

KINGSTON SPRINGS CITY COMMISSION – JUNE 18, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John McLeroy at 7:01 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: Clint Biggers, Laurie Cooper, Larry Craig, Debbie Finch, Eugene Ivey and Brandy Miniati

Quorum: John McLeroy declared there was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: The May 21, 2009 minutes were circulated. There were no corrections. The minutes were approved on a motion by Pam Lorenz and seconded by Jim Schippers with a unanimous vote.

Approval of Agenda: Laurie Cooper requested that the South Harpeth Bridge repair be added to the agenda under new business. The agenda was approved with the above addition on a motion by Pam Lorenz and a second by Craig Kitch with a unanimous vote.

Announcements from Commissioners: John McLerory stated that the staff had done a great job with the fishing tournament. Laurie Cooper commented on the newspaper article commending Debbie Finch for her (20) years of employment with the Town of Kingston Springs.

Community Input: Richard Swafford of East Kingston Springs Road, stated that he had sat on both sides of the table and that he understood the need to come up with ways to save money but he pleaded with the commission to leave the employees health insurance alone. He stated that the city employees already make less than other towns. He asked the commission to please pray about it.

Dale Graham of 1065 Crane Court stated that she had attended a day long tour with the Dept. of Tourism and Mr. Fenton. She encouraged the commission to support Mr. Fenton. She stated that this group had great ideas and great contacts. She also stated that they were very positive about our town and how it fits into the big picture.

Department Reports: The reports were approved on a motion by Craig Kitch and seconded by Gary Corlew with a unanimous vote.

Laurie Cooper stated to the commission that staff could use help with the concession stand during “Movies in the Park” and help with the Duck Race if any of them were interested in helping.

Laurie Cooper stated that the Youth Services had supplied the town with (5) workers that would be doing some landscaping around town and cleaning the park donated in the Ranchettes.

Brandy Miniati stated that the park department had applied for a matching \$10,000.00 dollar grant for the County Park Board but had only received \$5,000.00.

Larry Craig requested that the board meet with him at 6:45 prior to the July Commission meeting to be updated on the lawsuit. Pam Lorenz requested that Laurie Cooper send the board an email to remind them.

Updates: Laurie Cooper stated that the PASS work on the roads had been completed.

Laurie Cooper stated that Gresham-Smith Engineering had completed the plans for the interstate area and had turned them into TDOT. She anticipates hearing from TDOT in a few weeks.

Laurie Cooper stated that Cumberland Region Tomorrow has encouraged her to look into state grants that would allow continued planning.

Second Reading of Ordinance 09-003 – The 2009-2010 Annual Operation Budget: Larry Craig read the ordinance into the minutes and stated that no one spoke for or against the ordinance in the public hearing. He also stated that there was no property tax increase. The ordinance was approved on a motion by Pam Lorenz and seconded by Craig Kitch. John McLeroy requested a roll call vote which was unanimous.

Purchase of Building and Planning Software: PJ Duncan, Building Inspector for the town of Kingston Springs, requested that the board make a budget amendment in the current 08-09 budget to purchase building and planning software. Mr. Duncan stated that he had the funds needed to make the purchase in his current budget. The cost of the software would be \$3,595.00. A motion to amend the budget to allow the purchase of the software was made by Gary Corlew and seconded by Pam Lorenz with a unanimous vote.

Board Appointments: Marion Fowlkes was re-appointed to the Planning Commission and Dennis Bowling was appointed, both will serve a (3) year term.

Rodney Scott was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals to serve a (3) year term.

New City Planner Contract: Laurie Cooper recommended to the board that they stay with Sharon Caton whom they currently have a contract with. There have been no problems with Ms. Caton's service.

Jim Schippers suggested that they do the RFP's again and see if they can find some other interested people. He stated that Ms. Caton over steps her knowledge and by doing so has cost the county millions of dollars.

Gary Corlew made the motion to enter into a contract with Sharon Caton. Pam Lorenz seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Gary Corlew, Craig Kitch, Pam Lorenz and John McLeroy all voted yes and Jim Schippers voted no.

Making Maple Street One-Way: After much discussion Chief Ivey was asked to check on the cost and type of speed bumps available. Gary Corlew made a motion to leave Maple Street as a two-way street. The motion was seconded by Pam Lorenz and passed with a unanimous vote.

Meals on Wheels Donation: Pam Lorenz made a motion to amend the 2009-2010 budget to allow for a \$1,500.00 dollar donation to Meals On Wheels. The motion was seconded by Craig Kitch and passed with a unanimous vote.

Fire Service/Ambulance Update: Laurie Cooper updated the board. She stated that the board had given the Ambulance Service notice to vacate the property by 7-1-09, but they would work with them as long as progress was being made. There has been no progress and Mrs. Cooper and Chief Ivey recommended that the board give them a move out date of October 31, 2009 and to advise the Ambulance Service that there would be construction going on in the building. They had \$750,000.00 dollars in the Capital Budget and the commission could appropriate the funds in the next commission meeting.

Craig Kitch made a motion to put the Ambulance Service on notice that the deadline for vacating the building would be October 31, 2009. The motion was seconded by Jim Schippers and passed with a unanimous vote.

Jim Schippers made a motion to have a written letter of agreement of the terms sent to the County Mayor. The motion was seconded by John McLeroy and passed with a unanimous vote.

South Harpeth Bridge Repair: Laurie Cooper reported to the board that the cost to bring the bridge up to standards would be \$13,500.00 dollars. After discussion the board made the decision to bid the repairs.

Jim Schippers requested that blinker lights be placed on the bridge until the repairs could be made.

Planning Commission Update: John McLeroy stated that there was no meeting.

Joint Economic Community Development Board Update: Laurie Cooper stated that there was a full board meeting with normal business conducted.

Other: Laurie Cooper stated that a resident had called her wanting the spelling of the Mathew Court sign changed. The resident wants it spelled with two (t's). The developer misspelled Matthew using only one (t) and this is how it is recorded. The board decided since it had been recorded as Mathew to leave the spelling the way it is.

John McLeroy stated that he would like to have a resolution drawn up naming Bridget Wilson as an honorary citizen of Kingston Springs.

Adjourn: Pam Lorenz made a motion to adjourn at 9:03 P.M. The motion was seconded by Craig Kitch and passed with a unanimous vote.

John McLeroy, Mayor

Debbie K. Finch, Recorder