

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

October 15, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.

Mayor William E. Gentner called the Regular Meeting to order, pursuant to proper notice having been given. City Recorder Betty Modrall called the roll. Present were Mayor William E. Gentner, Council Members Carl McCullen, Debbie Matthews, Christa Martin, Dean Dickey and Susan Stephenson; City Manager Paul C. Boyer, Jr.; Attorney Cara Lynn; City Recorder Betty Modrall; and Liz Bermudez, Recording Secretary. Vice Mayor Kennedy and City Attorney Tim Tisher were absent.

Reverend Hubert Cunningham offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Matthews.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Manager Boyer asked Council to remove Items 8.2 and 9.1 from the Agenda.

Vice Mayor Kennedy arrived to the meeting at 6.32 p.m.

Council Member Martin moved to approve the Agenda with the removal of Items 8.2 and 9.1. Council Member Dickey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

PRESENTATIONS:

Item 5.1 – **PRESENTATION BY TRENT OGILVIE, COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REGARDING HONEYWELL HOME ENERGY AUDITOR TRAINING (HEAT) TEAM PROGRAM.** Mr. Trent Ogilvie said it is a privilege to come before Council to introduce a team of young exceptional people. Mr. Ogilvie said this is a vision to help Columbia become “green” and energy efficient to help the residents save energy. Mr. Ogilvie advised the young people are here to serve and they have been serving exceptionally well. Mr. Ogilvie spoke about the Honeywell HEAT Program, which is a Home Energy Auditor Training Program. Mr. Ogilvie spoke about his vision to look at a way to provide “green” jobs to the young people. Mr. Ogilvie advised Columbia Housing Authority (CHA), through their contract with Honeywell, has an energy performance contract and part of that contract is to provide education to residents on how to conserve to be more energy

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efficient. Mr. Ogilvie said through a partnership with Honeywell and the Tennessee Workforce Alliance, Jan McKeel, Executive Director, the Summer Youth Program provided many jobs for young people. Mr. Ogilvie advised they felt this would be an excellent way to take the young people and to give them an educational piece that would make them contributors to the community. Mr. Ogilvie said the program is a nationally recognized program through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, one of the first programs in the United States that is actually certified on energy auditors to be able to work in the community. Mr. Brandon Zeigler, a member of the Honeywell HEAT Team, introduced the other members of the HEAT Team, which include Quentin Armstrong, Shardae Green, Tige Kennedy, Jr., Delandirs Moore, Michael Mulldune, Jenelle Sparks and Keventris Webster. Mr. Zeigler advised the HEAT is a partnership with Honeywell International, the Columbia Housing Authority and the Tennessee Workforce Alliance. Mr. Zeigler advised that before they joined the HEAT Team, the members of the group were participants in the Hire Youth Summer Program through the local Tennessee Workforce Career Center. Mr. Zeigler advised they are proud to be the first HEAT Team in the country helping to share the message of saving energy. Miss Sparks advised they have been conducting free home energy audits at CHA for the past three weeks and they have completed ninety-two of the audits. Miss Sparks said they have just over one hundred left to do. Miss Sparks said their vision is to see the HEAT program extended to all of the City and surrounding communities. Miss Sparks said they would like to help everyone in the community learn to “go green”. Miss Sparks advised that “going green” isn’t hard to do. Miss Sparks spoke about helping people switch to more energy efficient ways of doing things like washing their clothes in cold water or using automatic timers. Miss Sparks said they hope to get support to expand the program in nearby communities. Mr. Webster said the HEAT Team is comprised of eight members; three residents of CHA; four residents of greater Columbia; and one member is a resident of Lewis County. Mr. Webster informed everyone that the HEAT Team works in teams of two with four teams total and that they have been trained by Honeywell to conduct home energy audits for the residents of the CHA. Mr. Webster said they go into residents’ homes and identify areas where they are wasting energy or where they can save more energy. Mr. Webster advised the audits are free and they show residents the minor changes they can make to save them up to \$20.00 a month on their water and electric

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bills. The HEAT Team started their presentation again due to difficulties with the sound system in the Council Chambers. Mr. Zeigler said that he hoped that Council enjoyed learning about the Honeywell HEAT program and thanked Council for giving the team the opportunity to address the City Council. He hopes that the Council will lend their support to expand the program to a larger segment of the community. Council Member Stephenson advised they all did a great job and she thanked them for coming. Council Member Stephenson said the team mentioned that they have completed ninety-two audits and they have about one hundred more to do. Council Member Stephenson asked how they decide what homes they perform an audit for. Mr. Zeigler advised they now have maps that show where they have gone and where they need to go. Mr. Zeigler advised the team knocks on doors to see if the occupant would like the energy audit right then, if they would like to sign-up for a later time or if they don't want the energy audit at all. Council Member Stephenson told the team that they can all be very proud and that they have done a great job. Council Member Stephenson thanked the team. Mayor Gentner thanked Mr. Ogilvie and Ms. McKeel for "spearheading" the program and making it a remarkable event. Council Member Martin advised she is excited about this program. Council Member Martin advised the team is moving across the region and presenting the program all across the area. Council Member Martin said she spoke to one of the members of the team and asked him what the future of the program is. Council Member Martin said he had a lot to say about the program. Council Member Martin said she is excited that the young people are given opportunities to look at a future they may not have known about and now they are planning to do big things for themselves personally and for the community. Council Member Martin told the team they are doing a good job and she hopes the Council can do something to support their vision. Council Member Matthews asked if this is citywide, if it is for a limited time, what location do citizens go to in order to get this done and if there is a charge for getting the energy audit. Mr. Ogilvie advised the program is being operated at the CHA and that they hope to expand the program into the community with assistance. Mr. Ogilvie advised the salaries of the team right now are paid through the Workforce Alliance, Honeywell and the CHA. Mr. Ogilvie advised they are providing a valuable service to the community and have met with Columbia Power & Water Systems, Atmos, Duck River Electric, Tennessee Valley Authority and several other agencies and that they hope to work with them to keep the

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team together. Mr. Ogilvie said he hopes that next summer the team will grow to educate others in the community. Mr. Ogilvie spoke about Ms. Beavers with Honeywell International, the coordinator and trainer of the HEAT Team. On behalf of Honeywell, she came down and announced that the team (the members of which started out at \$7.25 an hour and then moved up to \$8.50 when they joined the HEAT Team) would be seeing their wages increase to \$13.00 an hour in a few weeks. Council Member Matthews asked if there is a cost to having an audit on their house. Mr. Ogilvie advised they haven't established that as of yet, but they are hoping to look at that as they move out into the community. Vice Mayor Kennedy asked if the audits that have been done so far have cost anything. Mr. Ogilvie advised the energy audits that have been performed did not cost anything. Council Member Stephenson asked if she could shadow the team when they conduct one of the energy audits. Mr. Ogilvie said that would be great. Mr. Ogilvie also advised the residents appreciate the young people doing the audits. Mayor Gentner thanked Mr. Ogilvie and the HEAT Team for doing a great job.

**ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:**

**Item 6.1 – MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2009.** Council Member Martin moved to approve the September 24, 2009 Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Stephenson seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

**Item 6.2 – MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2009.** Council Member Martin moved to approve the October 1, 2009 Minutes. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

**Item 6.3 – RATIFICATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MR. MIKE FORD TO THE CITY OF COLUMBIA HOUSING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS/APPEALS FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING ON OCTOBER 15, 2012.** Mayor Gentner moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Ford to the Housing Board of Adjustments/Appeals for a three-year term expiring on October 15, 2012. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

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**Item 6.4 – CONSIDERATION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR KENNETH LOVETT, OFFICER, POLICE DEPARTMENT.** Council Member Martin moved to approve the retirement benefits for Kenneth Lovett, Officer, Police Department. Council Member Dickey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Council Member Matthews asked to remove Item 7.4. Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 7.4. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye and the following items were approved:

1. Disbursements for the month of September 2009 in the amount of \$4,147,592.86.
2. Consideration to approve the certification of City of Columbia real and personal property tax assessments, for the year 2009 – City Recorder’s Office.
3. Authorization to purchase concrete pipe from State of Tennessee contract #4037846 – Public Works Department.
5. Bid award for radios and related equipment – Police Department.

**Item 7.4 – AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH GEORGE A. CLANTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR ADDITIONAL WORK ON DRIVEWAY AND PARKING AREA AT STATION 2 (711 LION PARKWAY) – WARD 1 – FIRE DEPARTMENT.** Council Member McCullen moved to approve the Change Order. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. Council Member Matthews asked the City Manager to explain to the audience what is going on with this. City Manager Boyer advised that in the process of excavating on the fire station site for installation of the driveway, the contractor became aware of problems with compaction. The third-party testing company came in and tested the soil and they verified the condition. City Manager Boyer advised the site has fill material on it that will not compact to a tight enough compaction to support the driveway and the parking lot area. Therefore, fill must be dug out and replaced with fill that is properly compacted in order to

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support the weight. City Manager Boyer said Council has before them a Change Order that will accomplish what he just spoke about. City Manager Boyer advised if this isn't done then the driveway will fail likely within the first year, resulting in a major repair that would have to be done at a later date. Council Member Matthews read part of the information from the Agenda Item. Council Member Matthews asked if the report was the previous report that they dealt with in February. City Manager Boyer advised it isn't. Council Member Matthews asked what date the land for the fire hall was completely graded to be compacted and had to be approved. City Manager Boyer advised that had never happened. Council Member Matthews asked everyone to look at the map on the back of 7.4. Council Member Matthews spoke about the bore locations. City Manager Boyer advised the red drilling was done as part of the due diligence process in 2007 and it is in the center of the site. City Manager Boyer advised the drilling done by Qore was not done as a result of the findings of the attempt to proof roll. The drilling done by Qore indicated by the blue symbols on the map was done in April of this year to support design of the building. Council Member Matthews said that answered her question because she noticed there weren't any in the drive. Council Member Matthews said everything on the map for the driveway is what is listed in yellow. City Manager Boyer said it is the driveway and parking area. Council Member Matthews said she wanted to make sure this would correct the entire driveway and not just a portion. City Manager Boyer advised everything indicated in yellow on the map is what will be dug out and replaced with engineered fill. Council Member Matthews said they are digging three feet further down and then refilling it with something that will compact better and then going five feet further out to make sure the surrounding area has that fill. City Manager Boyer advised the City wants to make sure the edges don't fail. Council Member Matthews said in the certification it says \$50,000 will be left for this project. City Manager Boyer advised that is correct. Council Member Matthews said it was their good intention that the total bond issued for the fire hall would correct two aprons at two other fire halls. Council Member Matthews asked if they would still be able to do that. City Manager Boyer advised he cannot answer that right now because there is no way to estimate the cost since a design for the aprons hasn't been done. Council Member Matthews requested a line item of everything that spent on the fire hall to see how they are now at \$50,000. Council Member Stephenson read from page 6 of the document from Lyman Dooley dated

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October 5th under 6.1 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence. Council Member Stephenson asked if the City requested that kind of information. City Manager Boyer advised no. Council Member Stephenson read the next paragraph and asked if the City requested documentation on the fill other than the borings before the City purchased the land. City Manager Boyer said no, the only way to create documentation is to do borings. Council Member Stephenson said the Minutes from the June 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting mention that the City Manager advised the City did receive a letter and the previous property owner did mitigate the soil conditions before the City bought the property. Council Member Stephenson asked if anything else had been done other than the borings. Council Member Stephenson asked if the City tried to ascertain anything from the previous property owner. City Manager Boyer said that as a result of the soil studies performed by Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) on the site prior to the City's purchase of the property, the firm found some soil that was contaminated by petroleum product. When that problem was pointed out to the prior owner, the prior owner, under the supervision of ESA, dug out the area of concern and replaced the fill. City Manager Boyer advised that was to mitigate environmental issues; not to ensure there was adequate compaction or anything like that. Council Member Stephenson asked why the City didn't bring in a geotechnical engineer before the City bought the property. City Manager Boyer advised that at the recommendation of the engineer that was working with the City on evaluating the property, the City brought in ESA. City Manager Boyer advised on November 13, 2007, ESA performed eight borings on the land. The borings are indicated in red on the land use plan map that was given as part of the Agenda. City Manager Boyer advised the borings are in the center of the property but three of the borings are in areas that the driveway and parking lot will be located. In those borings, no finding was made of voids or any other issue that may have caused concern about the condition of the property and its ability to support the fire station. City Manager Boyer advised that the person who conducted the study did say as a cautionary note that it wasn't warranted that the property is 100% capable of bearing the Fire Station, because all he knew geologically is what was found in the places of the borings. City Manager Boyer advised that the person made no determination that there were issues with the fill on the property based on what he knew and that based on what he told the City we made the recommendation. City Manager Boyer advised more borings could have been done if the City wanted to pay for them. City Manager Boyer said the

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problem is that someone can bore in one spot and it may be fine. Then they can bore in another spot in the area and there may be a problem. City Manager Boyer advised there is no guarantee that there is going to be a uniform condition. City Manager Boyer advised the geologist, engineer and City felt that there was adequate information to make a recommendation on the property. Council Member Stephenson asked who the engineer was that was working with the City at that time. City Manager Boyer advised Mr. Jim Webb was the engineer working with the City at that time. Council Member Stephenson said she thought Mr. Dunnebacke is a geologist and not a geotechnical engineer. City Manager Boyer advised Mr. Dunnebacke was not performing any design services so he is the type of person you would bring in to do this type of evaluation. Council Member Stephenson asked if everything with excavation and site preparation stopped. City Manager Boyer advised the driveway construction has stopped and the building construction has been held up due to rain. City Manager said when the problem with the driveway and parking lot was found, work stopped in those areas and the construction of the building continued. Council Member Stephenson spoke about page 7 of the report. City Manager Boyer advised that Qore did four drillings within the footprint of the building and they had access to the information from ESA's two drilling that fall within the footprint of the building. City Manager Boyer advised the structural engineer who did the design on that portion of the building was comfortable designing and sealing a plan to build the building on the property and that engineer is responsible, by virtue of his license and seal, for the performance of the building on the property. Council Member Stephenson asked if they had been brought in to review the foundation plan, the grading plan, etc. City Manager Boyer said they designed the foundation plan and Qore Consulting has a contract with the City to perform testing on the project beginning to end, so they will be coming in to test everything. Council Member Stephenson advised she has concerns and she voted against the site due to thinking the site would be problematic in the future. Council Member Stephenson said she wished that the geotechnical engineering firm had been brought in to thoroughly look over the site and property before the City had purchased it. City Manager Boyer advised that ESA had noted the smell of petroleum and they could either further test it or the property owner could dig the soil out and refill the hole that was dug out. Council Member Matthews asked about the 2007 environmental issue with the property. City Manager Boyer reiterated that ESA noted the smell

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of petroleum from one of their drillings. City Manager Boyer advised that ESA recommended either further testing at the City's expense or the property owner could take the soil out, properly dispose of it and then refill the hole that was dug out. City Manager Boyer said the property owner chose to remove the soil and fill in the hole. Council Member Matthews asked if ESA came back and retested the soil after the property owner removed the soil. City Manager Boyer said there was no need to have it retested. Council Member Matthews asked the City Manager if he witnessed the soil being dug out or where the soil went. City Manager Boyer said he didn't witness those things. Council Member Matthews asked if there is an environmental report on this being done showing it is a clear fill. City Manager Boyer advised that the finding was not in the footprint of the building; it was in the rear of the property. Council Member Matthews said the original borings done in 2007 were isolated to the one and a half acre of use of what the City was going to do. Council Member Matthews said in 2007 this was the only footprint of the property the City was going to use. City Manager Boyer advised the City knew all along that the station had to be built in the corner of the property due to the hundred-year flood line. City Manager Boyer said there was no need to spend the money for drillings on other parts of the property that the City knew it wouldn't use for support of the building. Council Member Matthews asked if extra borings at the time would have added up to cost \$39,000.00. City Manager Boyer said it depends on how many extra borings they are talking about. Council Member Matthews said her frustration is that the property was flood plain property and the City was only going to use an acre and a half and the City ended up buying four acres, and it had been dug out due to an environmental issue. Council Member Matthews said Council has heard that there are two or three other stations that have aprons cracking. Council Member Matthews spoke about making sure there isn't a cracked apron in a few years with the new station. Council Member Matthews again asked for a list of expenses with the project. Council Member Matthews said with \$50,000.00 left for the project, they are going to go over budget. Council Member Stephenson clarified what she said earlier. Council Member Stephenson said she is of the opinion that she wishes the City would have brought in a geotechnical engineer sooner and she wished a much more thorough evaluation of the soil would have been conducted. Council Member Stephenson advised she knows that may have cost more money but her concern is if they will have to pay more in the future. Council Member

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Martin said she is still concerned about this. Council Member Martin advised the City is replacing a station that you can ride by and see the cracks and separation of the building. Council Member Martin said it bothers her tremendously that they are looking at \$38,000.00 to fix compacting of the fill. Council Member Martin said she is concerned that in a year or two years the City will have a wonderful fire hall with cracks in the wall. Council Member Martin said she feels like she is being forced to do this to try to make sure what she thinks might happen doesn't happen. City Manager Boyer advised the building footprint was designed based on the findings of Qore. It was designed with their testing and approval. City Manager Boyer advised the fill under the building proof rolled and met specs. City Manager Boyer said there is no issue with the fill under the building, the fill passed. City Manager Boyer advised the City has acted with due diligence in expending the public's money to the best of the City's ability. Mayor Gentner said he feels like at the end of the day the City will end up with a project that they are going to be very satisfied with. Mayor Gentner advised he has dealt with many construction projects and things do happen that aren't intentional. Mayor Gentner said the City now knows what it is dealing with and in the future the project will meet the City's requirements. All Council Members present voted aye with the exception of Council Member Matthews who voted no.

ADMINISTRATION:

Item 8.1 – **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR VITTHALBHAI PATEL TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT FUZZY DUCK LIQUORS LOCATED AT 203 WEST SIXTH STREET.** Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance for Mr. Patel. Council Member Matthews seconded the motion. Council Member Martin asked if the ownership of the business is changing. City Manager Boyer advised the ownership of the business is changing. All Council Members present voted aye.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-51 - TAX CORRECTIONS – CITY RECORDER'S OFFICE.

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Council Member Martin moved to approve Resolution No. 09-51. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-52 - A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE-BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, FY 2009 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) LOCAL SOLICITATION – POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Dickey moved to approve Resolution No. 09-52. Council Member McCullen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 3824 - ORDINANCE NO. 3824 – AN ORDINANCE TO CORRECT WARD BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA – GRANTS AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT.  
THIRD CONSIDERATION

Council Member Martin moved to approve Ordinance No. 3824 on third consideration. Vice Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 3825 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 3811 BY AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR – PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.  
FIRST CONSIDERATION

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Vice Mayor Kennedy moved to approve Ordinance No. 3825 on first consideration. Council Member Stephenson seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted aye.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

City of Columbia Police Chief Joseph Bishop advised Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> the community will be celebrating Halloween. Chief Bishop advised the Police Department will be out in force. Chief Bishop said that along with trick-or-treating, the Haunting in the District will take place. Chief Bishop asked that parents do some common sense things to make sure the event is safe. Chief Bishop asked that parents and children wear bright-colored reflective clothing and carry flashlights. Chief Bishop asked that trick-or-treating take place between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Chief Bishop said during those hours the Police Department will have extra patrol units riding the streets and neighborhoods. Chief Bishop also asked that the community watch groups participate with them to be vigilant to keep an out for the parents and children. Mayor Gentner asked the Police Chief if there will be a Police presence at the Haunting in the District. Council Member Matthews asked if there is an age limit for someone wearing a mask. Assistant Chief Potts advised there isn't an age limit and that it was more related to the intent. Chief Bishop spoke about a law on the books where, other than Halloween, people can't wear masks.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

Council Member Martin said she is proud of the Insights publication. Council Member Martin advised it is the perfect size and it is easy to read. Council Member Martin said she appreciates the efforts of staff and the company they approved to publish the Insights. Council Member Martin announced that Bishop Charlene Ogilvie passed away last week and the City has done a Proclamation for her. Council Member Martin advised Bishop Ogilvie's funeral will be on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the First Family Baptist Church on Pulaski Pike. Council Member Martin said there will be a celebration of life tomorrow afternoon at the church Bishop Ogilvie built on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Woodland. Council Member Martin advised Bishop Ogilvie's daughter, Dr. Rose McClain, is on the City's Planning Commission.

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Vice Mayor Kennedy asked for information on the City's flu shots. City Manager Boyer advised the City's flu shots were administered about three weeks ago and that announcements had been placed in everyone's box.

Council Member Matthews said when the Southern Fried Festival was going on there was not a sign at all coming in from Nashville and that concerns her because that could have been people coming in and spending money in the City. Council Member Matthews said she hasn't seen a full sign anywhere advertising the Haunting in the District. Council Member Matthews said the events need to be advertised somehow. Council Member Matthews asked for a copy of the Sign Ordinance and she asked that Council to review other options for the City to advertise special events. Council Member Matthews asked if Council can move their meeting on Monday to 5:00 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. because she forgot she has the ASCAP Awards to attend. No one on Council had an issue with moving the time of the meeting. Council Member Matthews advised the Methadone Clinic Hearing will take place Monday morning the 19<sup>th</sup> with the Board of Zoning Appeals at 10:00 a.m. Council Member Matthews asked that Council make sure to watch the DVD about the roof situation at the Police Department before the next Council Meeting. Council Member Matthews advised she is getting complaints from citizens about the microphones in the Chambers. Council Member Matthews asked if the City has a warranty on the microphones or the service of the microphones. Mayor Gentner advised Council Member Matthews is right and there are technical issues with the sound system. City Manager Boyer advised unauthorized persons have messed with the mixer in the back and the technician will have to come in. Council Member Matthews said the county is hosting its Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> at the Skillington Barn.

Mayor Gentner acknowledged the conditions of the Police Department. Mayor Gentner said on Wednesday morning he went to the Police Department and was escorted through the building. Mayor Gentner said some of the issues Council Member Matthews raised are legitimate. Mayor Gentner advised not all of the building is being impacted by the rain that is falling through and into the building. Mayor Gentner said Council will need to spend more quality time on this project. Mayor Gentner said he appreciates the Chief and City Manager bringing in the appropriate State

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Officials in to look at the situation. Mayor Gentner said it is a disappointing experience that those employees have to work in those conditions. Mayor Gentner suggested having a mold remediation testing every week the roof is not on there. Mayor Gentner said he is suggesting that because every one of them have run across a situation where officials have said everything is okay and then find out something is wrong. Mayor Gentner encouraged the City Manager to spend a little extra money by having the testing done to hopefully give them peace of mind that there isn't a problem. Mayor Gentner advised that on Saturday, Columbia will be having a very unique experience. Mayor Gentner informed everyone that the John Willis Memorial Service will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Gentner said there are two unique events that will take place. The U.S. Navy will issue a Medal of Honor Flag and the Admiral will present a second Congressional Medal of Honor to the Willis Family. Mayor Gentner advised this is the first one the Navy has done and therefore it is a very special event. Mayor Gentner advised Mr. Willis is one of eight Tennessee residents who have fought in WWII and received a Congressional Medal of Honor. Mayor Gentner said he hopes that at 2:00 p.m. everyone will join himself and others at the Memorial Bridge for a ceremony and refreshments. Mayor Gentner said if it rains, the entire event will be held at the American Legion Post. Mayor Gentner advised his second appointment to the Planning Commission is Mr. Charles Garner and he will be replacing Mr. Ricky Webster for a two-year term. Mayor Gentner said Mr. Garner had participated in a number of meetings regarding a PUD that is next door to him. Mayor Gentner said unfortunately the development has not been the type of the development the City wanted to see. Mayor Gentner said Mr. Garner will bring a compassion and desire to the Commission to make sure the new projects built are performed according to the plans approved. Mayor Gentner said he will make several other announcements at a later date relative to the Planning Commission.

City Manager Boyer advised he has a TVA report that Council said they wanted. City Manager Boyer advised that the report is large and he wanted to make sure Council really wants the report before copies are made. There was a suggestion of placing the report on a DVD. City Manager Boyer asked Council to make sure they signed the Meeting Notice.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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APPROVED:

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WILLIAM E. GENTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BETTY MODRALL, CITY RECORDER