

KINGSTON SPRINGS CITY COMMISSION – JULY 16, 2009

1. **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: Clint Biggers, Laurie Cooper, Larry Craig, Debbie Finch, Eugene Ivey and Brandy Miniati

Quorum: John McLeroy declared there was a quorum.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** The June 18, 2009 minutes were circulated. There were no corrections. The minutes were approved on a motion by Craig Kitch and seconded by Gary Corlew with a unanimous vote.

Approval of Agenda: Laurie Cooper requested that the award of the bid for the ceiling replacement at fire station #1 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 Jim Schippers with a unanimous vote.

3. **Announcements from Commissioners:** Craig Kitch thanked the fire department for allowing his nieces to ride on the fire engine and throw candy in the 4th of July parade and he thanked Dale Graham for the pictures taken and publishing them.

Pam Lorenz stated that the landscaping around town looked great and thanked those involved.

John McLeroy stated that the carving of the tree stump done by Mr. Lundy Cupp looked great and thanked him for doing it.

4. **Community Input:** Marie Spafford of 198 West Kingston Springs Road, stated that as the chairman of the Kingston Springs Park Advisory Board, the members had met and were in consensus to vote no to guns in the parks.

Tony Campbell of 380 Maple Street, stated that making Maple Street a one-way was the best and cheapest solution to the problems on that road. He stated that the streets were not wide enough for two cars to pass and he felt the town had an obligation to look carefully at how to make the street safer and do something about it. Mr. Campbell also stated that the cemeteries around town needed to be cleaned up.

Penny Mitchell of the corner of Cemetery and Maple stated that the ditches needed cleaned out and the brush needed to be cut back on Maple Street. She stated that she could not see when pulling out of the intersection. She presented the board with pictures of the problem.

Dale Graham of 1065 Crane Court, stated that the Cheatham County Community Theater would be presenting "The Wizard of Oz". She encouraged everyone to attend.

Adair Schippers of 235 East Kingston Springs Road, stated that she had tickets to sale for the "Friends Helping Friends" event sponsored by The Ark.

5. **Department Reports:** Clint Biggers presented the commissioners with information on speed bumps. This information had been requested in the June 2009 meeting.

John McLeroy suggested that they have the city engineer look at Maple Street and give them recommendations.

Chief Ivey informed the commission that there had been some break-ins and recommended that everyone be on alert for slow moving vehicles, etc.

Brandy Miniati stated to the board that they had a major repair on the splash ground and it was down for a week. The repairs have been made and the splash ground is running.

The department reports were approved on a motion by Pam Lorenz and seconded by Craig Kitch with a unanimous vote.

6. **Updates:** Laurie Cooper stated that the lease with the county ambulance service had been returned. They will remain in Fire Station #1 through October 31, 2009. Mrs. Cooper presented the commissioners with information on benches and trash cans. Some of the commissioners had expressed interest in putting some around downtown.

7. **Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

8. **Resolution 09-006 – Prohibition of Handguns in City Owned Park Property:** The resolution was approved on a motion by Pam Lorenz and seconded by Gary Corlew with the following vote: Gary Corlew, Craig Kitch and Pam Lorenz voted yes, John McLeroy and Jim Schippers voted no.

Election Date: The election date was set for February 6, 2010 on a motion by Pam Lorenz and seconded by Jim Schippers with a unanimous vote.

Ron Merville Presentation for Sustainable Energy Project: Ron Merville made a presentation to the board of commissioners regarding renewable energy. Mr. Merville is to submit a proposal to the town for installing a solar panel system on city properties.

Discussion on Honorary Citizenship by Proclamation or Resolution: Larry Craig suggested to the commission that they use the proclamation over a resolution for honorary citizenship. The board agreed to use the proclamation.

Change Project for park grant money: Brandy Miniati stated to the board that the town would only be receiving \$5,000 from the County Park Board instead of the \$10,000 that was requested. She requested that the board leave the towns matching part of \$10,000 so she would have \$15,000 to provide shaded areas around the splash ground. The board was in agreement to leave the funds since they had already been appropriated in the 09-10 budget.

Award of Bids for Ceiling Replacement in Station 1: Chief Ivey stated that the town had received one bid for the replacement of ceiling. The bid was for \$17,618.00 which is \$7,618.00 more than the board appropriated in the budget. Chief Ivey stated that he had originally requested \$15,000 for the project and the board had reduced it to \$10,000. He requested that the board approve the additional \$5,000 that was originally requested and that the balance of \$2,618 would come from the Fire Fighters Association. The bid to R & J Builders for \$17,618.00 was approved on a motion by Pam Lorenz and seconded by Gary Corlew with the following vote: Corlew, Kitch, Lorenz and Schippers voting yes, and McLeroy voting no.

9. **Planning Commission Update:** John McLeroy stated that there was no meeting.
10. **Joint Economic Community Development Board Update:** Laurie Cooper stated that there was a board meeting with normal business conducted along with discussion on sharing an office with the chamber. This discussion was deferred until the county passed their budget.
11. **Other:** Laurie Cooper reminded everyone that the “Duck Race” was Saturday at 3:00 pm.
12. **Adjourn:** Pam Lorenz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by John McLeroy and passed with a unanimous vote.

John McLeroy, Mayor

Debbie K. Finch, Recorder