# City Board Meetings 1905 thru 1964

# **April 15, 1905**

Be it remembered that by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, known as the Chapter 194 of the regular session of said General Assembly for 1905, and approved by the Governor, John I. Cox, on the 7th day of April, 1905, the town of Greenfield in the County of Weakley in the said State of Tennessee was duly incorporated under the name and style of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of said town. Be it further remembered that by said act of the General Assembly the following named persons were appointed to the offices herein stated:

Mayor R. B. Brasfield First Ward J. E. Ward and John West Second Ward. J. N. Ray and R. L. Goolsby Third Ward H. F. Hudson and A. C. Akin Fourth Ward. B. C. Brock and A. C. Barton

Be it further remembered that on the 15th day of April, 1905, at the office of the Greenfield Times in the said town of Greenfield the first Board meeting was held. Moved that the Mayor appoint a committee to see about a lot and arrange for the building of a calaboose, Motion carried by (8) votes in the affirmative--nays none. The committee appointed by the Mayor was J. E. Ward and A. C. Barton. Moved by John West and seconded by Dr. Hudson that the salary of the Marshall be fixed at the sum of \$50 for month. Moved by R. L. Goolsby and seconded by J. E. Ward that the Board proceed to the election of a Marshall by ballot, vote was taken by ballot resulting in unanimous vote for Henry C. Watkins, being only candidate placed in nomination for City Marshall.

### **April 11, 1907**

Results of the City election held this date were:

Mayor J. N. Ray

First Ward S. E. Jeter and E. J. Hillis Second Ward. Thomas Coats and W. J. Hatcher Third Ward. S. E. McAdams and Thomas Stout Fourth Ward. 1. D. Barton and J. W. Dudley Recorder. C. L. Bray ( died before term was completed )

J. B. Mullins (completed term of C. L. Bray) Town Marshall. Carl Grooms (appointed by City Board

Treasurer W. J. Hatcher, February, 1908

At this meeting the Board appointed Robert Ervin as Night Marshall. ! Different committees were appointed to take care of streets, sanitary conditions, etc., which was of interest to the people of the town.

#### May, 1908

At the meeting in May, a motion was made to regulate the speed of autos in the city limits at two (2) miles per hour. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 2, and became a city ordinance. Anyone violating this ordinance would be fined from \$25 to \$100.

### July, 1908

At the regular July meeting, Professor Reed appeared before the Board asking for additional financial aid for an extra two months, which increased the regular school term of seven months to nine months.

#### **August, 1908**

The first Board of Education was appointed at this meeting. The Board was composed of J. B. Reed and J. L. Shannon for a three-year term, Thomas Coats and W. J. Hatcher for a two-year term, and L. C. Brasfield I and Thomas Stout for a one-year term-!

### September, 1908

At this meeting Charlie Grooms was elected to fill the unexpired term, of Carl Grooms as Town Marshall. A motion was made by J. W. Dudley to raise the city property tax from 60c to 75c per hundred. This motion was passed.!

### April 8, 1909;

Results of the City election held this date were:

Mayor J.N.Ray! FirstWard J.W.Hatcher and J.H.Coats! Second Ward W. J. Hatcher and L. R. Pettigrew i Third Ward. S. E. McAdams and John Betty i Fourth Ward. T. G. Hummell and J. H. Keel i Town Marshall. E. V. Akin (elected by the Board)! Recorder c. L. Bray! Treasurer L. R. Pettigrew i \*Town Marshall W. J. Frazier

At Board meetings during 1909 and 1910 various business was discussed on town improvement. One city law was that each and every property owner must cut the weeds in front of his home or be fined by the city in the amount of \$1.00. !

# March 20, 1911

At a called meeting on the above date, the Board appointed a committee to employ a surveyor for the purpose of extending the City Limits.

\*E.V. Akin resigned on July 8, 1909.

April 15, 1911 Results of the City election held on this date were: Mayor J. N. Ray Alderman W. B. Shannon Alderman T. M. Earls Alderman W. J. Hatcher Alderman John Coats Alderman J. W. Hatcher Alderman Z. W. GrooIlls Alderman S. E. McAdams Alderman L. R. Pettigrew Alderman Thomas Coats Alderman Elvis Jeter Town Marshall. Charlie GrooIlls ( elected by the Board Treasurer W. J. Hatcher Recorder George W. Nowlin

**February 12,1912** An ordinance was enforced to arrest any person selling intoxicating liquor, and a reward offered to anyone knowing or leading to the arrest of such person found guilty of selling or possessing liquor. A salary was set to pay the Mayor and Aldermen \$2 per meeting.

April 11, 1913 Results of the City election held on this date were: Mayor R. B. Brasfield

Alderman. John Tosh Alderman Dr. W. T. SIllith Alderman SaIlluel Baker Alderman Robert Holder Alderman Z. W. Grooms Alderman S. E. McAdams Alderman B. C. Brock Alderman Burt Adcock Recorder G. R. Mullins i Treasurer Dr. W. T. Smith! City Attorney P.D.Harris, Town Marshall G. N. White

**April, 1913** At this meeting a motion was made and passed that the City install public closets, public places for man and beast, and public hitching racks.

#### June, 1913

A Committee was appointed composed of B. C. Brock and B. F. Adcock, to secure two expert bookkeepers to audit the City's books. J. A. Ward asked the privilege of installing a Home Telephone Exchange in Greenfield, and it was allowed.

#### **August**, 1913

It was reported at this meeting that there were uncollected taxes in the amount of \$2,628.90.

**December, 1913** An ordinance was introduced providing that the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal Corporation of the town of Greenfield execute, issue and sell \$30,000 negotiable, interest bearing coupon bonds, or so much as may be necessary, for the purpose of improving, constructing, graveling and guttering the streets and alleys of said town of Greenfield. The bonds were to mature at 20 years from date of their issuance, and to be known and called Street Improvement Bonds.

### January, 1914

On recommendation of George T. Morris of the Greenfield Times, the Board called a mass meeting to be held at the Opera House on Tuesday night, January 20, for expressions for and against the Bond Issue for street improvement.

**February, 1915** At this meeting W. C. Deuberry, President of the School Board, made a talk in connection with extending the school term to nine months. A vote was taken and carried seven to one. A motion was made and seconded that the Mayor should borrow enough money at the close of school to payoff what the School Board lacked.

# **April, 1915**

Results of the City election held on this date were:

Mayor Jim Ray Alderman Dr. W. T. Smith Alderman W. M. Orr Alderman S. T. Baker Alderman Z. W. Grooms Alderman R. L. Holder Alderman S. E. McAdams Alderman. A. C. Coats

May, 1915 At this meeting a motion was made to fix the tax rate at 85c. Mr. Lucas from Kentucky was present at the meeting for the purpose of selling a chemical fire engine. The Board elected Lon Deming as Marshall for the next term, defeating Early Coats. The City's books were audited by I. B. Reed, showing a balance in the treasury as of May 31, 1915 of \$163.92.

# July, 1915

At this meeting S. L. Maiden was elected City Attorney, and the Board voted on an ordinance calling for the installation of an electric light plant, water works and sewerage system to be decided upon by a vote of the citizens of Greenfield.

### June, 1916

At this meeting Dr. W. T. Smith resigned as Alderman. July, 1916. D. E. Brock was nominated to replace Dr. W. T. Smith as Alderman.

# October, 1916

The tax rate was set at 65c per hundred. April 12, 1917

Results of the City election held on this date were:

Mayor W. E. McAdams

Alderman W. M. Orr Alderman E. N. J. Brock Alderman R. L, Holder Alderman J. W. Perry Alderman S. E. McAdams Alderman Z. W. Grooms Alderman J. E. McAdams Alderman A. C. Coats Recorder G. R. Mullins Treasurer D. E. Brock \*Marshall Lon Deming

**July, 1917** At this meeting W. E. McAdams resigned as Mayor, having served only three months. Mr. W. M. Orr was appointed by the Board Pro Tern. Mr. Orr resigned, and Mr. John West took over the duties of Mayor.

**December, 1917** The Mayor recommended that the city buy fire hose for the protection of the business houses as the only hydrants were in the business section. The Board passed a resolution that the public quit spitting on the walks for sanitation protection.

#### August, 1918

Mr. G. A. Hornbeak replaced Mr. G. R. Mullins as City Recorder, and Mr. L. Deming resigned as Marshall.

# September, 1918

A motion was made at this meeting to exempt the boys in military service from paying poll taxes. This motion was carried. Mr. Tom Grooms was appointed the new City Marshall. The salary of the City Marshall was increased from \$40 to \$75 per month.

**April 10, 1919** Results of the City election held on this date were: Mayor. Clyde Ezell Alderman J. B. Ward Alderman R. Lett Alderman J. W. Perry Alderman Ben F. Edmondson Alderman J. B. Holder Alderman T. 0. Williams Alderman J. W. McAdams Alderman B. F. Addock

May 6,1919 At this meeting a motion was made and seconded that Ray Scott be allowed to operate a fruit and lunch stand on the street. Also a motion was made and carried that the water tank be painted, and also that a shed be built for the city's tank and tools.

<sup>\*</sup>The marshall's salary was \$40 per month

### August, 1919

At this meeting the water bond issue was passed. October, 1919

At this meeting, and the meetings that followed in the fall, it was voted and passed that the City of Greenfield buy negotiable coupon bonds, stated \$50,000 for a city water plant and \$20,000 for a city electric plant. Much discussion and investigation followed in the remaining months of 1919 and into 1920.

### June, 1920

Mr. C. H. Jenks was contracted as engineer for the purpose of establishing the Municipal Water and Electric plant.

### **April, 1923**

Results of the City election held on this date were:

Mayor P. D. Harris

Treasurer D. E. Brock Recorder G. R. Mullins Marshall Tom Grooms Alderman T. O Williams Alderman Dr. G. C. Thomas Alderman Jeff Frazier Alderman John w. McAdams Alderman J. W. Perry Alderman Dr. W. T. Smith Alderman T. W. Cannon

### July, 1923

A motion was made and carried that the public watering trough be put into service, and that the City buy some single desks for the school. These desks had been requested by Professor J. B. Reed. At this meeting John w. McAdams and Dr. w. T. Smith resigned as Aldermen. Mr. W. F. Lipscomb was elected to take Mr. McAdams' place, and Mr. B. F. Adcock replaced Dr. Smith.

### December, 1923

At the December meeting an ordinance was passed providing that the Illinois Central Railway slow their trains going through town to a rate of speed of 15 miles per hour. T. W. Cannon was elected to be Superintendent of the Water and Light plant.

#### March, 1924

The City purchased a lot for a log yard for the Greenfield Manufacturing Company, and also a lot for the stock pen. The purchase price was \$900.00.

#### May, 1924

The City Light plant was sold to the Kentucky Tennessee Power Company for a sum of \$29,750.00. During this year traffic blocks were installed. An ordinance was imposed stating that a fine of not less than \$2.00 and not over \$10.00 be imposed for children under 16 years of age for driving automobiles.

#### February, 1925

Mayor Harris called a meeting of the Board to meet with the Training School and School Board to discuss the question of a High School. In this year the City set a tax rate on automobiles of \$5.00 and trucks \$7.50, and city license tags were required.

#### **April, 1925**

In April the City purchased the Greenfield Training School property at a sum of \$700. April, 1925 Results of the City election held on this date were: Mayor P. D. Harris Aldennan J. W. Perry Aldennan J. B. Holder Aldennan R. L. Holder Aldennan W. F. Lipscoll1b Aldennan T. 0. Williall1s Aldennan D. C. Brock Recorder G. R. Mullins Marshall Joe Paschall Treasurer D. E. Brock

#### June, 1925

At the June meeting it was decided upon to purchase a fire signal. The City contributed money to the Board of Trustees of the Greenfield special school district for the purpose of erecting a Greenfield High School. The City paid Mrs. C. E. Grooms for the use of her vacant lot behind the Post Office for the use of a hitching ground. This land was rented by the City for \$50 per year. improvements to the town were made the remainder of the year by having the streets graded, water tank painted, etc. Greenfield purchased the Greenfield Training Property for a sum of \$14,300.00, and this sum was turned over to the Special School District.

### January, 1926

The old fire truck was sold for \$130.00, and plans were made to purchase a new truck with the necessary equipment.

**February, 1926** J. W. Perry resigned as Alderman, and was replaced by Sam T. Baker . Herman Coats was also elected to the Board. A contract was issued to Tom Grooms at the amount of \$2,500 to build the City a reservoir. Joe Paschall resigned as Marshall, and John Ray was elected to fill this remaining term. Water lines were extended to the Greenfield Box Company and to Highland Cemetery. The Board agreed to purchase fire coats and hats for the City firemen. An ordinance was passed stating that it was unlawful for male or female dogs to run loose in the town, unless securely muzzled. A fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00 for violating this law was imposed.

**February, 1927** The City agreed to purchase a team of mules and a wagon for the City's use. The mules cost \$400 and the harness \$29.60. Mayor Harris was instructed to see the I.C.R.R. officials in regard to getting gravel to complete the work of graveling Front Street. W. F. Lipscomb moved to the country, leaving his office of Alderman vacant. J. B. Kimery was elected to fill the unexpired term.

#### June 20,1927

On Monday, June 20, 1927, an election was held for the purpose of obtaining an expression and choice of the voters for the issuance and sale of \$50,000 in bonds for a sewerage system and for the issuance and sale of \$50,000 in bonds for the purpose of improving, building and constructing and surfacing the streets in Greenfield. A majority of the votes cast in this election were for the improvement to the City.

#### **August**, 1927

Results of the city election held on this date were:

Mayor P. D. Harris Alderman E. N. J. Brock Alderman D. E. Brock Alderman G. J. Brasfield Alderman J. P. White Alderman T.O.Williams Alderman C. B. Herron Alderman W. E. McAdams Alderman J. B. Kimery Alderman J. B. Holder

# September, 1927

At this meeting the following rates for water meters were set: First 10,000 gallons 30c, next 40,000 gallons 25c, next 50,000 gallons 20c, over 100,000 gallons 14c. The new City Recorder elected by the Board ,,,"as W. T. Campbell. J. W. Ray resigned as Town Marshall, and was replaced by Tom Grooms. The contract was made with Thomas H. Allen, consulting engineer of Memphis, Tennessee, for the sewerage system of Greenfield. Ordinances passed during this year were to prohibit the sale of cider or any intoxicating drink in the said town; to prohibit the keeping or having in stock in any place of business intoxicating liquors. If found guilty of this offense, a fine of \$100 to \$250 be imposed on the guilty party.

# February, 1928

A contract was made with E. J. Kirkpatrick Construction Company of Florence, Alabama, for the proposed sewerage system.

# February, 1929

A motion was made and seconded that the Mayor prepare a bill to re-charter the Town of Greenfield, and have passed in the Legislature. There had been much discussion the past two years regarding street improvement, and in a city election held on March 16, 1929, the citizens of Greenfield voted to pass the proposed bond issue of \$125,000. Mr. W. T. Campbell resigned as Recorder, and was replaced by G. R. Mullins. The title of City Recorder was changed to City Clerk beginning with Mr. Mullins' term.

It was interesting to note that through the early years of recorded city government-, people appeared at the Board meetings asking to be relieved of paying taxes-, complaints of odors from cow and hog pens-, loose dogs endangering citizens-, etc.

### July, 1929

An ordinance was passed to regulate plumbing and draining and sani- tary regulations for the City. This act was prescribed by the State Department of Health for the prevention of dysentery, typhoid fever, hookworm and other diseases.

#### **August**, 1929

Another ordinance was passed to regulate the driving of automobiles, buggies, wagons, horses, mules, cows, hogs and the riding of a bicycle or roller skates.

### December, 1929

The Board voted to purchase a turbine water pump for the water plant. This was purchased from the Sterling Water Pump Corporation at a price of \$2,290.00.

# February, 1930

Mr. W. E. McAdams resigned as City Treasurer, and Mr. D. E. Brock was elected to fill this position. A contract was made with Layne Control Well Company to install a new water well for the town iat the price of \$235.00.

#### March, 1930

Several ladies of the town appeared at this Board meeting to ask that a chicken law be passed.

# **April, 1930**

At this meeting Postmaster Stout met with the Board for the purpose of assisting in naming streets and numbering houses in preparing the town for City free mail service. At this meeting the City Council passed a law to prevent chickens or any domestic fowl from running at large, and also enforced a law to keep dogs from running at large.

# September, 1930

The Mayor and City Clerk were given permission to borrow money (\$6,000) to pay interest on the coupon bonds, since there was insufficient funds in the City Treasury to pay the interest on these bonds. This money was borrowed from the Greenfield Banking Company.

### December, 1930

An ordinance levy on tax rates was passed in this meeting. Because of the City's indebtedness on the street improvement bond issue, a levy of special tax in the amount of \$1.00 on each \$100.00 valuation of accessible property was levied to meet the current expenses, and a special tax of \$1.70 levied on each \$100.00 accessible valuation within the corporate limits. It was also enacted that a tax of \$5.00 be on automobiles and trucks owned and operated in the corporate city limits.

#### August, 1931

Results of the City election held on this date were: Mayor P.D.Harris Alderman C. B. Foust Alderman W. A. Coats Alderman. J. B, Holder Alderman S. L. Maiden Alderman W. E. McAdams Alderman J. P. White Alderman W. H. Whitis Alderman Hugh Williams The Board elected its own officers with Tom Grooms as day Marshall; C. C. Cox, night Marshall; J. B. Kimery, City Clerk; and J. C. Barton, City Treasurer.

#### **September 24, 1931**

A resolution was passed that a sum not exceeding \$8,500.00 be borrowed to pay the interest on Water and Light Bonds and Street Improvement Bonds which was now due.

### March 30, 1932

At this meeting another resolution was passed and approved to secure a loan of \$6,500 to pay interest on water, lights, street improvement, and sever bonds.

#### **April**, 1932

In April a delegation of City Councilmen, along with the Mayor, made a trip to Nashville in the interest of the City's light and power rate reduction.

# December, 1932

The automobile city tax was repealed for the year of 1933. February, 1933 In February of 1933 Mr. C. C. Cox resigned as night Marshall. Mr. J. B. Holder resigned as councilman, and accepted the position as night Marshall. Mr. J. C. Ross filled the unexpired term of Mr. Holder as councilman. A motion was made by S. L. Maiden to reduce the water rate on domestic water from \$1.50 to \$1.00 and water for commodes from \$1.00 to \$.50 to take effect

### March 1, 1933.

May, 1933 The Board passed the resolution authorizing and restricting the sale of beer within the corporate limits of the City of Greenfield. The privilege fee to the City of Greenfield was \$2.50, and the applicant for a license had to have a \$500 bond; and so the sale of beer became legal in the City of Greenfield. It could not be sold, however, within 100 feet of church or school house.

# September, 1933

A law suit was filed against the City by Ben Burr Life Insurance Company. R. E. Maiden and Robert Gallimore were employed as the City's lawyers.

#### November, 1933

The City gave \$200 for school purposes.

#### **April 4, 1934**

Saturday, April 7, was set aside as rat-killing day, and Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week as clean-up day.

### August, 1934

Marshall Tom Grooms resigned as day Marshall and J. B. Holder resigned as night Marshall. On August 30 the Board elected J. B. Holder as day Marshall and A. G. LeCornu as night Marshall.

#### December, 1934

At this meeting the Board appointed a committee to investigate the cost of installing lights in the back alleys.

Meetings in the first few months of 1935 were conducted with only routine business.

# September, 1935

At this meeting the night Marshall asked for someone to assist him as night Marshall. Charles E. Grooms was elected to help Mr. Holder.

#### October 1935,

At this meeting the question of a depository for the City's funds was taken up. A motion was made by W. A. Coats and seconded by Joe C. Barton that the Greenfield Banking Company be designated as a depository for the City's funds.

### December, 1935

At the December meeting the Board voted to run light lines in the back alleys behind the business houses. The State Health Board had advised the City to have the sewer disposal tanks cleaned out, so the City bought a pump and pump jack for \$100.82 for this specific purpose.

#### **April, 1936**

A resolution was adopted to obtain electric power from the Tennessee Valley Authority, if the Gibson County Electric Membership Corporation was successful in its negotiations with T.V.A. Mr. P. B. Moseley was elected as night Marshall after the resignation of A. G. LeCornu.

# May, 1936

A meeting wag held with Messrs. Carter and Wooten for the purpose of discussing the financial condition of the City.

### June, 1936

At this meeting Councilmen S. L. Maiden, Hugh Williams and W. E. McAdams resigned. The Board elected Dr. G. C. Thomas, Joe C. Barton and W. C. Overton to fill the vacancies. Judge R. E. Maiden's legal services were retained to handle the law suit against Greenfield now pending in the Chancery Court, Weakley County. Since W. C. Overton was a state or government employee he was not eligible for councilman. Therefore, J. E. Brock was appointed to fill his place.

#### July 21, 1936

A meeting was called for the purpose of hearing the Municipal Bond and Investment Company and the Tennessee Securities Company discuss and offer their contract for refinancing the City of Greenfield Bonded indebtedness.

#### **April**, 1937

An ordinance was passed permitting the operation of motion picture shows within the city limits.

#### May, 1937

An ordinance was passed in regard to the City's water rate. The ordinance was as stated: Residence-\$1.50 per month; domestic service and two fallilies-\$.75 extra; business houses-\$2.00; soda fountains-\$4.00 per month; hotel \$2.50 per month; offices \$,75 per month; photograph

gallery-\$1.00 per month; commodes \$.50 per month; stock per head \$.25 per month; water per barrel \$.10; lawn and garden sprinkling \$2.00; garage and filling stations were placed on meter rates, and also the people outside the city limits who were receiving water from town.

# May, 1937

An ordinance was read providing for the refunding of the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the City of Greenfield. Under the terms of the Refunding Agreement, the National Bank of Commerce in Memphis, Tennessee, affiliated with the Federal Reserve System, was designated as paying agent for the Refunding Bonds and interest coupons.

### August 5, 1937

Results of the City election held on this date were: Mayor. P. D. Harris Alderman J. C. Barton Alderman J. E. Brock Alderman W. A. Coats Alderman C. B. Foust Alderman G. C. Thomas Alderman W. H. Whitis Alderman J.P.White Alderman, J. C. Ross The Board elected J. C. Barton as Treasurer, John B. McAdams as City Clerk, J. B. Holder as City Marshall, P. B. Moseley as night Marshall and S. T. Baker as Water Superintendent.

### January, 1938

Mayor Harris resigned his position, and Vice--Mayor Joe C. Barton was appointed by the Board to take his place. The Board elected W. A. Coats as Vice-Mayor to fill Mr. Barton's office.

#### February, 1938

A special city election was held in February, and elected A. M. Stout to fill the unexpired term of Mayor.

July, 1938

A contract was made with C. M. Morris Pump Company to install a new well for the City at a cost of \$3,175.00.

#### October, 1938

At this meeting a motion was made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by W. A. Coats that the sale of beer be prohibited in the city limits of Greenfield from 12: 00 Midnight Saturday until the following Monday. This act carried unanimously.

#### October, 1938

A called meeting was held for the purpose of hiring Mr. Seals to collect back city taxes for the years of 1936 and 1937.

# December, 1938

A committee composed of several councilmen was appointed to investigate the possibility of building a community house or city hall. This committee requested the American Legion to sign a contract guaranteeing that the City's cost on building a new Community Hall would not exceed \$500. Also in the December meeting the City adopted an ordinance permitting Weakley County

Electric System to furnish power to the City of Greenfield.

#### March, 1939

An ordinance was passed authorizing the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company to use the public streets of the town for the purpose of erecting, constructing, maintaining and operating lines of telephone and telegraph thereon and thereunder.

# **April, 1939**

A City Tax Equalization Board was organized to work with the County Tax Assessor.

### August 3, 1939

Results of the City election held on this date were: Mayor W.Harry Whitis Alderman J. C. Barton Alderman L. B. Brasfield Alderman. C. B. Foust Alderman Edgar Morris Alderman Claude Moseley Alderman Ive Overton Alderman J.C.Ross Alderman Brooks Wright

### August, 1939

The Board elected the following officials. City Treasurer Joe C. Barton City Clerk John B. McAdams City Marshall J. B. Holder Night Marshall P. B. Moseley Water Superintendent S. T. Baker

# September, 1939

The City leased a lot to C. A. Huffstetler and J. E. Kemp to erect a Stock Pen.

#### December, 1939

The City had to borrow from the Greenfield Banking Company \$1,000 to pay the Sinking Fund.

#### **December 25, 1939**

On December 25 Mr. J. C. Ross, a City Councilman, died. In the January, 1940 minutes is a fitting memorial to Mr. Ross for his unselfish service and valuable contribution to this community. Mr. W. A. Coats was elected to fill Mr. Ross' term.

### March, 1940

A motion was made by J. C. Barton and seconded by C. B. Foust that the Mayor and City Clerk sign contracts for the community building.

#### March, 1940

At a called meeting the County Board of Education asked to lease the City School building and equipment. This lease was approved on a one-year basis.

### May, 1940

A contract was made with the Works Projects Administration for building the Community House. An ordinance was passed by the Board regulating the construction and maintenance of the Public Water Supply, being recognized by the Tennessee Department of Public Health.

#### September, 1940

The City Board agreed to set aside \$1,000 to apply on the new Community House, or better known as the City Hall Building.

#### December, 1940

The City borrowed \$3,000 for a period of 60 days to meet Sinking Fund payment.

#### March, 1941

I. N. Overton resigned as councilman, and was replaced by B. F. Addock.

# **April, 1941**

The City bought from C. M. Morris a new deep well turbine pump at the cost of \$1,890.

#### June, 1941

The City borrowed \$2,000 for a period of 90 days to meet Sinking Fund payment.

# August 12, 1941

Results of the City election held on this date were:

Mayor W. Harry Whitis Alderman B. F. Addock Alderman L. B. Brasfield Alderman W. A. Coats Alderman C. B. Foust Alderman Barney Hummel Alderman W. E, Morris Alderman Claude Moseley Alderman E. B. Wright

#### August, 1941

The following officials were elected by the Board.

City Clerk John B. McAdarns City Treasurer. Miss Stella Mae Brasfield City Marshall J. B. Holder Night Marshall P. B. Moseley Water Superintendent S. T. Baker Vice-Mayor C. B, Foust A motion was made and seconded that the City pay Miss Brasfield a salary of \$100 per year. Thomas Akin was elected as Fire Chief.

#### December, 1941

The City of Greenfield borrowed \$3,000 from the Greenfield Banking Company to meet Sinking Fund payment.

#### March, 1942

An ordinance was passed prohibiting beer being sold within two thousand feet of any school, church or lodge building within the corporate limits of the City of Greenfield. Mr. Herman Coats was employed at \$55 per month to be the City Water Superintendent. An ordinance was piassed by the Board to regulate the speed in operation of railway trains and railroad locomotives through the corporate limits of the City of Greenfield in excess of 15 miles per hour.

### December, 1942

The City borrowed \$1,500 to meet Sinking Fund payment, and to increase the salary \$15 per

month for the Water Superintendent.

#### August 5, 1943

Results of the City election held on this date were:

Mayor W. Harry Whitis Alderman B. F. Addock Alderman L. B. Brasfield Alderman W. A. Coats Alderman C. B. Foust Alderman G.B.Hurnrnel Alderman W. E. Morris Alderman Claude Moseley Alderman E. B. Wright

The Board elected the following people to City offices. City Clerk .o o John B. McAdams City Treasurer. o Miss Stella Mae Brasfield Vice Mayor C. B. Foust; City Marshall J. B. Holder; Night Marshall P.B, Moseley; Water Superintendent ..Herman Coats

#### October, 1943

At this meeting Mayor Whitis instructed the City Clerk to have the deed recorded transferring the property of the Training School Company to the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Greenfield.

#### March, 1944

The City moved the City Jail to the brick building at the Water Plant. Mr. E. B. Wright resigned as Councilman, and Mr. Thomas Akin replaced him.

# **April, 1944**

An ordinance was passed prohibiting any person or firm from storing or depositing any worn-out automobiles, automobile parts, or junk within 150 feet of any public street in the corporate limits of the City of Greenfield.

### January, 1945

The Board voted to pay the City Clerk 10 per cent on collection of all delinquent taxes.

### February, 1945

At this meeting it was voted to increase the salary of the Water Superintendent \$15 per month.

### August, 1945

Results of the City election held on this date were: Mayor C. B. Foust; Alderman Thomas Akin; Alderman L.B. Brasfield; Alderman W. A. Coats; Alderman Robert E. Elam; Alderman G. B, Hummel; Alderman Robert C. Lynn; Alderman W. E. Morris; Alderman Claude Moseley; At the August meeting it was voted that the salaries of the City Clerk, City Marshall and Water Superintendent be increased to \$100 per month each. Also at this meeting the election of Vice Mayor was Thomas Akin; City Clerk was John B. McAdams; City Marshall was J. B. Holder; Night Marshall was P. B. Moseley and Dick Tharp; City Treasurer was Mrs. Stella Mae Givens; Water Superintendent was Herman Coats and Fire Chief was Thomas Akin.

### October, 1945

Ollie Overton and Floyd Knott were hired as night Marshalls to replace P. B. Moseley and Dick Tharp. Their salary was \$75 per month.

#### December, 1945

The City borrowed \$2,000 to meet Sinking Fund payment. It was also decided to charge a service fee for the use of the fire truck at \$50 within a radius of 5 miles.

# January, 1946

Mr. W. J. Coats was elected councilman to fill the unexpired term of his father, W. A. Coats.

### March, 1946

The City decided to buy the police officers uniforms. The uniforms consisted of a cap, two shirts and a coat.

#### **April**, 1946

Mayor Foust appointed Thomas Akin, G. B. Hummel and Robert Lynn to negotiate and sign a lease for a Municipal Airfield.

# June, 1946

Mr. L. B. Brasfield resigned as Councilman, and Mr. Joe Smith was elected to fill his unexpired tenn.

### August, 1946

The City borrowed \$2,000 to meet expenses of the well payment.

# December, 1946

Another \$5,750 was borrowed to meet the Sinking Fund payment.

#### January, 1947

Another \$4,000 was borrowed for a period of 60 days to meet Sinking Fund payment.

#### June, 1947

The City borrowed \$6,120 to meet Sinking Fund payment.

### July, 1947

A resolution was passed granting the Cooly Clay Company a right of way along the east side of the log-loading yard, presently owned by the City, to be used as a road leading into its clay sheds.

### August 7, 1947

Results of the City election held on this date were:

Mayor Richard Lobe Alderman K. Gardner Alderman Frank R.Hillis Alderman Sam Gill

Alderman R. C. Lynn Alderman Frank Lipscomb Alderman W. E. Morris Alderman Claude Moseley Alderman Samuel Williams

The Board elected Mr. John D. Overton as City Clerk and Mr. Bill Dudley as Fire Chief. During the fall months of 1947 the City graveled many of the smaller streets in town. It became necessary for the City to borrow \$8,080 to meet Sinking Fund payment in December.

# January, 1948

A group of Martin citizens met with the Board in the interest of abolishing the Special School Districts. Mr. Phil Barton Harris was employed as City Attorney for \$200 per year. A City car tax was voted on cars to become effective March 1, 1948 and the amount of the tax was \$5.00.

# February, 1948

An ordinance was passed pertaining to Taxi service within the City.

### **April, 1948**

Mr. Dean Z. Grooms came before the Board explaining the advantage of turning the City schools over to the County, and eventually abolishing the Special School District.

### July, 1948

A special election was held to see if the citizens were willing to convert the City Schools to County Schools. August, 1948

At this meeting a motion was made by Samuel Williams and seconded by Frank R. Hillis that the School Resolution be withdrawn.

# September, 1948

The City voted to extend the water mains 2,800 feet in the Northern part of town.

#### January, 1949

An ordinance was read and introduced to provide for a Municipal Planning Commission for Greenfield.

# February, 1949

The City Vehicle License rate was reduced from \$5.00 to \$3.00.

#### June, 1949

The City borrowed \$3,000 to meet the Sinking Fund payment.

# July, 1949

A deed was signed transferring the City School property to the Weakley County Board of Education.

# August, 1949

The regular City election was held with the following results:

Mayor Thomas Akin Alderman Tom Cannon Alderman Bill Dudley

Alderman W. J. Coats Alderman Samuel Williams Alderman Frank Lipscomb Alderman Cleve Sims Alderman Harold Moseley Alderman Ray Radford

# October, 1949

A vote was taken by the Board to decide if a Privilege License should be issued to the merchants giving them the right to sell fire works in the City. It was agreed to issue said license for \$5.00.

### November, 1949

The Board agreed to build a garage joining the east wall of the pump house, and said building not to exceed \$300. The Board also set a penalty of 50 cents to unpaid water bills by the 10th of each month; and if not paid within 30 days, the water service was to be discontinued, and a service charge of \$2.00 to be added when the water was turned on. It was also agreed that the City adopt the State Revenue Act set forth in Article 11, Section 1, Paragraph 1, thereof, any municipality is authorized to levy a privilege tax not exceeding the privilege levied for State purposes.

# December, 1949

The City borrowed \$4,000 for a period of 90 days to meet Sinking Fund payment.

# January, 1950

An ordinance was passed to provide for the levying of a privilege tax in the amount of two per cent (2%) of the gross receipts of persons operating theaters, motion pictures or vaudeville shows, as a business within the City of Greenfield, Tennessee.

#### **April, 1950**

The Board had published in the town paper a notice stating that all dogs caught in the City not displaying a tag would be considered strays and be destroyed.

# May, 1950

The Board adopted a plan the Weakley County Municipal Electric System had for remodeling the lighting system of the City of Greenfield.

### September, 1950

A series of Ordinances, No.1 through No.24, to constitute a Code for the City of Greenfield was adopted.

### October, 1950

A resolution on State Aid for streets was adopted by the Board, and a certified copy of this Resolution was sent to Governor Browning and to each member of the 1951 General Assembly.

### November, 1950

The City of Greenfield donated \$250 to the P.T.A. to help buy kitchen equipment for the school.

### December, 1950

The City borrowed \$2,500 for a period of 60 days to meet Sinking Fund payment.

### March, 1951

It was voted that the City continue its Sanitary Program requiring all citizens of Greenfield not having sewer connections to connect to the sewer, if the sewer was available to their property or within 50 feet of said property. The City voted to install 1800 feet of cast iron water mains.

### August 2, 1951

Results of the City election held on this date were: Mayor N. A. Johnston Alderman M. L. Brooks Alderman Tom Cannon Alderman Allen Galey Alderman Harold Moseley Alderman Conyer Rawls Alderman Carey Swaim Alderman Travis Taylor Alderman J. Samuel Williams

# **August, 1951**

The Board elected the following people to City offices:

City Clerk John D. Overton

Chief-of-Police H. V. Berry Policeman J. L. Walker Water Superintendent. Herman Coats City Engineer W. E. Morris Vice Mayor Melvin Brooks It was voted that the City buy a patrol car, and that Mr. Phil Barton Harris be elected as City Attorney.

#### September, 1951

Mr. Tom Cannon was elected to investigate the White Way Lighting System for Main Street. October, 1951 An ordinance was read and approved stating to extend to the employees and officials of said City the benefits of the system of Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance as authorized by the Federal Social Security Act. At this meeting a motion was made by Samuel Williams and seconded by Conyer Rawls that the City Vehicle Registration License be reduced to \$1.50.

### December, 1951

The City borrowed \$5,000 for a period of 90 days to meet Sinking Fund payment. A motion was made and passed that the City give \$25 on the Christmas baskets to needy families.

### January, 1952

It was voted that the City discontinue paying the light bills for the various churches. May, 1952 A special meeting was held to elect a new City Clerk since John D. Overton had resigned. Mr. Robert C. Lynn was elected to this position at a salary of \$150 per month.

### July 29, 1952

A special meeting met for the purpose of installing a new white way on Front Street. It was voted unanimously that the lights be installed on each side of Front Street, consisting of 12 on the

East side and 10 on the West Side, according to the specifications drawn by the Weakley County Municipal Electric System.

### August, 1952

A contract was made with Brayton and Company for the construction of new water mains on Avalon and Delmar Streets in the 'amount of \$3,397.70. An ordinance was passed concerning driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant, stating that a fine not less than \$10 nor more than \$50 be imposed if guilty. At this meeting Mr. Buford Sullivan was sworn in as Chief-of-Police.

# December, 1952

The Board voted for the erection and leasing of a room 16 x 20 on the vacant lot joining the Fire Truck room on the South, same to be leased to The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company upon completion with monthly rent to be \$40. December 30, 1952. The City purchased through the National Bank of Commerce, Memphis, Tennessee Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$5,000, thus reducing the City's indebtedness by this amount.

### May, 1953

The City bought a tar melting pot for City use at the price of \$300 plus freight.

### June 24, 1953

In a special meeting on this date, it was decided to send the fire truck to the factory at Battle Creek, Michigan for repairs.

### August 6, 1953

Results of the City election held on this day were: Mayor Conyer Rawls Alderman Joseph Barton Alderman M. E. Belew Alderman T. W. Cannon Alderman R. L. Caudle Alderman W. H. Dudley Alderman H. D. Light Alderman Harold Moseley Alderman Carey Swaim The Board elected the following to the various positions: Vice Mayor T. W. Cannon City Clerk R. C. L)'lln Water Superintendent. Herman Coats City Engineer W. E. Morris Chief-of-Police Buford Sullivan Night Marshall G. C. Sims Fire Chief W. H. Dudley

### **August**, 1953

It was discussed and agreed by the Board to contract the black topping of several streets. Money was borrowed for this purpose in the amount of \$4,116.00

### February, 1954

The City signed a lease with the Illinois Railroad Company to obtain parking space to alleviate the acute shortage of such space. An ordinance was signed with the West Tennessee Public Utility District of Weakley, Carroll and Benton Counties granting the distributing and selling of manufactured or natural gas through the City of Greenfield.

#### March, 1954

The purpose of this meeting was for the Board to elect some member of the Board to go to Washington, D. C., to appear before the Federal Power Commission in regard to getting natural gas piped into the City. Mayor Rawls was elected to represent the City, with the City paying his expenses.

### **April, 1954**

The City let a contract with Liggett Brothers of Jackson, Tennessee, in the amount of \$4,333 for putting down a new well.

### June, July and August, 1954

During the regular meetings in these months it was voted to expand the water lines in all directions of the City.

### January, 1955

During the first few months of 1955 regular city business was discussed such as the approval of opening new streets in the residential areas, business section improvements were made, etc.

# May, 1955

A special meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the City School problem with the members of the Parent- Teachers Association. It was agreed that the City donate the sum of \$500 to the Greenfield School Improvement Fund.

#### August 4, 1955

Results of the City election held on this date were:

Mayor Joseph A. Barton Alderman T. W. Cannon Alderman M. E. Belew Alderman R. L. Caudle Alderman W. H. Dudley Alderman Harold Moseley Alderman D. H. Light Alderman C. T. Rawls Alderman Carey Swaim

The Board elected the following for the various positions: City Clerk W. M. Stout Water Superintendent. Herman Coats City Engineer W. E. Morris Fire Chief W. H. Dudley Chief-of-Police Buford Sullivan Vice Mayor T. W. Cannon

The remainder of 1955 monthly meetings were devoted to regular city business and city improvements such as buying new pick-up truck, painting and repairing the water tank, etc.

#### March, 1956

The city built a concrete wall around the underground reservoir as directed by the State Division of Sanitary Engineering. An eleven o'clock curfew was declared for all minors beginning in September, 1956.

### November, 1956

The Board voted to supplement the salary of the School Principal \$500 annually.

### February, 1957

The Board voted to raise the salary of the Mayor to \$25 per month, and the salary of each Councilman to \$10 per month beginning August, 1957.

# May, 1957

A resolution calling a public hearing to determine whether certain Territory could be annexed to the City of Greenfield. This annexation included about 75 persons and increased the territory in the City Limits to 1,469 acres. This resolution was passed on the final reading on June 20, 1957.

# **August, 1957**

Results of the City election held on this date were: Mayor Roy Overton Alderman Joseph Barton Alderman Harold Moseley Alderman Carey Swaim Alderman R. L. Caudle Alderman C. T. Rawls Alderman Dr. Ira Porter Aldeerman Samuel Williams Alderman Dale Wright. The Board appointed the following to the various positions: City Engineer Ray Radford; City Clerk W. M, Stout; Chief of Police Clyde Stout; Water Superintendent. Herman Coats,

# December, 1957

The Board accepted the bid of Watson Company for a new 10 inch water well, the bid being \$11,753.00.

#### May, 1958

There was an election held for the purpose of issuing industrial bonds. This election passed with 352 votes for and 17 against.

#### **August**, 1959

The regular City election was held with the same Board and Mayor as 1957.

#### November, 1959

The City gave \$100 to the John Adams Polio Fund. The City opened a new street by the name of Fairlane Drive.

#### January, 1960

The City engaged the services of R. B, Wooten and Company of Memphis to act as its fiscal agent in connection with the financing of the Revenue Bonds. The City purchased a lot North of the existing Greenfield Manufacturing Company at a price of \$7,500. Jones Brothers Equipment Company got the contract for the construction of an addition to the present factory building on the above mentioned lot.

### February, 1960

The Board met with the Greenfield Manufacturing Company representatives to discuss the leasing of the building to the factory .Another bond election was held in February to issue building revenue bonds in the amount not to exceed \$600,000. The results were 215 votes for the bonds and 7 votes against. As a result of this election the City of Greenfield agreed to purchase all buildings and property of the Greenfield Manufacturing Company, and the City issued and sold bonds in the amount of \$200,000 for this purpose.

#### June 23,1960

There was a resolution by the Board to buy the C. B. Herron property in South Greenfield and the adjoining Akin property at a cost of \$14,000 with said property to be used as a City Park.

# **April, 1960**

The Board voted to extend sewer lines and install a water pumping station so that a new subdivision could be established in North Greenfield on Highway 45E.

# August 4, 1961

Results of the City election held on this date were: Mayor J. S. Williams Alderman Joseph Barton Alderman Conyer Rawls Alderman Robert Caudle Alderman Dale Wright Alderman Harold Moseley Alderman Joe Bates Alderman Dr. Ira Porter Alderman Carey Swaim The City O£ Greenfield recognized the merger of Greenfield Manufacturing Company and Kellwood Company and the lease was transferred to said Company.

### October 3, 1961

At this meeting the Board elected William Stout as City Clerk, Ray Radford as City Engineer, Herman Coats as Water Superintendent, Harvel Berry as Chief of Police, at a salary of \$200, and W. D. Greer as night Police.

#### November, 1961

The City accepted an offer by V.F.W. Post No.5264 to construct a pavilion in the City Park, said pavilion to cost \$5,700.

#### December, 1961

The City purchased the necessary tract of land to extend Front Street North to intersect North Second Street at a point near the Greenfield Manufacturing Company.

#### **April**, 1962

The Board voted to run sewer and water lines to new subdivision planned by Bill Maiden.

#### May, 1962

In May City Clerk W. M. Stout died, and was replaced with the appointment of Ward Johnston.

# July, 1962

All 1937 bonds in the amount of \$132,000 were called and new bonds were issued in the amount of \$200,000.

# October, 1962

There was an agreement by the Board, and an ordinance was passed to extend the benefits of Social Security to include emergency and part time positions.

# November 26, 1962

There was an ordinance passed on final reading to regulate the soliciting of memberships in any club, associations, labor union, or any other organization where charge is made for membership, and to fix the punishment for any violation of this ordinance.

# March 7, 1963

The Board purchased the necessary equipment to black top the streets at a price of \$9,700.

#### June 4,1963

The Board asked for bids from three companies for a new fire truck. The low bid was submitted by American LaFrance for \$9,998.00.

# September 3, 1963

Herman Coats, after 21 years of service as Water Superintendent, tendered his resignation with Ray Radford taking over his duties. August, 1963

The regular city election was held in August with the same Mayor and Board being elected as was in 1961.

The Board elected Ward Johnston as City Clerk; H. V. Berry as Chief of Police; Henry V. Legons as night Police and Ray Radford as City Engineer. Approximately 1600 feet of new sewer line was added from Evergreen Street to Fairlane Drive. June 15,1964

The Board agreed to buy a new tractor and back-hoe at a cost of \$4,875.

# July, 1964

The Board passed a resolution authorizing the creation of the industrial board of the City of Greenfield and approving the form of a Charter of Incorporation of such Corporation.