

KINGSTON SPRINGS CITY COMMISSION – JANUARY 21, 2010

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John McLeroy at 7:00 p.m. at the Beck Meeting Hall.

Commissioners in attendance: Gary Corlew, Craig Kitch, Pam Lorenz, John McLeroy and Jim Schippers

In attendance not voting: Laurie Cooper, Larry Craig, Debbie Finch, Clint Biggers, Eugene Ivey

Quorum: John McLeroy declared there was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: The December 17, 2009 minutes were circulated. There were no corrections. The minutes were approved on a motion by Craig Kitch and seconded by Pam Lorenz with a unanimous vote.

Approval of Agenda: The following three items were added to the agenda: 8I – Employer Retirement Contribution Rate, 8J – Naming of the Ranchettes Park and 8K – Inspections of the EMS Building. The agenda was approved with the above additions on a motion by Pam Lorenz and a second by Jim Schippers with a unanimous vote.

Announcements from Commissioners: Craig Kitch announced that Walter Zurawicki was receiving his US Citizenship this week and a flag will be flown in his honor at the US Capitol.

John McLeroy commended the public works staff for doing a great job of salting the roads.

Pam Lorenz stated that she attended the public forum that was held for the candidates running in the 2010 City Election. She stated that there were three statements made that she felt were not accurate and she wanted the public to be aware of this.

John McLeroy stopped Mrs. Lorenz and stated that he did not think this was the place for her comments. Mrs. Lorenz disagreed with Mr. McLeroy and requested that they poll the commissioners about whether she could speak on this subject. City Attorney, Larry Craig stated that Commissioners Announcements were not topics that required voting. Mrs. Lorenz proceeded with her comments.

Mrs. Lorenz reported that the first item she wanted to clear up was the comment stating that the town was not pursuing the AIA initiatives. She stated that this was not true; in fact the town is pursuing the AIA initiatives and being pretty diligent about it.

The second item was the comment stating that the town had no savings. Mrs. Lorenz showed those present at the meeting the monthly report given to the commissioners showing the ten savings accounts that the town has in place.

The final item was the comment that was made stating that the town was spending \$112,000.00 more this year than last year. Mrs. Lorenz stated that the expenses for 09-10 were \$89,169.21 more than the expenses in 08-09, but \$76,297.11 of those expenses were being funded from the savings accounts where the town had saved to pay cash for certain purchases. The amount of funds coming out of new revenue or the fund balance is \$12,872.10 not \$112,000.00. Mrs. Lorenz stated that the commission was not throwing the town's money away and that they think about every purchase.

Community Input: Tony Campbell (330 Maple Street) stated that he was there to support the renewal of the library lease.

Department Reports: Pam Lorenz made a motion to approve the department reports. The motion was seconded by Craig Kitch and carried unanimously.

Updates: Laurie Cooper reported the following updates:

Mrs. Cooper updated the board on her meeting with Mr. Schippers regarding the status of the Town's "Master Plan". The board was given a copy of the comprehensive plan and stated that this was an on going process.

Jim Schippers stated that this was the road map and that he would like to get started before March. He was interested in anyone that would like to volunteer to participate with the Master Plan.

Mrs. Cooper stated that she had received the renderings that the commission requested.

Larry Craig stated that Dennis Huffer of MTAS was retiring after 30 years. He drafted a letter of congratulations from the Town.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Presentation of Special Recognitions: John McLeroy and the board of commissioners recognized the following and presented them with plaques for their service to the town:
Paul Rucker – (14) years as a member of the Kingston Springs Planning Commission
Debbie Finch – (20) years as an employee of the Town of Kingston Springs
Pam Lorenz – (4) years as a member of the Kingston Springs City Commission
Gary Corlew – (20) years as a member of the Kingston Springs City Commission

Award of Contract for Pavement Repair – Bridge Connectors: Mrs. Cooper stated that the town received one bid from D&D Paving in the amount of \$9,420.00. A motion was made by Gary Corlew to award the bid to D&D Paving in the amount of \$9,420.00. The motion was seconded by Craig Kitch and carried unanimously.

FEMA Map Amendment Update: Mrs. Cooper updated the board on the FEMA Map amendment. Mrs. Cooper stated that she spoke with Michael Taylor of AECOM Engineering who reviews the proposal to FEMA. He stated that the work they were doing did not include an actual flood study, so the town's submittal was not applicable at this time. He stated that a flood study would occur within the next 5 years. The town can wait for the study or file a LOMA (map amendment). We are currently soliciting TDEC for the next step.

Library Lease: A motion was made by Pam Lorenz to renew the library lease for (5) years. The motion was seconded by Gary Corlew and carried unanimously. Mr. Craig will set the lease up to renew every five years unless either party request otherwise.

Agenda Rules: Larry Craig explained the proposed resolution and changes to the agenda. John McLeroy suggested that the board review the proposed changes and finalize the resolution next month.

Set Date for Commissioners Workshop: Mrs. Cooper gave the board a list of possible dates for the workshop. The commissioners are to review and come back next month with selected dates.

Planning Commission Appointments: John McLeroy re-appointed Dianna Shew, Dennis Bowling and Stan Wruble to the Planning Commission. Their new terms will be from January 2010 to January 2013.

Appointment of Elected Official to Animal Control Board: The Animal Control Board is forming a committee and has requested that each city have an elected official to serve on the committee. Craig Kitch will attend the meeting in February and report back to the board.

New Employer's Retirement Rate: Debbie Finch reported to the board that the rate for the 2010-2011 budget would increase from 6.65% to 7.14%. Pam Lorenz made a motion to approve the new rate. The motion was seconded by Gary Corlew and carried unanimously.

Naming of the Parkland in the Ranchettes: Marie Spafford, chairperson for the park board stated that the board had selected the name Jackson's Rest for the parkland in the Ranchettes. She also stated that the board would like to use the revenue from the 5K race to purchase large diameter trees to provide shade in Burns Park. Gary Corlew made a motion to approve Jackson's Rest for the parkland name and for the purchase of the trees for Burns Park. The motion was seconded by Craig Kitch and carried unanimously.

Inspections on the EMS Building: Mrs. Cooper stated that the building was in the pre-bid mode. She has been contacted by Clyde White about inspection fees and permits. After discussion, Craig Kitch made a motion to waive the permits fees but not the sewer tap fees and have the county do the inspections, supplying the town with a copy of the inspections. The motion was seconded by Jim Schippers and carried unanimously.

Planning Commission Update: There was no Planning Commission meeting for January.

Joint Economic Community Development Board Update: Laurie Cooper stated that the meeting was mostly housekeeping issues. The board did take a pulse on the demographics demo from last month's meeting from those present.

Other:

Boy Scout Troop 594 was present at the meeting to achieve their Citizenship and Community Merit Badge.

Adjourn: Craig Kitch made a motion to adjourn at 7:54pm. The motion was seconded by Pam Lorenz and carried unanimously.

John McLeroy, Mayor

Debbie K. Finch, Recorder