

amendment approved

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The decision on an amendment to the short-term rental ordinance was reversed in last week's Knoxville City Council meeting. The amendment, which would require rental owners to notify their neighbors if they request an STR operating permit, was brought up again by Vice Mayor Duane Grimes after failing in its initial motion.

Grimes, who was chairing his last council meeting in the absence of Mayor Madeline Roper, got the one additional vote he needed from Councilman Marshall Star. Rick Peels, who was absent from the meeting on company business, would have voted no and only council members Mark Campos and Brenda



HOLIDAY SPIRIT SWELLS IN FOUNTAIN CITY

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There may not have been a Christmas Parade in Fountain City this year but members of the Fountain City Love Club and Fountain City Town Hall may have started another tradition.

Friday evening, with hundreds of residents present, a celebration of the holiday com-

Park guests and remained dark as the crowd gathered.

Native Christmas music was performed by the Central High School Band and carols were sung by Matt Parks and the Central High School School Band Company (pictured above). Three small girls from Fountain City Presbyterian Church sang sweetly to the building crowd.

The focus that when the parade was cancelled the groups talked about something special and the tree lighting and festivities resulted.

Following the lighting of the tree, Jolly Old Santa Claus appeared and parents and grandparents lined up with their children for their turn with Santa.

Adding to the festivities was a light show