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CITY OF PIKEVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES MAY 28, 1998

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pikeville met in Special Meeting on Thursday, May 28, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting replaced the regularly scheduled meeting of May 25, 1998, which was canceled due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

The meeting was held in the City Hall Public Meeting Room located at 260 Hambley Boulevard, Pikeville, Kentucky.

The meeting was called for the following purposes:

CITY OF PIKEVILLE CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA MAY 28, 1998, 6:00 P.M. CITY HALL PUBLIC MEETING ROOM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. **MINUTES:** Consider approval of the minutes from the April 20 and 23, 1998 special meeting and April 27, 1998 regular meeting.

III. PAYMENT OF BILLS

- A. CITY BILLS
- B. ACADEMY BUILDING - Richardson & Associates \$1,000.00
Commonwealth Building \$30,600.00

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. REQUEST FROM JAYCEES FOR ASSISTANCE WITH FIREWORKS DISPLAY
- B. MAIN STREET PROGRAM REPORT
- C. REQUEST FROM FRANK DAWAHARE TO LEASE DIVISION ST. PARKING LOT.
- D. CITY ENGINEER'S REPORTS:
 - 1. Harolds Branch Road
 - 2. Peach Orchard Water Line
 - 3. Keyser Tank & Water Line
 - 4. Lowes Road
 - 5. Pikeville Pond Dredging
 - 6. Maynard Sewer Relocation
 - 7. 911 Addressing
 - 8. Zoning Map Update
 - 9. Street Maintenance/Name Change
 - 10. Sidewalk Bid

E. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

- 1. Consider further discussion with Mike Lucas concerning retirement benefits for the James Tucker estate.
- 2. Consider second reading of an ordinance to amend the zoning for property adjacent to Thompson Road.
- 3. Consider second reading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance with regard to signs.
- 4. Consider second reading of an ordinance adopting the 1998-99 operating budget.
- 5. Consider first reading of an ordinance amending the 1997-98 operating budget.
- 6. Consider first reading of an ordinance to refund the 6.625% Series of the 1985 WTP Bonds.
- 7. Consider first reading of an ordinance closing a portion of Bryan Street.
- 8. Consider first reading of an ordinance establishing the minimum standards for natural gas quality.

F. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

- 1. Consider bids for annual supply of concrete/stone/asphalt.
- 2. Audit Proposal
- 3. Consider authorizing City Manager to advertise for bids to purchase a new vehicle for administrative use.
- 4. Consider authorizing the advertisement of bids for the purchase of a new platform fire truck.
- 5. Consider authorizing advertising for bids for the purchase of telemetry equipment for the water distribution system.
- 6. Consider approval of the list for blacktopping of certain city streets.
- 7. Consider discussion concerning remodeling Fire Station #2.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

PSG Reports

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being a quorum present, Mayor Steven D. Combs called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commission Members present at roll call were as follows:

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MAYOR: STEVEN D. COMBS
 COMMISSIONER: BILL BLACKBURN
 EUGENE DAVIS
 JOHNNY MOUNTS
 SHARON CLARK

AGENDA ITEM II.

MINUTES

The minutes for the previous regular meeting of April 27, 1998 and special meetings held on April 20 and 23, 1998 were included in each Commission Member's agenda package. There being no additions or corrections, Commissioner Mounts made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM III.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A. CITY BILLS: A list of City Bills totaling \$584,582.20 was presented to the Commission for approval of payment. Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Mounts to approve payment of the City Bills as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

B. ACADEMY BUILDING PROJECT: Presented for approval of payment was a request from Richardson & Associates in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Phase II construction monitoring and payment request #1 from Commonwealth Building and Construction in the amount of \$30,600.00 for construction activities on Phase II of the renovation. Mark White of Commonwealth Building was present and gave a progress report for the scope of work underway at this time. Jack Sykes, Chair of the Historic Preservation Board, reported that the Board had approved and recommended payment of the bills as submitted. Commissioner Mounts made the motion to approve payment of \$1,000.00 to Richardson & Associates. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve payment to Commonwealth Building in the amount of \$30,600.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Combs left the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Commissioner Davis served in the capacity of Mayor Pro-Tem.

AGENDA ITEM IV.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JAYCEES: Jaycee representatives were present to request monetary assistance with the 4th of July Fireworks display. It was reported that Pike County had allotted \$1,500.00 toward this year's display. Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn to approve funding \$1,500.00 for Fireworks. The motion carried 4 - 0. It was reported that the site had not yet been identified, but the Jaycees are considering and have received owner approval to use the site where WPKE's radio tower is located.

B. MAIN STREET PROGRAM UPDATE: Main Street Board Chair, Sara George, and executive director, Glendia Little, were present to give an update of the program's activities. Ms. George advised the Commission that she, Ms. Little, and Project Director, Sue Smallwood, had attended a Renaissance Kentucky workshop earlier this month. Pikeville has been asked to apply to receive the designation of a Renaissance Kentucky Community. With this designation, the City could receive a portion of the \$4 million the Legislature allotted. The Main Street Board hopes to use the grant funds to begin underground utility relocation. However, prior to filing a funding application, the Board must file an application to receive the Renaissance Kentucky Community designation. The extensive application is being completed through a cooperative City/Main Street Program effort and has a filing deadline of July 1, 1998. A copy of the completed application will be forwarded to the City Manager and Commission. The Commission agreed to write a letter in support of the application.

During a previous meeting, the Commission approved Main Street's Downtown Revitalization Plan as completed by Chris Chrisman of Summit Engineering. The Plan includes the areas from Huffman Avenue to Pike Street and from Main Street to Hambley Boulevard. Construction of gateways at key focal points are provided for in the plan. The gateways are proposed for the corner of Huffman Avenue/Hambley Boulevard; corner of Pike Street; and corner of Huffman/River Fill Street. Ms. George pointed out that all the gateways are positioned within the designated historic district. During the Main Street Board of Director's meeting, the board suggested changing the locations of the gateways. They proposed the green strip at Baird Avenue and the area across from Kentucky National Bank. The Commission agreed the proposed locations would be better, but advised that permission to construct on these lots would have to be obtained from the Kentucky Department of Transportation. Main Street Board Member, Mark White, advised the Commission that the 20' X 25' gateways, as designed, could be constructed for \$15,000.00 each. He reported that he had asked the architect to simplify the design in an effort to reduce the cost to \$10,000.00 each. The drawings will be presented to the Commission in July for review and approval. Ms. George told the Commission that the Main Street Program has \$8,000.00 to be used toward the construction of the gateways, and asked the Commission to consider participating in the cost.

The Commission authorized the City Engineer to file an application to encroach on state property with the Kentucky Department of Transportation.

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C. DIVISION STREET PARKING LOT: Frank Dawahare appeared before the Commission to ask permission to lease 10 to 12 parking spaces in the City owned Division Street parking lot. Mr. Dawahare explained that he owns the adjacent building and a prospective tenant has requested designated parking spaces. City Attorney Davis told the Commission they could probably enter into a yearly lease, however the City would need to advertise for bids for a long-term lease arrangement. Due to the restricted amount of parking spaces within the central business district and to avoid setting a precedent, the Commission declined the request.

D. CITY ENGINEER'S REPORTS: Jack Sykes, representing Summit Engineering, City Engineers, gave a verbal report for ongoing projects:

1. Harolds Branch Road Improvements: The project is approximately 1/3rd complete. The contract time has expired. Mr. Sykes advised the Commission that the inclement weather has inhibited progress on the project. The contractor has given a tentative completion date of July 11, 1998. Hospital officials have agreed to give a thirty day time extension - until July 1, 1998.

Mr. Sykes reported that a slide had occurred approximately 1/2 mile on Harold's Branch. The slide is not associated with the ongoing construction project. Mr. Sykes reported that he is trying to negotiate with various contractors on a fee to correct the slide. The engineer recommended proceeding with the project on an emergency basis. City Manager Blackburn told the Commission that if the City delays cleanup to advertise for bids, the road may be lost. The lowest quote received is \$14,700.00. City Attorney Davis advised that the City Manager can declare an emergency and award the project.

2. Peach Orchard Water Line: The project is proceeding on schedule and is approximately 25% complete.

3. Keyser Tank and Water Line: City Engineer Sykes reminded the Commission that three contracts had been initially bid for the installation of a 200,000 gallon water storage tank and water line in Keyser - the tank; the water line and pump; and telemetry. The tank was bid at \$224,000, but was awarded at \$169,000, with deletion of earthwork. The water line and pump was bid at \$109,876, but no contract was issued. The telemetry contract was \$20,195., and the earthwork contract was awarded at \$30,000. The City was contacted by the Department of Labor, and was advised that because all three contracts exceed \$250,000., state wage rates apply. This would add about \$22,000. to the cost of the project. The City Manager and City Engineer worked out an arrangement whereby the City would not enter into a contract for the water line and pump installation. Stuart Adams agreed to sign the contract with Alpha Reclamation, however the cost increased about \$4,000. Department of Labor officials have verbally agreed with the arrangement. All work will be subject to city inspection. Commissioner Mounts made the motion to withdraw award of contract #2 to Alpha Reclamation. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 - 0.

4. Lowe's Road: Mr. Sykes advised the Commission that a contract had been awarded to Wilbur Smith & Associates to conduct a traffic study for a fee of \$15,260.00. He estimated the study to take between 4 and 6 weeks to complete. Currently, the City will pay 1/3rd of the cost of the study. Lowe's representatives are talking with SEI & Development Corporation and with Winn Dixie officials to determine if they would be willing to participate in the cost of the traffic study. City Manager Blackburn advised the Commission that he had requested the firm to also prepare a traffic study report for Thompson Road, between the three-way stop and the north end, due to the Post Office's relocation to that area.

5. Pond Dredging: To dredge the pond down to the first aerator, it is estimated that 2 1/2 feet and increasing to 5 1/2 feet on the upper end of the pond, will have to be excavated. Removing the material will give about 2 1/2 feet of water throughout the pond. A major portion of the cost to remove the material out of the pond is trucking the waste to another site. Mr. Sykes recommended allowing the contractor to excavate pits on city owned property at the end of Third Street to allow the material to dry, then use the material to extend the river fill another 20 to 30 feet. The cost would be reduced from \$5.00 per yard (includes trucking to another site) to \$3.00 per yard. Mr. Sykes estimated there is 14,000 yards of material to be removed. No action was taken.

6. Maynard Sewer Relocation: City Engineer Sykes reported that David & Carla Maynard are planning to build a new house on Chloe Creek. The City has a sewer line, serving three houses, which conflict with their building plans. The Maynards are requesting to relocate the sewer line at their expense. A new easement will be given to the City upon completion of the new line, in exchange for the easement the City now possesses. Commissioner Clark made the motion to grant the Maynards permission to relocate the sewer line on Chloe Creek as described by the City Engineer. The motion carried 4 - 0.

7. 911 Addressing: Mr. Sykes reported that the final new addresses are being keyed into the computer. Should be completed and delivered to the City within the next 30 days.

8. Zoning Map/Street Name Change: Mr. Sykes explained that in conjunction with the 911 addressing project, he is also revising the zoning map. He presented a copy of one of the maps for inspection. Mr. Sykes suggested a work session to review the maps and assign street names to previously unnamed streets prior to the Commission adopting the maps as official documents.

9. Sidewalk Bid: The project to replace the sidewalks at City Hall was advertised for bids. One bid was received in answer to the advertisement. The bid, submitted by Hamilton Construction, contained three alternate bids. The options were as follows:

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Alternate #1 \$33,322.00 Includes brick bordering and exposed aggregate finish

Alternate #2 \$18,626.00 No brick work. The City is to patch any asphalt that needs replacement after the job is completed. The existing curb will be left in place.

Alternate #3 \$15,879.00 Concrete walk; other conditions same as Alternate #2.

Commissioner Mounts made the motion to award the bid to Hamilton Construction for alternate #1 totaling \$33,322.00. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 - 0.

E. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS: City Attorney, Russell H. Davis, Jr., presented the following items for the Commission's consideration:

1. Retirement: Attorney Mike Lucas, representing the James Tucker estate, was present to again renew his request that the Commission consider paying retirement benefits from the date of Mr. Tucker's retirement to the date of his death. City Manager Blackburn told the Commission that he had reviewed Mr. Tucker's personnel file and found a document which has Mr. Tucker's employment date beginning in 1963 extending through November, 1977. Another document showed the date of employment as January 1961. Mr. Tucker was employed with Pike County Fiscal Court from 1977 to 1984. Using the earlier employment date of 1961, Mr. Tucker would have 21 years of employment with the City of Pikeville. Attorney Lucas advised there is one document (a health insurance claim form) which shows employment in 1957. Additionally, Mr. Tucker's widow has signed an affidavit confirming that Mr. Tucker's employment with the City began in 1957. As expressed in previous meetings, Commissioner Mounts voiced that the issue was not whether Mr. Tucker's estate was deserving of the benefits, but whether there were going to be additional claims for benefits if the Commission agreed to award benefits to Mr. Tucker's estate. Attorney Lucas told the Commission that he was unable to say whether there are other individuals who could qualify under the scenario, but commented the City potentially has future claims resulting from their earlier award of benefits to employees without proof of 25 years of employment service. Commissioner Mounts pointed out that family members of deceased employees had never been compensated. City Attorney Davis commented that in light of the fact that the City has adopted an ordinance to provide retirement benefits for employees who meet certain criteria, there is no provision to fund back payments, and expressed his opinion that payments to estates would constitute back payments. Commissioner Mounts also expressed concern about encumbering General Fund dollars for an unspecified period of time. Attorney Lucas advised the Commission that Mr. Tucker had appeared before the Commission several times asking for their consideration in awarding retirement benefits to him. According to the minutes of City Commission meetings in Mr. Lucas' possession, Mr. Tucker first asked for benefits on January 22, 1990.

At 8:00 p.m., Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Mounts to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the legal aspect of the Tucker estate's request for retirement benefits. The motion carried 4 - 0.

At 8:44 p.m., Commissioner Mounts made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn to reconvene to regular session. The motion carried 4 - 0.

City Attorney Davis announced the Commission had discussed the settlement of the law suit filed by the James Tucker estate. Commissioner Mounts made the motion to adopt a resolution to authorize the settlement of the lawsuit for the monetary sum of \$13,500.00, subject to a full release from all other claims. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 - 0. It was further noted that the Commission was not finding Mr. Tucker or the estate entitled to benefits under the terms of the latest ordinance, but rather for an economic reason are settling a lawsuit that was filed prior to the adoption of the ordinance.

2. Thompson Road Zoning: Presented and given second reading was an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING MAP FOR A CERTAIN TRACT OF PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO THOMPSON ROAD AND THE KEEL SUBDIVISION CONSISTING OF 11.23 ACRES FROM R1 TO C2 (O-98-010)
(Property owned by First Quarter Holdings)

Commissioner Mounts made the motion to adopt the Ordinance as presented and read. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following votes:

COMMISSIONER:	BILL BLACKBURN	YES
	EUGENE DAVIS	YES
	JOHNNY MOUNTS	YES
	SHARON CLARK	YES

3. Presented and given second reading was a summary of an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 156.147(C) ESTABLISHING SIGN REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS, PROHIBITING CERTAIN ADVERTISING DEVICES (O-98-011)

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City Attorney Davis explained the amendment primarily prohibits off-premise signs within the "horse shoe" area of the City.

Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Mounts to adopt the Ordinance as presented and read. The motion carried by the following votes:

COMMISSIONER:	BILL BLACKBURN	YES
	EUGENE DAVIS	YES
	JOHNNY MOUNTS	YES
	SHARON CLARK	YES

City Attorney Davis advised the Commission there is one sign, located adjacent to Hambley Boulevard, currently encroaching 13 feet upon the City's right-of-way. He reported that he had contacted the sign company by mail and asked them to remove the sign by the end of May, 1998. There has been no response from the sign company. Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn to authorize the City Attorney to file suit against the sign company if the sign is not removed by the deadline. The motion carried 3 - 0 - 1 with Commissioner Mounts abstaining from the vote.

4. 1998-99 Operating Budget: Presented and given second reading was an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1998 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1999, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT (O-98-012).

Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Mounts to adopt the Ordinance as presented and read. The motion carried as follows:

COMMISSIONER:	BILL BLACKBURN	YES
	EUGENE DAVIS	YES
	JOHNNY MOUNTS	YES
	SHARON CLARK	YES

5. Presented and given first reading was an Ordinance entitled as follows:

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE 1997-1998 FISCAL YEAR

A list detailing the amendments was presented.

The Ordinance will be on file in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection. Second reading was scheduled for the next regular meeting.

6. Water Treatment Plant Bond Issue:

First reading, in summary form, was given to an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1998, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS NECESSARY TO REFUND THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, 1985 SERIES B, SUCH SERIES 1998 BONDS TO RANK ON A PARITY WITH CERTAIN OTHER OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE CITY; SETTING FORTH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UPON WHICH THE SERIES 1998 BONDS AND ADDITIONAL BONDS RANKING ON A PARITY THEREWITH ARE TO BE AND MAY BE ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND RETIREMENT OF THE BONDS BEING REFUNDED; CONFIRMING PREVIOUS COVENANTS AND PROVISIONS FOR THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES OF THE CITY'S COMBINED AND CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC SALE OF THE SERIES 1998 BONDS AND THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF

City Manager Blackburn explained that the City, through Hilliard Lyons, will be refinancing one of the bonds used to build the Water Treatment Plant. The original bond was for a 40 year term, with an interest rate of 6.625%. By refinancing the bonds, the City will pay the new bond off in the year 2021 (4 years sooner than the original bond) and will save about \$869,000.

The ordinance will be on file in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection. Second reading of the ordinance was scheduled for the next regular meeting.

7. Bryan Street:

First reading was given to an Ordinance to close the portion of Bryan Street which extends through St. Francis School's property. It was reported that the Catholic Church had requested to close the portion of Bryan Street that goes through their property. City Attorney Davis explained that the City can close the street with the consent of the adjoining property owners. Both, First Quarter Holdings, Inc. and St.

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Francis Church have signed the consent forms. Commissioner Mounts asked if the street could be reopened if there was a need. The City Attorney explained that the City would have to have the permission of the property owner or would be required to condemn an easement.

The ordinance will be on file in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection. Second reading was scheduled for the next regular meeting.

8. Natural Gas Quality: First reading of the ordinance was postponed until the next regular meeting.

F. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS: City Manager, Kenny Blackburn, brought the following items to the Commission for consideration:

1. Concrete/Stone/Asphalt: City Manager Blackburn presented bids received for the annual supply of concrete, stone, and asphalt. The bids were as follows:

CONCRETE

PIKEVILLE READY MIX

3000 PSI	No Bid
3500 PSI	\$66.75
4000 PSI	\$68.50

STONE

ELKHORN STONE COMPANY

	PICKUP (ELKHORN)	DELIVERED
CLASS 57	\$5.75/TON	\$9.25/TON
DGA	\$5.75/TON	\$9.25/TON
CLASS II	\$5.75/TON	\$9.25/TON

ADAMS CORPORATION

CLASS 57	\$8.95/TON	(Pickup at Buckley's Creek)
DGA	\$8.95/TON	
CLASS II	\$8.95/TON	

WILL DELIVER 20 TONS OR LESS FOR 13.95/TON; WILL DELIVER 20 TONS OR MORE FOR \$10.95/TON

MOUNTAIN ENTERPRISES, INC

\$8.75/TON (Pickup at Shelby Plant Site)

ASPHALT

MOUNTAIN ENTERPRISES, INC.

SUPPLY ONLY	BASE	\$ 28.50/TON
	SURFACE	\$ 29.05/TON
	TACK OIL	\$300.00/TON

SUPPLY & PLACEMENT (CITY LIMITS)

	BASE	\$ 37.95/TON
	SURFACE	\$ 37.95/TON
	TACK OIL	\$350.00/TON

*Mountain Enterprises, Inc. possesses an eligibility certificate from D.O.T.

R & L PAVING & SEALING

SUPPLY & PLACEMENT (CITY LIMITS)

	BASE	\$37.70/TON
	SURFACE	\$37.70/TON
	TACK OIL	\$347.00/TON

*R & L Paving is not D.O.T. approved.

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The City Manager advised the Commission that the bid for concrete is about \$10.00 per yard higher than last year's bid. He told them he would try to negotiate the price down. Commissioner Mounts made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to award the concrete bid to Pikeville Ready Mix; the stone bid to Mountain Enterprises for pick-up and Elkhorn Stone for delivery; and asphalt to Mountain Enterprises. The motion carried 4 - 0.

2. Audit Proposal: Presented for approval was an engagement letter from Wallen & Cornett, CPAs to perform the annual audit of the City's financial records for year ending June 30, 1998. The fee is \$16,450.00. Commissioner Mounts made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to contract with Wallen & Cornett, CPAs for auditing services for year ending June 30, 1998. The motion carried 3 - 0 - 1 with Commissioner Blackburn abstaining from the vote.

3. Vehicle Bids: Commissioner Mounts made the motion to authorize the City Manager to advertise for bids for a full size, 4 wheel drive vehicle, for the City Manager's and Commission's use. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 - 0. It was explained that the current vehicle would be transferred to the Building Department for the inspector's use. \$35,000.00 has been budgeted for the purchase.

4. Fire Truck Bids: Fire Chief Hall advised the Commission that he has two trucks in operation, a 1967 model and a 1974 model. Because of the age of the vehicles, it is becoming difficult to find replacement parts. Permission was requested to advertise for bids for a new aerial ladder fire truck. The truck is estimated to cost \$535,000. Commissioner Mounts made the motion to authorize the Fire Chief to advertise for bids for the purchase of a new fire truck. Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 - 0.

5. Telemetry Bids: City Manager Blackburn requested permission to advertise for bids for the purchase of telemetry equipment to be installed at the water treatment plant and to be placed on three tanks and pumping stations. The estimated cost of the equipment is \$50,000.00. Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Mounts to authorize the City Manager to advertise for bids for the purchase of telemetry equipment. The motion carried 4 - 0.

6. Blacktopping: City Manager Blackburn presented a list of streets to be blacktopped during the 1998 season. The streets were identified as follows:

Minnie Sue Alley; South College Street; Peach Orchard Street; Pine Street; Sixth Street Alley; Seventh Street; Seventh Street Alley; Cumberland Court; Public Works Lots; Public Works Roadway; Sunshine Lane; Redale Drive; Walnut/Oak Street; Cedar Street; Williams Hollow; Swimming Pool Parking; and Phyllis Drive.

Estimated cost is \$147,000.00.

Commissioner Mounts made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn to approve the list of streets scheduled for blacktopping as presented. The motion carried 4 - 0.

7. Fire Station #2 Remodeling: The City Manager reported that he had been asked by Mayor Combs to determine the availability of property located at the south end of town for the purpose of relocating the Island Creek Fire Station. No property could be located. He proposed remodeling Station #2 (Island Creek). The cost is estimated at \$15,000.00. Fire Chief Hall reported that he had contacted ISO about the possibility of closing Station #2. He advised that ISO officials told him that closing the station would cause the fire insurance rating to increase to a Class 9 or a Class 10, for all properties south of the former Lowe's location. Commissioner Mounts made the motion to authorize the remodeling of Fire Station #2. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 - 0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Mounts made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 - 0. (Adjournment time: 9:50 p.m.)

APPROVED _____
STEVEN D. COMBS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KAREN HARRIS, CITY CLERK