

## Regular Board Meeting January 3, 2005

The Parsons City Council met for its regular monthly meeting, Monday, January 3, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the city meeting room. Mayor Tim Boaz called the meeting to order Roll Call:

Present	Absent
Betty Bell	
Bonnie Butler	
Mark Davis	
Harold Fisher	
Joseph Fisher	
Bobby Rainey	
Joe Don White	

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as handed out by, Bonnie Butler, Second by Joe Don White.

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to approve financial statements for November 2004 by Mark Davis, Second by Bonnie Butler, Vote: All Ayes.

Community Forum: Water Board will meet 3rd Thursday Night at City Hall at 6:00 P. M. to discuss how to handle adjustments due to water leaks. They will then make recommendations to the City Board. Since there is a vacancy in the Water Board members, Mayor Boaz appointed Joe Don White to this board.

Communications from the Mayor: There will be a pre-bid meeting January 11, 2005 at the City Hall on the Raw Water Line. Bids will be open January 27, 2005. These announcements have been published in the local newspapers.

Mayor also stated that the natural gas system has been able to hold prices down. Gas rates are 20 cents less than they were three years ago.

Report from Committees: Bonnie Butler stated that the Downtown Improvement Project committee met last Friday afternoon. Members are Phil Barrett, Gary Keen, Jenny Ward, Dan Lindsey, Pam Vice, and Bonnie Butler. A notice will be put in the Jackson Sun for a request for proposal for engineer and architect consultant on this project. It should be published by January 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

**1. ORDINANCE NO: 222 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER CODE SECTION 18-10, AND SECTION 18-114 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PARSONS, TENNESSEE.** Motion to pass this ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by Joe Don White. Second by Joseph Fisher Vote: All Ayes.

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**2. ORDINANCE NO: 223 AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED ORDINANCE SETTING WATER AND SEWER RATES.** Motion by Mark Davis to pass this ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Second by Joe Don White. Vote: All Ayes

**New Business:**

**1. ORDINANCE NO: 224 AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AUTHORIZING DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PIN# 030588.00, PARSONS DOWNTOWN PROJECT-PHASE 1.** Motion to pass this ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> reading by Mark Davis. Second by Harold Fisher, Vote: All Ayes

**2. Discuss the need for a full time Fire chief and a new strategy for our fire department and how we can reduce our ISO rating from a 6 to a 3.**

Mayor Boaz stated that since we have been able to take care of the water pressure problem that the board needs to be thinking about ways to improve the ISO rating.

ISO Rating is made up of the following:

10% is Communication

40% Water Pressure

50% Actual Fire Department response time and actual number of firemen responding to calls. The City's Fire has good communication and the water pressure problem is almost taken care of. The next thing is to look at response and number of firemen. It was suggested by the MTAS representative that the city look into hiring a full time Fire Chief. Some of the Cities have done this, and we will be checking to see how this has worked out.

Motion to adjourn by Mark Davis Second by Bonnie Butler, Vote: All Ayes.

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Tim David Boaz, Mayor

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Judy Daugherty, City Recorder