

Town of Whiteville

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

September 10, 2012

The September meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call was answered by Chandra Johnson, Jimmie Lee Robertson, Emily Rosson, Tommy Turner and Sidney Woods. Charles Phillips was absent.

Minutes of the August 6, 2012 meeting were read and approved on motion by Emily Rosson and seconded by Jimmie Lee Robertson. Motion carried.

In grievances of citizens: John Moore was present with some questions. (1) Were chickens allowed in Town? Answer: with certain rules applying, a permit is needed and the Police Chief, as Health Inspector, will inspect the property and approve or disapprove the application. (2) Is a well allowed in Town?, Answer: for irrigation only.

Kawanis Watkins complained about the hedges on Bass Ave.

Nadine Mathis presented a petition to extend the city limits.

Gail Giles returned to report that the tree in her yard is in danger of falling.

The Town will take these grievances under consideration.

In Mayor's Reports: Mayor Bellar presented a letter, to be signed by all board members, addressing the problems behind Blanton's Store. They are being asked to clean up the property.

A retention basin, to be located behind Cross Ave. and behind W. Main St., is in the planning stages. It will cause a slow release of rain water to avoid flooding. Eight to ten acres will have to be purchased by the Town. Mayor Bellar asked for the authority to purchase land for it.

Also presented was an ordinance to change the date of the municipal elections. This will extend the next election to November, 2014, and the next in November, 2016. This will extend the terms of the present officials and bring us in sync with the county elections. Motion to pass

the ordinance on 1st reading was made by Emily Rosson and seconded by Jimmie Lee Robertson. Motion carried.

Water adjustments, due to leaks, totaling \$485.03 were presented for approval. Motion to do so was made by Jimmie Lee Robertson and seconded by Emily Rosson. Motion carried.

In Aldermen's Reports:

Sidney Woods presented the police report. He commended Mayor Bellar for having the Town sprayed for mosquitoes. Sergeant Burkeen reported to the Board that the Police Dept. had received \$500 from Walmart to purchase fans; a 2011 grant had radar units installed and a 2012 grant has been submitted for \$15,000 for overtime. She asked the Board's permission to apply for grants such as these and to administer them. Motion to do so was made by Jimmie Lee Robertson and seconded by Chandra Johnson. Motion carried.


A question was asked regarding when the State will do something about our water rates. The board must go to Nashville on November 17 to appear before the finance board. MTAS is now doing a study on the needed increase.

Jimmie Lee Robertson presented the fire report. He had been approached about the need to clean out ditches on both sides of Simmons. We will look at this problem.


Mayor Bellar declared his conflict of interest in the TML insurance payments we were about to discuss. Patricia Randolph asked the Board to amend the amount from last year's minutes to reflect payment of \$32,166.28*, and to approve payment for the entire year for TML and CNA in the amount of \$105,000. Motion to do so was made by Jimmie Lee Robertson and seconded by Sidney Woods. Motion carried.

The date of September 25, 2012 was set for a called meeting for the purpose of 2nd reading of the election date and term change.

Having no other business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Jimmie Lee Robertson and seconded by Tommy Turner. Motion carried.



James Bellar, Mayor



Patricia Randolph, Recorder