

March 14, 2011

City Council met in its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Aikens and the following Councilmen were present: Henline, Hines, Johnson, Shields, and Simpson. Dale Hurst, Jim Wilburn, and Attorney James K. Scott were also present.

A motion was made by Henline and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting with the following changes: remove "Mr. Mickey McNabb (At-large member)" and add a new sentence stating that "Mayor Aikens will appoint an At-Large Member of the committee. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Hines, Johnson, Shields, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Wampler **ABSENT**.

Mayor Aikens asked for comments from citizens regarding an item/items on the agenda.

A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Hines to approve Purchasing Committee's recommendation for bid for site work for new street garage facility. There were two (2) bids for this project: Venture Builders (\$63,104.27) and Glen Vanover Concrete Finishers (\$30,321.00). Glen Vanover Concrete Finishers was selected as the lowest, best bid for the project. Mr. Cox stated that \$3800.00 be added to the bid for turn-down footing on the building for more sturdiness. The total bid amounts to \$34,121.00. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Hines, Johnson, Shields, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Wampler **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Henline and seconded by Simpson to approve Purchasing Committee's recommendation of the lease agreement for Police Department vehicles. Since the Crown Victoria is being discontinued, the department will be purchasing 10 of them. The annual payment will be \$69,746.96, and the length of the lease will be four (4) years, and part of cost will be made up by selling vehicles. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Hines, Johnson, Shields, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Wampler **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Shields to approve Purchasing Committee's recommendation regarding purchase of materials for police storage/office building. This building will be located on the greenway. This building will serve as storage for the Police Department's golf cart and as an area to have a police officer stay to deter negative activity. The approval is not to exceed \$10,000.00 and will be funded through the Drug Fund. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Hines, Johnson, Shields, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Wampler **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Hines and seconded by Shields to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to increase the amount necessary to obtain a Purchase Order from \$150.00 to \$250.00. Appropriate changes will be made to the current policy. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Hines, Johnson, Shields, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Wampler **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Hines and seconded by Shields to request R.I.D.A. Funds from Lenoir City Utilities Board in the amount of \$20,000.00. The moneys will be put into the city's Visual Improvement Program (V.I.P) budget to revamp the program for downtown businesses; the moneys will also be used for the City's newsletter, which is mailed to all City residents. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Hines, Johnson, Shields, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Wampler **ABSENT**.

Mayor Aikens asked for comments from citizens regarding an item/items not on the agenda.

A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Hines to approve all bills and accounts to be paid when properly approved and funds available. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Hines, Johnson, Shields, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Wampler **ABSENT**.

A motion was made by Henline and seconded by Hines to adjourn the March 14, 2011 meeting. The following vote was recorded: Henline, Hines, Johnson, Shields, and Simpson voting **AYE**. Wampler **ABSENT**.

Jim Wilburn, Recorder Pro-Tempore

Tony R. Aikens, Mayor