

**August 14, 2007**

The Harriman City council met in regular session Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Harriman Municipal/Utility Building. The Honorable Chris Mason, Mayor was present and presiding. Mayor called meeting to order. Roll call of Council was as follows:

PRESENT: Mark Powers  
JD Sampson  
Ken Mynatt  
Lonnie Wright  
Chase Tedder  
Kenyon Mee

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the minutes from 08/07/2007. Councilmember Mynatt made the motion and Councilmember Mee seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to pay the bills pending the approval of the finance committee. Councilmember Wright made the motion and was seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous "Aye".

**Mayor Mason called to hear delegations.**

Anita Lively with Roane Medical Center approached council regarding a list of signatures of hospital employees all in favor of the partnership between Roane Medical Center and Covenant Health. Council reviewed list.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilmember Mee - Councilmember Mee questioned on the bill changes and the agreement with Comcast. He inquired as to what charges are included in the existing agreement with Comcast.

Councilmember Sampson – Councilmember Sampson inquired about running sewage on the four lanes to Walgreen's. Tidwell advised that nothing has been done because the sewage lines belong to the county.

Councilmember Sampson – Councilmember Sampson inquired about the schedule for the next Retreat. The plan is to have it on a Friday and ½ day Saturday in September. Councilmember Tedder has conflicts due to school. Mayor Mason advised to check with Roane State's availability for the meeting and to organize with MTAS to be there.

Councilmember Sampson – Councilmember Sampson said he believes that City Coordinator Bob Tidwell should be traveling to Nashville once a month to meet with officials and to provide Council with a report of his trip. A motion was made by Councilmember Sampson to have Tidwell travel to Nashville; Councilmember Mee seconded the motion. Councilmember Powers, Councilmember Mynatt,

Councilmember Wright, and Councilmember Tedder voted “no”. Councilmember Sampson and Councilmember Mee voted “yes”. The motion failed.

Councilmember Sampson – Councilmember Sampson said that the City used to be responsible for the Community Block grant. Over the years the Utility Board has taken it over. Councilmember Sampson proposed that the Community Block grant alternate between the City and the Utility Board. You can only apply for the grant every other year and only when the existing project is completed. Chuck Flora was in audience and advised that it would not be a good idea due to the fact that if both city entities are applying for the grant it’s possible that neither the City of Harriman nor the Harriman Utility board will be granted the funds.

Mayor Mason – Mayor Mason asked for a motion to be made to replace former City Clerk Tracey Bolden’s name on the signature card at Regions Bank with Interim City Clerk Amy Arriola’s name. Motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

## **AGENDA**

### **HUB & Water Sewage Debt**

Mr. Oberman with Cumberland Securities approached council regarding the existing HUB Water and Sewage Debt. The Harriman Utility Board has requested by resolution that the Harriman City Council approves the refinancing of five existing Rural Development loans, which will provide several benefits. There is a refinancing fee of .65 percent. After reviewing in detail all of the benefits, Mayor Mason asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution, Councilmember Powers made the motion and Councilmember Sampson seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

### **Hospital Board**

After reviewing the hospital board and liaison committee’s recommendations, Councilmember Wright made a motion for Roane Medical Center to enter into negotiations with Covenant Health. Second was made by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”. Discussion – Mayor Mason advised that he would be forming a committee to report to the hospital board and to council. The committee would consist of (1) hospital employee, (2) Council Members (1) hospital board member, Jim Gann, Mayor Mason, and Charles Kerley. Mayor Mason stated he would get concerns from Council down on paper at the next workshop.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**Library Board** – Mayor Mason stated he to appoint Linda Peterson, Gina Griffis and Gene Wilson. Motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

**Street Light Committee** - Mayor Mason stated that he wanted to re-appoint Wayne Jenkins and appoint JD Sampson. Motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and seconded by Councilmember Mee. The motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

**Committee for Hospital Board Negotiations** –Mayor Mason asked for a motion to form committee to work with the Hospital Board Negotiations. The committee would be made up of (2) Councilmember, (1) hospital employee, (1) hospital board member, Jim Gann, Charles Kerley, and Mayor Chris Mason. Motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Councilmember Powers. The motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

**Golf Board Terms** – Mayor Mason stated he wanted to set the terms of the golf course. Two year term Kathy Day, Chris Barton and Jerry Kerley. Three year terms, Tim Duff, Marty Briley, Alvin Poole. Motion was made by Councilmember Powers and seconded by Councilmember Tedder. The motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

**ORDINANCE FOR GOLF BOARD-** (ORD # 07-08-01)

City Attorney Harold Balcom read second reading of Golf Board Ordinance 07-08-01. The motion was made by Councilmember Powers and seconded by Councilmember Mynatt. The motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING COMPLIANCE MANUAL REGARDING TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 –** (ORD # 07-08-02)

City Attorney Harold Balcom read second reading of Ordinance 07-08-02. The motion to pass this Ordinance was made by Councilmember Tedder and seconded by Councilmember Mee. The motion was passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

**SECOND READING ORDINANCE 07-07-01 BUDGET AMENDMENT-**

City Attorney Harold Balcom read the second reading of Ordinance 07-07-01. The motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and seconded by Councilmember Sampson. The motion passed with a unanimous “Aye”.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilmember Tedder and was seconded by Councilmember Wright. Motion to adjourn was passed with a unanimous “Aye”.



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Christopher B. Mason/Mayor

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