



City of Bartlett
A. Keith McDonald, Mayor

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015 - BARTLETT CITY HALL - 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor A. Keith McDonald: Present, Alderman W.C. Pleasant: Present, Alderman Emily Elliott: Present, Alderman David Parsons: Present, Alderman Bobby Simmons: Present, Vice Mayor Jack Young: Present, Alderman Paula Sedgwick: Present.

INVOCATION

Opening Prayer by Mayor McDonald

FUTURE MEETINGS

Family Assistance Commission, February 2 at 6 p.m.

Planning Commission, February 2 at 7 p.m.

Bartlett Station Commission, February 4 at 7:30 a.m.

City Beautiful Commission, February 5 at 7 p.m.

Bartlett Historical Society, February 9 at 7 p.m.

RECOGNITIONS

The Board recognized Boy Scout Andrew Green of Troop 335 for attending the meeting as part of earning his Eagle Scout status.

*****Official Business of the Day*****

MINUTES ACCEPTANCE

Minutes of the January 13, 2015 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Regular Meeting

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jack Young, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Paula Sedgwick, Alderman
AYES:	Pleasant, Elliott, Parsons, Simmons, Young, Sedgwick

CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Emily Elliott, Alderman
SECONDER:	Jack Young, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Pleasant, Elliott, Parsons, Simmons, Young, Sedgwick

- 1 Bid for annual fireworks display. (Mark Brown, Chief Administrative Officer)**
Recommend accepting the best bid from Pyro Shows at a cost of \$20,000. Funds are available in account 110.41220.175
- 2 Bid for eight In-Car Mobile Radios. (Gary Rikard, Chief of Police)**
Recommend accepting the lowest bid from Motorola Solutions at a cost of \$2,042.50 each for a total cost of \$16,340.00. Funds are available in Account 311.48311.785.20315.
- 3 Bid for Aerial Ladder Fire Apparatus. (Terry Wiggins, Fire Chief)**
Recommend accepting the only qualified bid from Sunbelt Fire at a cost of \$719,500.00. Funds are available in account 311.48311.785.25115.
- 4 Bid for one 2015 Day Cab Tractor. (Bill Yearwood, Director of Public Works)**
Recommend accepting the lowest bid from Tag Truck Center at a cost of \$91,650.00. Funds are available in Account 122.48122.935.
- 5 Bid for 2015 Model Regular Cab F550 Truck with Dump Bed. (Bill Yearwood, Director of Public Works)**
Recommend accepting the lowest bid from Auto Nation at a cost of \$52,621.00. Funds are available in Account 122.48122.935.
- 6 Bid for Splash Park. (David Thompson, Director of Parks and Recreation)**
Recommend accepting the lowest bid per square foot for a Splash Park from Great Southern Recreation at a cost of \$196,000. Funds are available in account 311.4.47.470.48311.780.515.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1 Appoint Keith Whaley to Historic Preservation Commission. (A. McDonald, Mayor)**

Mr. Whaley's term will expire December 31, 2019. He is a member of the Design Review Commission, which is needed on the Historic Preservation Commission.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bobby Simmons, Alderman
SECONDER:	David Parsons, Alderman
AYES:	Pleasant, Elliott, Parsons, Simmons, Young, Sedgwick

2 Appoint Paul Ireland to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. (A. McDonald, Mayor)

Mr. Ireland's term will expire December 31, 2016.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Emily Elliott, Alderman
SECONDER:	Jack Young, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Pleasant, Elliott, Parsons, Simmons, Young, Sedgwick

3 Resolution 01-15, a resolution to delete uncollectable property taxes, interest, penalties, and associated costs from the City of Bartlett tax rolls. (Dick Phebus, Director of Finance)

Mr. Phebus explained that the Shelby County Trustee has determined that the taxes on these 65 parcels of property are uncollectible and has asked the City to do the same. The uncollectible amount is \$8,285.61.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jack Young, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Paula Sedgwick, Alderman
AYES:	Pleasant, Elliott, Parsons, Simmons, Young, Sedgwick

4 Participate in FEMA's Hazardous Mitigation Program. (Rick McClanahan, Director of Engineering)

Mayor McDonald noted that a Board Work Session had been held on this topic Thursday, January 22.

Mr. McClanahan explained that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers a grant to homeowners who have suffered repetitive losses within a ten-year period through flooding and how have flood insurance. If the homeowner's application is approved by FEMA and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), the Federal government contributes 75 percent of the buyout. The State would pay 12.5 percent of the fair market housing cost, and the remaining 12.5 percent is a local match. The local match can either be paid with municipal funds or with the property owner's equity. Once the houses are purchased, they would be torn down.

Mr. McClanahan has been assisting Judy Bricknell, 2810 Alfaree, and William and Linda Ricci, 3673 Thistle Valley, with the application process.

Vice Mayor Young moved to authorize Mr. McClanahan to prepare and submit Ms. Bricknell's and the Riccis' applications, but only upon the condition that the 12.5 percent local match come from funds other than the City of Bartlett. He further strongly urged that the City staff do everything it can to assist these homeowners obtain available funds.

Alderman Simmons asked if the City had indicated it would pay the local match in November, and then said it wouldn't in January. Mr. McKenney stated that the Ricci's and their attorney met with Mayor McDonald, and he in November to discuss the matter. Mr. McKenney sent a follow up letter stating the City would assist the family in pursuing FEMA assistance only.

Alderman Simmons asked if the City could pay a portion of the 12.5 percent local match. Mr. McClanahan stated that a government funding gap could be available, but that wouldn't be confirmed until June and these applications

are due January 30.

Mr. McKenney added that any payment using City funds would set a precedent and potentially expose the City to financial liability.

Mr. McClanahan stated that multiple people were affected by the 2010 and 2014 floods. The Riccis' neighborhood, Thistle Valley, had at least eight other houses affected. Ms. Bricknell reported that she had neighbors impacted by the flood.

Mr. McKenney told the Board that will be establishing policy with this decision. The Board will not be able to turn down other similarly eligible applicants, according to FEMA. The Board has no legal obligation to pay the local match. He also reminded the Board that it could be spending unknown amounts of taxpayer dollars by agreeing to pay this local match.

Both the governments of Williamson County and the City of Lakeland have addressed this same issue by having the local match come out of the homeowner's equity.

Alderman Elliott noted that 80 to 100 houses were flooded during the September 2014 flood, which could amount to lots of taxpayer dollars if those property owners meet this grant's requirements.

Alderman Pleasant asked how many families fit into this program. Mr. McClanahan said he does not have exact numbers.

Alderman Pleasant asked if Vice Mayor Young's motion limited the City's assistance to these families. Mayor McDonald explained that the motion states that the local match funding will not come from the City. And it requires City staff to assist the families in search for grant funds to pay for the local match.

Mayor McDonald added that the City does not have money budgeted for this program.

Alderman Pleasant asked if the Board could limit financial assistance to those citizens eligible for this specific FEMA program. Mayor McDonald said yes, but asked what will happen if the City has another major flood. Alderman Pleasant said he would give each family \$500 from his campaign account.

Mr. McClanahan said there are possibly two other programs that could assist these two families, but they are designed for low-to-moderate income households. He is added a \$22,500 additional request to TEMA, if the families find comparable housing within Bartlett.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 2]
MOVER:	Jack Young, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Emily Elliott, Alderman
AYES:	Elliott, Parsons, Young, Sedgwick
NAYS:	Pleasant, Simmons

5 First Reading of Ordinance 15-01, an ordinance to amend Title 8, Chapter 3, Section 8-301 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bartlett, Tennessee to require the appointment of the Beer Board. (Ed McKenney, City Attorney)

Mr. McKenney explained that under the City's current ordinance the Board of Mayor and Aldermen serves as the Beer Board. This ordinance would create a commission of five members, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Aldermen.

Collierville has a citizen-appointed Beer Board, and its town administrator spoke positively about it. Mr. McKenney said this would be a good opportunity for citizens to serve and protect the City. If a Beer Board decision was challenged, the appeal would be heard by a Shelby County Court, as is the case currently.

Alderman Simmons asked Mr. McKenney why every permit holder that has come before the Board during a violation hearing has been found guilty. Mr. McKenney explained that the board adjudicates to the permit holder, and determines if he has lived up to the terms agreed upon within the permit. A beer permit is a privilege license, not a right.

Mayor McDonald ended this line of questioning because it was not pertinent to the ordinance up for approval.

RESULT:	APPROVED ON FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 2/10/2015 7:00 PM
MOVER:	David Parsons, Alderman	
SECONDER:	Jack Young, Vice Mayor	
AYES:	Pleasant, Elliott, Parsons, Simmons, Young, Sedgwick	

OPEN DISCUSSION

Linda Ricci, 3673 Thistle Valley, said she believes the entire city would benefit from the retention basin constructed on her property if her home were purchased through the FEMA repetitive loss grant, and torn down. She said her family is being penalized by having to pay the local match out of their home's equity.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM