

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

October 20, 2014

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge convened at 7:00 p.m. on October 20, 2014, in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Thomas L. Beehan presiding.

At the request of Mayor Beehan, Mayor Pro Tem Miller delivered the Invocation and Mrs. Leigha Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call the following councilmembers were present: Councilmember Trina Baughn; Mayor Thomas L. Beehan; Councilmember Anne Garcia Garland; Councilmember L. Charles Hensley; Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr.; Mayor Pro Tem D. Jane Miller; and Councilmember David N. Mosby.

Also present were Mark S. Watson, City Manager; Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney; Janice E. McGinnis, Finance Director; Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

The following was considered at the October 20, 2014 City Council Special Meeting:

*To discuss and possibly take action on a plan to engage DOE (Department of Energy) officials with regards to their obligations to the City of Oak Ridge and its citizenry. Let [the DOE Community Assistance Review as allowed within AECA (Atomic Energy Community Act) 1955, PL 84-221, DOE Order 2100.12A and other supporting legislation, including those self-sufficiency plans dating from 1980 through a Council Resolution and other joint government collaborative action to include a specific date for a response.*

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Baughn, to send a formal request, in writing, to the Department of Energy for community assistance.

Following the motion, City Council discussed what the possible contents of the formal request would include, the format of the written request, and other possible alternatives of engaging the Department of Energy.

Thereafter, Councilmember Hensley moved to amend his motion from sending a formal request in writing to the Department of Energy to forming a draft document, in writing, to the Department of Energy for community assistance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Baughn, and approved by board vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Garcia Garland, Hensley, and Mosby voting "Aye," and Councilmember Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Miller, and Mayor Beehan voting "Nay."

Following the vote on the amendment, City Council continued to discuss possible courses of action to engage the Department of Energy for a formal review and resources to begin that engagement that could include city staff.

Following these discussions, Councilmember Hensley moved to withdraw his former motion, with Councilmember Baughn's consent, and provided a substitute motion to direct the City Manager to come up with proposed steps to reassess the City's relationship with the Department of Energy and look at potential modifications with respect to PILTs, land transfers, self-sufficiency, and other issues. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Baughn. Additionally, Councilmember Garcia Garland moved to amend the motion by directing the City Manager to work with Councilmember Hensley and submit a report to the Council at the December 8 City Council meeting. The motion, with amendment, was approved by board vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Garcia Garland, Hensley, Hope, and Mosby voting "Aye;" and Mayor Pro Tem Miller and Mayor Beehan voting "Nay."

Mr. Leonard Abbatiello gave a presentation to the City Council on the history of Oak Ridge property taxes and DOE (Department of Energy) PILTs (Payment in Lieu of Taxes).

Mr. David Kitzmiller, 144 Wellington Circle, commented on the financial future of the City and noted that the choices made by the City Council today will affect the next generation of residents.

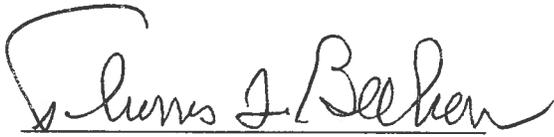
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Alexander J. Ford, Acting City Clerk  
CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
November 24, 2014



Thomas L. Beehan, Mayor