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"The Team"

Friends, we are all running as a team for re-election to the Collegedale City Commission and would appreciate your vote on March 1st. We would like to share some sound reasons why we ask you to keep the team together. Over the past year and a half, a lot of progress in the City of Collegedale has been made while working together as a team. Several of the many accomplishments are briefly listed below.

Property Taxes DECREASED: For the first time in anyone's memory there has been a "Property Tax Cut" in Collegedale, with no reduction in services to the City of Collegedale! In fact, the services and protection to the citizens of Collegedale increased. This was possible by refinancing the city hall construction loan and by good honest management!

City of Collegedale Police: We have one of the best Police Departments anywhere. Police moral is high, turnover is low, and they have absolutely the best equipment for performing their job. One major dollar savings to the city is that the police cars are now leased. Historically, the city purchased the cars. This year we leased ten fully equipped new police cars for what it cost to purchase three. This allowed the Police Department to replace the aging fleet, save on maintenance and sell the old cars. Collegedale has some of the best-trained and equipped officers anywhere. We have heard a lot of positive compliments from citizens about our police officers and the services they provide. We can be very proud of our Police Department. Complaints are very rare.

As a note, because of rapid growth in our community (over 250 new homes and business growth) the expansion of our Police Department has been absolutely necessary to maintain services. The new taxes realized by this growth have made it possible.

Retirement Community: For the first time ever, a full service retirement center is being developed in Collegedale on approximately 100 acres of the former Monrow property. This land was recently annexed into Collegedale at the developer's request! The project will include single family retirement homes, an assisted-care unit, and an Alzheimer Unit, plus Park Areas and Walkways. It will be gated to provide a safe place for senior citizens. The city is getting requests for more information daily on this project. In the next several years, we will be working with the developer for full implementation of this long awaited community requested project.

Additional Greenways: The third phase of our beautiful Greenway has been completed. This includes a new bridge over Woftever Creek near Spaulding Drive as well as direct access onto the University Campus. You can now start

walking at the City Hall and go all the way to the new Asher Subdivision or directly to the University Campus. During our next term, we will be completing phases four and five which will be readily accessible to all citizens.

Collegedale Veteran's Memorial Park: Many of you have watched our World Class Veterans Memorial Park take shape. This has been a joint project with the City and a very dedicated group citizens led by Dr. Phil Garver, a professor at Southern Adventist University and a Viet-Nam Veteran. If you haven't visited this very beautiful and educational park, you really have missed a lot. The Veterans Park has already received wide recognition and praise from local citizens as well as from out of town visitors.

Collegedale Airport: Our Award Winning Airport has recently received a state grant to extend the runway to a full 5000 feet and to install a taxi way that will run the full length of the runway. The state grants pays for 90% of the five million of these improvements. It has already been recognized and awarded as one of the "best small airports in Tennessee". This newest enhancement will make it even better and safer for pilots and will add to the capability of Charter Services. No tax monies go into operation of the Collegedale Airport. It is completely self-supporting. Good airport management by Frank Zarski makes a profit for the City of Collegedale.

Senior Citizen Park: Two (2) acres of land is being developed into a Senior Citizen's Park with input from leaders of the city's retired Citizen's Groups. It will have shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits, covered picnic tables, restrooms, and a pavilion for group meetings. Our plans are to begin construction by this summer.

Ten Year Pending Lawsuit: A Lawsuit that was filed over ownership of the sewers in the Business/Industrial areas annexed several years ago has been negotiated and a settlement reached with no additional cost to the City. This settlement has ended an on-going expense of several thousand dollars a year being spent on attorneys fees that has been dragging on for six (6) years. The settlement also provides for any additional areas that may be annexed in the future! This has saved the citizens of Collegedale over \$2.5 million while the City is collecting revenue from the sewer fees.

East Hamilton County Ballparks: A joint project with Hamilton County has developed four (4) brand new ball fields for the Collegedale/Ooltewah area. This is a fantastic addition to our community and will be used by groups from the surrounding areas. The park will be lighted and have a concession stand and restrooms. The ballpark is located just off Little Debbie Parkway with easy access by Ooltewah and Collegedale residents.

City Sewers: Building the infrastructure in existing neighborhoods with sewer services is underway. Misty Valley will be the first project beginning around

March 2005. The other sites will be prioritized and implemented over the next four years. *Like the airport, the sewer services are self-supporting!* Over the next term, the major sewer project should be completed.

Please remember to vote March 1.

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