

AUGUST 20, 2012 – HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING – SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Honorable Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission met in a Special Called Meeting with the Honorable Mark Beeler, Commission Chairman presiding and the following commissioners present to wit: Freddie Banks, Wayne Brown, Steve Burrow, Don Coker, Bill Fergusson, Bubba Gregory, Tammy Jackson, Mike Keisling, Clyde Mansfield, James McDonald, David Nollner, John Oliver, Mark Presley, Phillip Taylor, Robert Thurman and Mark White. Commissioners Carol Pruitt and James Chambers were present by phone.

1. Open Court – Sheriff Ray Russell
2. Invocation – Mike Keisling
3. Pledge to the American Flag – Clyde Mansfield
4. Roll Call – Rita Crowder
5. Announcements...

Commissioner Richard Johnson was absent because he was attending his granddaughter's graduation. Commissioners Carol Pruitt and James Chambers were joining the meeting by phone. They could not attend in person because Carol had health issues and James was traveling with his job.

This was a Special Called Meeting and no matters other than the items on this agenda could be considered.

6. Citizens' Response to Agenda Items...
Stanley Dickens signed in to speak about the Tax increase.
7. Old Business –
 - A. Public Hearing
 1. Ordinance #75-2012-11 to Increase Residential Door-to-Door Trash Collection Fees
 - 2012-13 Budget Ordinances
 2. Ordinance #76-2012-12 – General Services Department Appropriations
 3. Ordinance #77-2012-13 – General Services Dept. Tax Levy - \$3.12
 4. Ordinance #78-2012-14 – Urban Services Dept. Appropriations

5. Ordinance #79-2012-15 – Urban Services Tax Levy \$1.1399 – Urban Services Council

Mr. Stanley Dickens addressed the Commission with his concerns about the Tax increase. He had formed a petition against this with 104 signatures and he said there were many others against it but were afraid of losing their job if they signed. He stated that the people of Trousdale County could not stand any more tax increases. He said we are not a big city and the people just can't handle any more increases.

Carla Ferraro stated that she had been asked to speak for those who are not able to pay any more taxes. She asked that the commission please be mindful, when voting, of those on fixed incomes, unemployed and any others that are struggling to keep their families fed.

With no one else to speak, Chairman Beeler asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing for all of the tax matters.

Motion by Robert Thurman, Second by Phillip Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

8. Ordinances – Second Readings:

1. Ordinance #75-2012-11 to Increase Residential Door-to-Door Trash Collection fees.

Motion this court approve Ord. #75-2012-11.

Motion by Bill Fergusson, Second by Phillip Taylor

ROLL CALL, BOOK PAGE 81 - 15 YES, 3 NO, 1 ABSTAINED, 1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

2012-2013 Budget Ordinances

2. Ordinance #76-2012-12 – General Services Department Appropriations

Motion this court approve Ord. #76-2012-12.

Motion by David Nollner, Second by Robert Thurman

ROLL CALL, BOOK PAGE 81 – 14 YES, 5 NO, 1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

3. Ordinance #77-2012-13 – General Services Dept. Tax Levy - \$3.12

Motion this court approve Ord. #77-2012-13.

Motion by Robert Thurman, Second by Phillip Taylor

ROLL CALL, BOOK PAGE 81 – 14 YES, 5 NO, 1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

4. Ordinance #78-2012-14 – Urban Services Dept. Appropriations

Motion this court approve Ord. #78-2012-14.

Motion by David Nollner, Second by Robert Thurman

ROLL CALL, BOOK PAGE 81 – 14 YES, 5 NO, 1 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

5. Ordinance #79-2012-15 – Urban Services Tax Levy - \$1.1399 – Urban Services Council

Motion this council approve Ord. #79-2012-15.

Motion by Bubba Gregory

ORDINANCE DIES DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND

Chairman Beeler began to move on with the next item on the agenda when Mayor West asked for a recess. Recess was granted and Mayor West and Chairman Beeler left the courtroom. When county court reconvened, Commissioner Mark Presley made a motion to reconsider Ordinance #79-2012-15.

Motion by Mark Presley, Second by Bubba Gregory

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Presley stated that he wanted to vote on this Ordinance again because the Tax Rate was not changing.

Motion this council approve Ordinance #79-2012-15.

Motion by Mark Presley, Second by Bubba Gregory

ROLL CALL, BOOK PAGE 81 – 2 YES, 1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

9. Resolutions

A. Public Hearing

1. Resolution #2012-82-283 – Recommending Changes to Metro Charter Section 2.02 Commissioner Qualifications
2. Resolution #2012-83-284 – Recommending Changes to Metro Charter Section 9.03 – Budget Timeline
3. Resolution #2012-84-285 – Recommending Changes to Metro Charter Section 13.06 – Questions Subject to Referenda
4. Resolution #2012-85-286 – Recommending Changes to Metro Charter Section 13.07 – Procedure for Referenda Elections
5. Resolution #2012-86-287 – Recommending Changes to Metro Charter Regarding the Title of Office and Position of County Executive.
6. Resolution #2012-87-288 – Recommending Changes to Metro Charter Section 4.06 (b) Highway Department

Motion this court close the Public Hearing on all six Resolutions.
Motion by David Nollner, Second by Phillip Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

B. Resolutions Second Reading

1. Resolution #2012-82-283 – Recommending Changes to Metro Charter Section 2.02 Commissioner Qualifications
2. Resolution #2012-83-284 – Recommending Changes to Metro Charter Section 9.03 – Budget Timeline
3. Resolution #2012-84-285 – Recommending Changes to Metro Charter Section 13.06 – Questions Subject to Referenda
4. Resolution #2012-85-286 – Recommending Changes to Metro Charter Section 13.07 – Procedure for Referenda Elections
5. Resolution #2012-86-287 – Recommending Changes to Metro Charter Regarding the Title of Office and Position of County Executive
6. Resolution #2012-87-288 – Recommending Changes to Metro Charter Section 4.06 (b) Highway Department.

Motion this court approve the Resolutions together because they have already been discussed at the last meeting.

Motion by David Nollner, Second by Freddie Banks

ROLL CALL, BOOK PAGE 81 – 19 YES, 1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

10. Adjournment –

Motion this court adjourn.

Motion by David Nollner, Second by Wayne Brown

MOTION CARRIED