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Ronnie McNew, 915 Green Pond Road, questioned if the Board had been able to concoct a solution to businesses having off premise signs. City Manager Stulce stated that a new ordinance has not been prepared. He said he is in the process of gathering information from other cities on how they handle this issue. He said he is getting information from MTAS as well. Mr. McNew questioned if the Board planned to enforce the ordinance that is currently in place. City Manger Stulce explained that the City cannot selectively enforce the sign ordinance. He said if businesses are required to remove their signs then all organizations would have to as well. City Attorney Elliott said the City needs to devise an ordinance that is effective and constitutional. Mayor Cagle stated that it will be difficult to tell homeowners they are not allowed to have a sign in their yard.

Commissioner Shipley asked City Attorney Elliott if the City can require owner request wrecker services to be insured. City Attorney Elliott said the City is not allowed to regulate wrecker services in this situation.

City Manager Stulce asked Public Works Director Steve Grant to approach the Board and explain the bid tabulation that is in the commissioners' packets. Public Works Director Grant stated he called Lee Smith, Inc. on Monday to inquire about specifications on a dump truck and was informed that the City of Athens was opening bids the following day with the same specifications. Public Works Director Grant requested the City of Athens to send him the bid tabulations. He recommended going with the lowest bid that met the specifications and it was from Lee Smith, Inc for a 2015 Ford F-750 with a Rogers bed for \$80,600. Public Works Director Grant said this price is under the budgeted amount of \$85,000. Commissioner Skates made a motion to accept the Public Works Director's recommendation and purchase the 2015 Ford F-750 with the Rogers bed for \$80,600 from Lee Smith, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Adams and the ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Stulce said in the previous commission meeting a property owner on Pine Street requested that the City abandon a portion of right-of-way on West Parkway. City Manager Stulce said this would affect nineteen property owners. He said the City's right-of-way jumps from one side of the street to the other on West Parkway. City Manager Stulce stated that it has been requested before to abandon the right-of-way and there was opposition from property owners. He said the property owners that would not get any additional land wanted the City to give equal amounts of right-of-way to both sides of the road and shift the road to the middle of the remaining right-of-way. City Manager Stulce stated that it would be expensive to proceed with getting the land surveyed if all the property owners were not willing to share the cost. He

said he felt the City should abandon the right-of way for all the properties or not do it at all. Mayor Cagle said it is not feasible to move the road and near impossible to get nineteen property owners to agree. She said the City has set a precedent on having the property owners pay for the land to be surveyed and should to do so in this case as well. Commissioner Shipley stated the City should remove the dead tree from the right-of-way next to the gentleman's property that had requested for the right-of-way to be abandoned in the previous meeting. City Manager Stulce said it will be taken care of.

City Manager Stulce said the City received a notice to proceed with the Preliminary Engineering Phase for the Dayton Pike, Dallas Hollow Road & Old Hixson Pike Resurfacing Project.

Commissioner Shipley informed the Board that he has been approached by someone wanting to put a fireworks store in Soddy-Daisy. He said he is not sure what the City of East Ridge did to be able to have one in their City. City Attorney Elliott said he would research to see what the State of Tennessee did to allow East Ridge to have one.

Commissioner Shipley announced that there will be a Wall of Honor Ceremony at the Veterans' Park on May 10th. He said if anyone knows of someone that would like to be on the wall to get in touch with Robert Cothran or himself.

Mayor Cagle announced that there will be a Budget Workshop on March 26th at 5:00 p.m. in the courtroom.

ADJOURNED 7:25 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON