. Meade. She stated that she has also made a police report concerning the issue.

Ms. Williams stated that Oak Ridge is selectively enforcing their sign ordinance. Her signs are immediately taken down and signs posted by other people are left standing.

Ms. Williams also requested a speed bump placed behind the Glenwood Elementary School due to the vehicles coming over the hill too fast and children running across the street.

II. PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

1. PRESENTATION TO THE #1 RESIDENTIAL RECYCLER IN OAK RIDGE

Divisional Municipal Marketing Manager Doug McGill with Waste Connections of Tennessee presented an award to Rita Moore for being the #1 residential recycler in Oak Ridge. Mr. McGill stated that last year three citizens of Oak Ridge recycled a ton of material. This year ten citizens recycled a ton of material, so the program is improving each year. Oak Ridge resident Ms. Moore recycled 2124 pounds of material for the year and averaged 177 pounds a month. The City of Oak Ridge was the first city in Tennessee to participate in the recycling program.

Rita Wilson received a plaque, gift certificates, and a round of applause.

2. PROCLAMATION – ‘APPRECIATION OF STUDENT ART’

Administrative Assistant Sandy Sexton read the proclamation in appreciation of the student art.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hayes, seconded by Councilmember Hensley, to approve the proclamation.

Those voting for: Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hayes, Hensley, Miller, Mosby, Smith, and Mayor Beehan.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Beehan commented that it was an honor to have the art displayed in the Municipal Building. On behalf of the Council and the community, Mayor Beehan expressed appreciation to the students and teachers for the enjoyment it brings to City Hall employees and those visiting the Municipal Building.

Jefferson Middle School art teacher Jim Dodson came forward and introduced the teachers and students that were involved in this year’s art work. Mr. Dodson thanked Community Development Director Kathryn Baldwin, Mayor Beehan, and the Council for their support and encouragement. He also thanked the art teachers for their hard work and dedication, and the art students who donated their art work.

Mayor Beehan and Mayor Pro Tem Miller presented a proclamation to each student and teacher.

3. PROCLAMATION – ‘POLICE WEEK’ MAY 15-21 & ‘POLICE MEMORIAL DAY’ MAY 15

Administrative Assistant Sandy Sexton read the proclamation designating May 15-21 as ‘Police Week’ and May 15th as ‘Police Memorial Day’ in Oak Ridge.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hensley, seconded by Councilmember Miller, to approve the proclamation.

Those voting for: Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hayes, Hensley, Miller, Mosby, Smith, and Mayor Beehan.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Beehan presented Chief Massengill with the proclamation. He also encouraged everyone to use this time to express and acknowledge appreciation to the men and women of the Oak Ridge Police Department for their vital public service in our community.

Chief Massengill announced that a public service will be held on May 16th at the Municipal Building to honor officers who have lost their lives or become disabled in the performance of their duty.

4. PROCLAMATION – ‘NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH’ - MAY

Administrative Assistant Sandy Sexton read the proclamation designating the month of May as ‘National Preservation Month’ in Oak Ridge.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hensley, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the proclamation.

Those voting for: Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hayes, Hensley, Miller, Mosby, Smith, and Mayor Beehan.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Beehan stated that this proclamation is co-sponsored by the Oak Ridge Heritage & Preservation Association and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He presented Betty Stokes, a board member of the Oak Ridge

Heritage and Preservation Association and also a board member of the East Tennessee Preservation Alliance, with the proclamation.

5. PROCLAMATION – ‘BUILDING SAFETY MONTH’ MAY

Administrative Assistant Sandy Sexton read the proclamation designating the month of May as ‘Building Safety Month’ in Oak Ridge.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Garcia Garland, to adopt the proclamation.

Those voting for: Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hayes, Hensley, Miller, Mosby, Smith, and Mayor Beehan.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Beehan stated that this proclamation is sponsored by the International Code Council and International Code Council Foundation in appreciation to code officials, building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders and others in the construction industry who work to address critical safety issues. It also encourages citizens to be aware of building safety and to consider needed improvements in homes and in the community. He presented Community Development Director Kathryn Baldwin and Code Enforcement Supervisor Denny Boss with the proclamation.

6. PROCLAMATION – ‘NATIONAL KIDS TO PARKS DAY’ –MAY 21st

Administrative Assistant Sandy Sexton read the proclamation designating May 21, 2011 as ‘National Kids to Parks Day’ in Oak Ridge.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Hayes, to approve the proclamation.

Those voting for: Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hayes, Hensley, Miller, Mosby, Smith, and Mayor Beehan.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Beehan stated that this proclamation is in support of the first ‘National Kids to Parks Day’ which was organized and launched by the National Park Trust to encourage families to visit parks, be more active, and to enjoy nature and the outdoors.

7. BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD & CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Mayor Beehan read a letter from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) announcing that the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, has received the GFOA’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Also, Finance Director Janice McGinnis was awarded a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation.

City Manager Mark Watson stated that this award represents a significant achievement by the City of Oak Ridge. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principals of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. He also congratulated Finance Director Janice McGinnis, Deputy Manager Steve Jenkins, and all those who contributed their dedication and excellent work on the City of Oak Ridge Budget.

III. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET PRESENTATION

The FY 2012 City of Oak Ridge Proposed Budget was presented by City Manager Mark Watson as required by the Oak Ridge City Charter.

City Manager Mark Watson stated that this document represents the spending plan for the City during the coming year. Primarily, the budget document retains the same level of expenditures as the previous year, while providing for limited capital projects and equipment replacements. Minor adjustments have been made, with accommodations taken to address additional expenses caused to the Utility Fund due to the EPA Administrative Order.

The City's General Fund municipal expenditures are budgeted at \$19,453,250. This is a 1.1%, \$212,979 increase over FY 2011 budgeted expenditure levels. The City's operating transfer to the Oak Ridge Schools is presented at the School Board's requested FY2012 funding level of \$15,529,302. This is a 7.3% increase over FY 2011 funding levels.

Agencies budgeted for funding for economic development and/or tourism services are the Convention & Visitors Bureau, Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Anderson County Economic Development Association, Innovation Valley, Roane Alliance, and Oak Ridge Revitalization Effort. Agencies budgeted for social service/cultural programs funding include Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties, Prevent Child Abuse TN for the Healthy Start Program, Arts Council of Oak Ridge, Youth Advisory Board and Sister City Support Organization. Funding for these agencies remains constant at the FY 2011 level, with the exception of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, which is budgeted to increase 2.7% based on annual contractual inflationary adjustments.

A new fund has been added, titled 'Housing Fund', to account for the City's anticipated housing initiatives. The usage of a separate fund will provide a better segregation and accounting of expenditures and will allow for the accumulation of a fund balance that may be expended in a subsequent fiscal year. Initial cash to establish the fund will be provided by a \$250,000 transfer for the Economic Diversification Fund and a \$50,000 operating transfer from the General Fund.

2. FY 2012 SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION

The FY 2012 Oak Ridge Schools Proposed Budget was presented by Mr. Keys Fillauer, Chairman of the Board of Education, and Vice Chairman Mr. Robert Eby.

Mr. Fillauer stated that for approximately ten years, Oak Ridge City Schools has worked hard to support the City Financial Model. On October 11, 2006 the Board of Education continued to discuss the City Financial Model that calls for a flat tax rate or less. Board members were vocal in their thoughts that a flat tax rate without establishing city priorities could be detrimental to the school system now and in the future. However, the Superintendent and Board have tried very hard to honor the City Financial Model.

November 6, 2006, the City Council and School Board held a joint meeting so that City Council could better understand how the school budget is developed, is discussed and reviewed publicly line item by line item, what the expectations are and how the School see the future funding needs. Central to the discussion were the following topic: (1) The budget process including budget timeline and its relationship to the release of county, city, state and federal allocations, (2) Discussions of new and existing budget considerations, (3) Security, (4) Technology, (5) Capital Improvements, (6) Alternative Education, (7) No Child Left Behind and State regulations, (8) Long-term financial picture for the district as it relates to the City's Strategic Plan and fiscal assumptions.

Mr. Fillauer presented his revenue facts findings as follows: (1) Total City of Oak Ridge Revenue has increased by over 307% since 1987 while the school appropriation has not kept up, increasing only 248% over that same period, (2) Since 1987 Oak Ridge Schools revenue as a percentage of total City revenue has decreased by 10% as of 2010.

Mr. Fillauer stated that during this same period even larger decreases have occurred on occasional annual basis. From 1986 to 1996, the average for school appropriations was 41% of the total city revenue. From 1997 to 2010, the average dropped to 34.53%. If the school appropriations would have stayed at the 41% average of city revenue, the schools would have received \$25,175,599 additional during that time period. In fiscal year 2010, that difference would have been an additional \$959,658 to the schools.

Mr. Fillauer explained that the school's budget constantly changes as they receive additional financial information from the Federal, State and City funding sources.

Mr. Fillauer stated that the Board of Education for the past nine or more years has had to make reductions that are so deep that they are doing damage to the schools. If they have to take additional cuts, the delivery of instruction will continue to be negatively impacted. Some citizens and officials believe that the schools can continue to absorb endless reductions without affecting student opportunities and outcomes but that is not true.

As a Board, they have been careful fiscal stewards, placing their emphasis on student experiences and learning. Over the past years, because of budget reductions and expenditure controls the school has made the following cuts over the years: 12 teacher assistant positions district wide; 1.6 Oak Ridge High School teacher; 2 positions in Transportation; 1 secretary position at the central office; a court liaison at the central office; a part-time accounting position at the central office; 1 human sexuality consultant; Partners in Education Program; middle school activities bus; morning transportation for pre-school; Artists in Residence Program; Tremont 6th grade program; Summer Library Program district wide; Driver's Education Program; SECME funding; Summer band camp; 2 supplements for Professional Library; Elementary Foreign Language Program; and, the Willow Brook Transition Program. This adds up to approximately \$1,271,880 of reoccurring funds.

Mr. Fillauer stated that other factors have and are affecting the School System Budget. State regulations changed on student fees and the LEA had to pick up \$120,000 funding. The Certified Retirement Rate increased last year costing approximately \$656, 773. The school has to meet State pupil teacher ratios. The Carl Perkins IV funding for the Career and Technical Education Programs has been cut to \$51,225. The State funding for the Family Resource Center will be cut approximately 12%.

Mr. Fillauer stated that five years ago the new high school was funded with a 5% sales tax increase along with \$17 million from citizens, private businesses, major corporate donors and QZAB funding. School general operating funds would not be needed unless Anderson County superseded before five years. They did so in two years. When that happened, it was their understanding that the school's general operating funding would be transferred to the City to retire debt on the high school project for those remaining years. The School Board is requesting to end this funding at the close of fiscal year 2011.

On April 20, 2011, the School Board received the first official estimate from the Department of Education regarding estimated BEP allocations for fiscal year 2012. The estimate was lower than expected, but it is subject to change. Funding levels could go up or down. Final allocations will be announced in July. Final sales and property tax collections also have to be estimated until the final figures are provided.

Vice Chair Robert Eby stated that the School Board is very concerned with having reoccurring dollars to fund technology for the school staff and students for the 21st Century. Oak Ridge City schools currently spend around \$128 per student. They are requesting the Council to consider providing an additional \$500,000 to bring the allocation to \$248 per student. This would allow for the repair/replacement of minimum allocations of staff and student computers, software needs, infrastructure needs and other technologies to enhance delivery of instruction.

On April 7, the Board approved the budget being presented tonight requesting an additional \$900,000 based on the numbers available at that time. The basis of that request was to help fund the Governor's 1.66% salary increase and to step forward and provide additional funding to support the technology needed to operate the schools for students and staff. Based on the latest information available, the school's budget shortfall is \$661,645.

Mr. Eby stated that they believe their request is a responsible one and reflects the hard work of staff, teachers, administrators, and parents who have contributed their own dollars to provide opportunities for our students. The benefits of providing the requested funding will accomplish the following: (1) provide the opportunity for the students to receive the quality of education they deserve and need to compete in the global market today; (2) reward the teachers with a small raise of appreciation for years of commitment and self-sacrifice; (3) help meet the needs of the business community to fulfill the technological jobs that will be required in the future; (4) the reputation of the schools is critical to the growth in Oak Ridge and preserving the citizen's property values.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Hensley, seconded by Councilmember Hayes, to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item #4.

Those voting for: Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hayes, Hensley, Miller, Mosby, Smith, and Mayor Beehan.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Agenda was approved with the removal of Item #4 thereby:

- Approving the Minutes of April 11, 2011 City Council Meeting
- Confirming the appointment of James E. Rushton as Commissioner of the Oak Ridge Utility District for a five-year term ending June 30, 2016.
- Adopting **Resolution No 5-31-11** - ANNUAL STATE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
- Adopting **Resolution No. 5-33-11** – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2011-2013 / ACTUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2011.
- Adopting **Resolution No. 5-34-11** – 2011 COPS HIRING PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

The Council then discussed the item removed from the agenda as follows:

- **Resolution No. 5-32-11**– PURCHASE OF BACKHOE/LOADER

A resolution authorizing the purchase of a backhoe/loader from Contractor's Machinery, Inc., Louisville, Tennessee, in the estimated amount of \$57,493.

Public Works Director Gary Cinder explained that this would be for the purchase of a backhoe/loader the City has been leasing. The Public Works Department has been the only user of this backhoe/loader. It has not had any service problems and has been an outstanding machine. The cost of a new, equivalent model of the recommended backhoe/loader would exceed \$100,000. The lowest bid received for a new, smaller model was \$78,347 and the lowest and only bid received for a used backhoe/loader was \$57,493 - the recommended purchase.

After discussion, Mayor Beehan called for a vote.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hensley, seconded by Councilmember Miller, to adopt the resolution as presented.

Those voting for: Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hayes, Hensley, Miller, Mosby, Smith, and Mayor Beehan.

The motion carried unanimously.

V. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 5-35-11 – AMENDMENT TO THE PILT AGREEMENT WITH DOE City

Administrative Assistant Sandy Sexton read the resolution title as follows: A resolution approving Amendment No. 12 to the Agreement PILT-Oak Ridge-002 between the U.S. Department of Energy and the City of Oak Ridge for Payment In Lieu of Taxes for tax year 2010 in the sum of \$1,662,772.76.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hensley, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to adopt the resolution as presented.

City Manager Mark Watson stated that this resolution is to request approval of agreement with DOE for Payment In Lieu of Taxes for tax year 2010. The payment of \$1,662,772.76 is based on 32,933.53 acres owned by DOE within the City limits of Oak Ridge. This reflects a reduction of approximately 97.65 acres associated with the conveyance of two parcels to the Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee. The 2010 payment also reflects the increase in the per acre valuation of DOE property from \$6,450 to \$8,450 that was made in 2011 as a result of the 2010 state-mandated reappraisal and subsequent decrease in the local jurisdictions' certified tax rates.

After discussion, Mayor Beehan called for a vote.

Those voting for: Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hayes, Hensley, Miller, Mosby, Smith, and Mayor Beehan.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 5-36-11 - INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Administrative Assistant Sandy Sexton read the resolution title as follows: A resolution authorizing the purchase of an Information Management System (IMS) from INFO Global Solutions (Michigan), Inc., Alpharetta, Georgia, in the estimated amount of \$272,100.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Hayes, to adopt the resolution as presented.

City Manager Mark Watson stated that the purchase of the Information Management Systems for the Oak Ridge Utilities Department complies with the Administrative Order received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This mandate does not require that the City have the IMS implemented, but that the City have the plan in place for purchase, implementation and training.

After discussion, Mayor Beehan called for a vote.

Those voting for: Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hayes, Hensley, Miller, Mosby, Smith, and Mayor Beehan.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution No. 5-37-11 - FAIR HOUSING

Administrative Assistant Sandy Sexton read the resolution title as follows: A resolution to certify that the City will affirmatively further Fair Housing and will take appropriate action as identified in the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing conducted by the City in March 2011.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to adopt the resolution as presented.

After discussion, Mayor Beehan called for a vote.

Those voting for: Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hayes, Hensley, Miller, Mosby, Smith, and Mayor Beehan.

The motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

1. PUBLIC HEARING and FIRST READING – FY 2011 BUDGET APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE FOR SCHOOL FUND

Administrative Assistant Sandy Sexton read the ordinance title as follows: An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 8-10, which ordinance imposes a tax on all property within the city, fixes the rate of the tax, adopts a budget, and adopts appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, by amending said appropriations.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Hensley, to approve the ordinance on first reading as presented.

City Manager Mark Watson stated that the Oak Ridge Board of Education has requested that the fiscal 2011 budget appropriation for the General Purpose School Fund be amended to \$55,159,932. This is an \$115,524 increase over the General Purpose School Fund appropriation of \$55,035,408 adopted by City Council in ordinance number 8-10 on May 24, 2010. If approved, the amendment does not change the fiscal 2011 operating transfer from the City to the Oak Ridge Schools and has no impact on the property tax rate.

Mayor Beehan opened the public hearing for any comments from the public.

Andy Marathe, 121 Westlook Circle, came forward to discuss the Oak Ridge School Board's request for an increase in their budget. He noted that the City Council does not decide how the School Board spends their funds. The Council only decides the amount of funds allotted to the school budget. He stated that the School Board asks for more money every year.

Mayor Beehan asked for any other public comments.

There being none, Mayor Beehan closed the public hearing.

After discussion, Mayor Beehan called for a vote.

Those voting for: Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hayes, Hensley, Miller, Mosby, Smith, and Mayor Beehan.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. SEWER USE ORDINANCE – AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE SECTION 18-307 (12) [FIRST READING]

Administrative Assistant Sandy Sexton read the ordinance title as follows: An ordinance to amend Title 18, titled "Water And Sewers," Chapter 3, titled "Sewer Use Ordinance," Section 18-307, titled "Building Sewers And Connections," of the Code of Ordinances, City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, by deleting Subsection (12), titled "Grease Traps," in its entirety and substituting therefor a new Subsection (12), titled "Grease Control Equipment," to establish a Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Management Policy for the city in compliance with the requirements set forth by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Miller, to approve the ordinance on first reading as presented.

City Manager Mark Watson stated that this is an ordinance to amend City Code Section 18-307(12) for compliance with the fats, oils, and grease (FOG) program requirements set forth by the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

The FOG program prevents fats, oils, and grease from entering the utility infrastructure, therefore preserving sewer capacity, prolonging the infrastructure life, reducing overflow events and saving the utility maintenance costs. The FOG program is part of the Management, Operation, and Maintenance (MOM) Program for the City sewerage infrastructure which includes the sewer system and wastewater treatment plant.

After discussion, Mayor Beehan called for a vote.

Those voting for: Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hayes, Hensley, Miller, Mosby, Smith and Mayor Beehan.

The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCHEDULING

1. ELECTIONS

Environmental Quality Advisory Board

Oak Ridge High School student Austin Morgan has applied to serve on the Environmental Quality Advisory Board to complete the balance of an unexpired term of office ending May 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Councilmember Garcia Garland to appoint Austin Morgan, by acclamation, to serve on the Environmental Quality Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hensley.

Those voting for: Councilmembers Garcia Garland, Hayes, Hensley, Miller, Mosby, Smith, and Mayor Beehan.

The motion carried unanimously.

Traffic Safety Advisory Board

Oak Ridge High School student David Hughes has applied to be reappointed to the Traffic Safety Advisory Board. High School student Vanessa Frye has also applied.

David Hughes was elected unanimously (7 votes 'for') to serve on the Traffic Safety Advisory Board for a term ending May 31, 2012.

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS FOR JUNE 13, 2011

Mayor Beehan announced that one election is scheduled for the June 13, 2011 City Council meeting to appoint one member to the Environmental Quality Advisory Board who shall be an Oak Ridge High School student

The deadline for filing is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3, 2011.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

3. SCHEDULING

Mayor Beehan stated that the Tennessee Municipal League Annual Conference is scheduled for June 12 -14 in Murfreesboro, TN. He requested for the Oak Ridge Council meeting to be held, as planned, on June 13, 2011.

No one spoke in opposition to his request.

IX. COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS OR FUTURE BRIEFINGS

Mayor Beehan stated that at the last work session he mentioned that AT&T U-verse is no longer carrying the Oak Ridge City Council meetings on their cable section on the PEG channels. At this time, it still is not available.

Deputy Manager Steve Jenkins stated that Comcast pays BBB Communications to produce and broadcast Council meetings. That cost is between \$6,000 and \$10,000 a year depending on the number and length of meetings. AT&T is not willing to contribute to that cost, but they are willing to provide a line to attach to Comcast. Comcast is not willing to give AT&T permission to attach to their signal without being compensated.

The City Staff will continue their negotiations with representatives of AT&T and look into other options to resolve this situation.

X. SUMMARY OF CURRENTS EVENTS

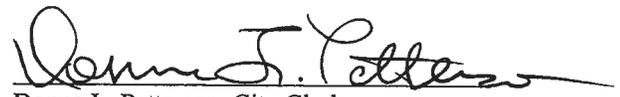
1. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - None
2. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Approved this the 13th day of June, 2011.


Thomas L. Beehan, Mayor


Donna L. Patterson, City Clerk