

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2014

The Board of Mayor and Commissioners held a special meeting on Friday, January 24, 2014, at 1:00 P.M., in the conference room at City Hall. Mayor Jane W. Dawkins called the meeting to order. Upon a roll call, the following members were present: Commissioner Ronnie Lancaster, Commissioner Jimmy Wigfall, Commissioner Debbie Hughes, and Mayor Jane Dawkins. Absent: Commissioner Jeff Powers.

Commissioner Lancaster was absent at the last monthly commission meeting. He asked City Administrator Sammy Burrows to explain the reason for the budget amendment. Mr. Burrows stated that the state law says that the city cannot expend money until those monies have first been appropriated. The city owes Marion County Highway Department \$4,100.00 for bridge and road repairs after the July 10th flood. Also, the Comptroller has ordered the city to pay \$4,100.00 interest to the utility company for the illegal transfer. This \$8,200.00 has to be appropriated into the budget. A **Motion** to pass on second (2nd) reading **Ordinance #745** (An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget and Capital Program and Tax Rate of South Pittsburg, Tennessee for Fiscal Year 2013-2014) was made by Commissioner Wigfall, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Voting aye were four, none opposed. Burrows also stated that he has emailed the information, Resolution #941, allowing future ordinances being passed with two (2) readings, not three (3) readings.

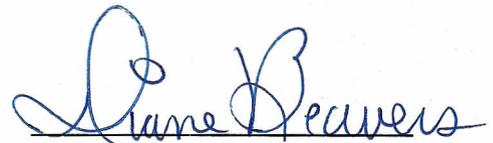
The South Pittsburg Board of Water Works & Sewer recommended the low bidder, Roy Joe Angel Construction Company, for the new Shaw addition project in the amount of \$170,420.00. A **Motion** to accept this bid was made by Commissioner Lancaster, seconded by Commissioner Wigfall. Voting aye were four, none opposed. Marion Natural Gas Board recommended the gas bid be awarded to low bidder, Hiwassee Construction Company, in the amount of \$53,414.00. A **Motion** to accept this bid was made by Commissioner Wigfall, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster. Voting aye were four, none opposed. Mayor Dawkins inquired about the time frame for these projects to begin. These should be starting in about two (2) weeks. Commissioner Wigfall asked if Shaw was considering having an outlet store with this new addition. Mr. Burrows is to inquire about this.

Attorney Billy Gouger prepared two different contract drafts regarding the possible land sale to C & D Recycling. The first contract was for the purchase of ten (10) acres at \$10,000/acre. The second contract was for the purchase of twenty (20) acres at \$8,000/acre. Both contracts included \$1,000 earnest money to be applied to purchase price at closing. Gouger suggested the property be conveyed by special warranty deed, meaning the city is only responsible for the property since its ownership. The closing date was left blank and several provisions were added to the contract regarding debris, information regarding zoning ordinances, and ways to minimize traffic flow and city road maintenance. Mr. Burrows said that Brian Graham has presented this plan to the Rotary Club per Beth Duggar. Burrows has also spoken with Lodge Manufacturing regarding purchasing part of the remaining property. Gouger advised the Board to vote on these contracts stating they are only proposed contracts subject to discussion. A **Motion** to accept these proposed contracts due to discussion was made by Commissioner Lancaster, seconded by Commissioner Wigfall. Voting aye were four, none opposed.

Mayor Dawkins stated that the city had an initial agreement with the Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative to purchase the Armory Building last year. This building would be used as a multi-hazard emergency shelter. The city applied for a grant but was turned down due to a low score on our application. Beth Jones, Southeast Tennessee Development District, suggested we go ahead and purchase the Armory in order to increase our score. The purchase price is \$50,000. The city's down payment would be \$25,000 with SVEC financing the remaining \$25,000 balance due. The monthly payment, 84 months at 0% interest, will be \$298/month. A **Motion** to accept this purchase/finance agreement was made by Commissioner Wigfall, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster. Voting aye were four, none opposed.

There being no further business and upon **Motion** by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Wigfall, the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Beavers
City Recorder

Approved:



Jane W. Dawkins
Mayor