

CITY OF DUCKTOWN
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MARCH 2008 MINUTES

The Board of City Commissioners met in regular session on March 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Talley presiding. The meeting was opened by the Pledge to the Flag and Invocation by Bud Taylor. Roll call consisted of Mayor James Talley, Commissioner Doug Collins and Commissioner Brad Miller.

I: Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Mayor Talley seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayor Talley yes, Commissioner Collins yes, Commissioner Miller yes.

II: Reports from the Board:

1. Highway 68/Main Street lighting project documents have been sent to Nashville. The City could possibly receive \$50,000.00 for the project.
2. Chipper has been purchased. There were a few minor problems, but have been fixed and is working well.
3. Mayor reported that the new safe is in.
4. The sidewalk at Bud Taylor's has been repaired by Harold Self and he also poured two pads at the park for picnic tables.
5. Cracks in the city building have been repaired and the Mayor said he would get quotes on fixing the electrical system in city hall. The insurance company said these problems have to be fixed to keep our insurance on the building.
6. BMX Park is 80% complete with the first race to be held on March 15th.
7. Commissioner Collins reported that the events committee has set the July activities to be held on the 4th and 5th with the music and kids alley. The Copper Fest to be on the 4th of October.
8. Commissioner Collins met with Linda Caldwell, with the Tennessee Overhill, and gave permission for the city to help clean up old crossies that could be used at the parks.
9. He reported that Lisa Jacobi has started a winter pickin at the courthouse in Blue Ridge if anyone is interested.
10. Mayor Talley and Commissioner Collins have completed the leadership program and on April 2nd and 3rd Commissioner Collins is to attend the Alumni Program.
11. There was another meeting at the Whitewater center with U.S. Congressman Zach Wamp present and several county and city officials and forestry service representatives attending to discuss and give updates on the Economic Development and tourism in the region and discussed the highway 64 by-pass.
12. Commissioner Miller reported that the city workers had repaired part of the sidewalk in front of the Beckler building. This should keep someone from falling down the steps.
13. Commissioner Miller stated he had been looking for an edger for the workers, which would help keep the sidewalks cleaned off.

III: Old Business:

1. Mayor Talley presented a Resolution on purchasing the Bradford building through owner financing. The resolution would have to be sent to the State Department of Finance for approval. Commissioner Collins made a motion to adopt the resolution to purchase the building, being number 105 on the city records. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayor Talley yes, Commissioner Collins yes and Commissioner Miller yes.
2. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance to amend to Municipal Code Title 16-207 increasing the liability insurance requirements for persons applying for street excavation permits. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayor Talley yes, Commissioner Collins yes, Commissioner Miller yes.
3. There was a discussion on the cell tower that Crossroads Communications wants to install on city property. Several citizens have voiced their concern about health hazards and the location of the tower. This could help the community but some ask if it could be located somewhere else. Mayor Talley made a motion to accept the lease from Crossroads Communication to put the tower on the city property if the company approves the site. Laura Crawford, city attorney was asked to look over the lease and get back with the Mayor. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed with two voting yes. Mayor Talley yes, Commissioner Collins No, Commissioner Miller yes.

IV: New Business:

1. There was a discussion on building codes, permits for the city. Mayor Talley stated that MTAS consultant Mike Tallent was working on an ordinance, State planner suggest adopting the National Codes to meet all their requirements. Commissioners agreed this would have to go before the planning commission before any decisions can be made, due to no zoning and the annexation plans are not complete.
2. There was a discussion on the new library. Mayor Talley said the city needed to support the library issue and recommended to commit if the county approves their changes in the budget. Mayor Talley made a motion to commit \$10,000.00 annually to our new Library to help with the expenses. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayor Talley yes, Commissioner Collins yes, Commissioner Miller yes. A Resolution will have to be passed to pay the \$10,000.00 when the time comes.
3. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the Resolution to amend the Interlocal Agreement to increase the membership for the County's Joint Economic and Community Development Board, being number 106 on city records. This would add three more members. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayor Talley yes, Commissioner Collins yes, Commissioner Miller yes.

4. Mayor Talley made a motion to re-appoint Ronnie O'Neal to the Hospital Board for a six-year term. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Motion Passed. Mayor Talley yes, Commissioner Collins yes, Commissioner Miller yes.
5. Due to the letter from Southern Trust Insurance Company which the city building is insured with stating that the city had to make some repairs to the electrical system. Mayor Talley made a motion to get at least three quotes to change the service line and breaker box in the city office. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayor Talley yes, Commissioner Collins yes, Commissioner Miller yes.

V: Announcements:

1. City workshop at city hall March 19th at 7:00 p.m.
2. Planning Commission at City hall March 20th at 6:00 p.m.
3. Park Committee March 25th at 7:00 p.m.
4. Events Committee at City hall March 27th at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business, there was a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

JAMES TALLEY-MAYOR

MARTY FOWLER-CITY CLERK