

Under new business, Mayor Smith related that he had met with David Moss from the Division of Aeronautics with the State this past week. He said it is time to choose an Engineer for Grant projects at the Airport. Future projects include repainting two of the buildings and repairing cracks in the runway.

On a motion by Gene Holt, seconded by Charles Cooper, the Board passed on first reading Ordinance 1370, an ordinance to rezone four (4) parcels of property on the southwest side of Wallace Street from R-1, low density residential to R-2, high density residential, to allow for the construction of several duplexes.

On a motion by Danny Hayes, seconded by Edward Brady, the Financial Statement was unanimously approved as read showing \$198,278.42 in the General Fund; \$603,667.89 in the Water Fund; and \$2,632,815.00 in the Gas Fund.

On a motion by Edward Brady, seconded by Charles Cooper, the Board voted to pay monthly bills in the amount of \$372,562.76.

Willie Beaty, Vice President of the Fentress County Historical Society, addressed the Board and presented a Resolution from the Historical Society which strongly opposes the destruction of historical buildings in the City of Jamestown. He said the Resolution is presented to get their opinion on record.

Their action came about as a result of recent talk of locating a business on the east side of the Courthouse Square which would require the demolition of several historic buildings on that side of the square.

Mayor Smith said he had talked with the developers who only told him that their client wanted to locate "at the busiest intersection in town," but they gave him no other information.

Mayor Smith added, "While I welcome new business, I have reservations about the destruction of our historic buildings. I also respect the rights of the property owners."

Building Inspector Bob Lane then gave a report on the on-going building projects in the City.

Fentress County Emergency Services Director Gary Peters was present, along with County Mayor Frank Smith and County Commissioner Floyd Stephens, and Mr. Peters asked if the City had any plans to proceed with getting the local airport upgraded so that planes like the twin-engine AirEvac Medical Team plane could land by instruments in bad weather.

Mayor Smith said there was some State grant money available for airport upgrades, and the City is looking at doing some upgrades, such as patching cracks in the runway. He said he would see if the grant money could be used for the equipment upgrades.

Mayor Smith then thanked County Mayor Smith, Gary Peters and Floyd Stephens for attending the meeting.

County Mayor Frank Smith then reported that the new fire hall on Rugby Avenue was now about 95% completed and should be ready for occupancy soon.

Mayor Smith then announced that the Water Treatment Plant had recently scored a 99 out of 100 during a recent inspection, and he commended the personnel at the plant for a great job.