

City of Cedarville
Town Hall Special Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2016

The October 24th Town Hall Special Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Mark Isenhower. Council members present were Alderman Odom, Alderman McClendon, Alderman Prater and Alderman Breshears.

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the one cent city sales tax that appears on the November ballot and priorities for a road improvement plan should the tax pass.

Mayor Isenhower reported what the council had accomplished with the restitution money received from the embezzlement of funds by previous Treasurer Aliscon Reding. Purchases included a backhoe, two police cars, Ford F250 truck, Sand and salt spreader, payoff of Fire truck loan, chip and seal Cedarville Road, and city portion to fix and chip and seal a portion of Millpond Road with a remainder of approximately \$105,000 in reserve. \$144,000 was allocated for Cedarville Road and Millpond Road. The City saved enough on the two roads added to grant money received to work toward the building of a maintenance shop. Mayor Isenhower calculated (based on bids received for chip and seal) the cost to chip and seal a space of 20 feet x 1 foot x 6 inches deep is \$26/foot if the city does the base and contracts the chip and seal or \$33/foot to contract in its entirety. It would cost approximately 1.25 million dollars to chip and seal all green labeled roads within the city limits (9.3 miles).

The one cent city sales tax would be placed on all goods and services consumed and sold inside the city limits per City Attorney Sean Brister. The tax collected would be designated as follows: 75% for Road Department, 12.5% for Fire Department, and 12.5% for Police Department.

The Road Department would need approximately \$174,000 per mile contracted to chip and seal a road but could save \$40,000 if the department sets up the base. The Fire Department needs a brush truck, new hoses and phase three wiring for either the station (approximately \$15,000 to wire) or the old fire department building (approximately \$5000 to wire) owned by the school who has agreed to relinquish use to the Cedarville City Fire Department. The Mayor has calculated that the City currently receives approximately \$169 per person in revenue overall. The projects mentioned cannot all be accomplished with current revenues.

Mr. Randy Grayson discussed how long it would take to chip and seal all the roads. Based on the numbers discussed, it would take many years to complete and those

already done would begin to break down. He stated the City would never catch up and the City needs to be more efficient with the money.

Mr. Carl Franklin of Dorothy Drive stated his dissatisfaction concerning the police being dispatched from the Sheriff's office. Mayor Isenhower explained that all police and fire calls must be dispatched through the county dispatch.


Mr. Randy Grayson asked if the 75% budgeted for the road department would be for roads or for payroll. The Mayor stated the primary purpose would be roads but the money would be used where needed for budgeting decided by the Council.

Mr. Glennis Cook stated he was not in favor of sales tax. The school has not increased the school millage for ten years and will most likely be asking for a needed increase in the next two years. Based on Mr. Cook's electric, water, propane and Dish bill for this year at his very conservative home the increase would be \$37/yr. This does not include all other necessary services and purchases.

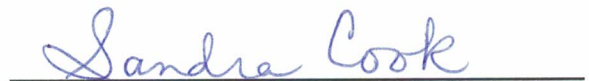
Mr. Sandusky stated that no one likes taxes but it has to start somewhere. You can't have services without money.

Further discussion included the hardship on people with fixed income, voters weighing pros and cons before voting, and priorities if the tax passes. Mayor Isenhower stated the Council was only there to answer questions and present the issue. It would be up to the voters to decide.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman McClendon.
Passed 4-0



Mayor



Recorder/Treasurer