

KINGSTON SPRINGS CITY COMMISSION – SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John McLeroy at 7:04 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 and Brandy Miniat

Quorum: John McLeroy declared there was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: The August 20, 2009 minutes were circulated. There were no corrections. The minutes were approved on a motion by Pam Lorenz and seconded by Craig Kitch with a unanimous vote.

Approval of Agenda: Laurie Cooper requested that (8E) be added to the agenda under new business to discuss the town's lease agreement with the Board of Education. 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: Gary Corlew stated that Darrell Gillespie with Dickson Electric had move to Kingston Springs and he wanted to welcome him to the town.

Community Input: Jerry Uetz of 260 Maple Street thanked the commission for making Maple Street one-way. He stated that the one-way did not help with the speeding and asked that the commission consider putting a stop sign at Maple Street and Cemetery Road.

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

Updates: Laurie Cooper reported that the town had received a refund for the lights from Mayer Electric.

She also reported that the South Harpeth bridge discussion had been deferred until next month. John McLeroy has asked Mike Bowers to look at the bridge and make suggestions.

There is a new lock on the back door to city hall. There were issues with the code being given out to unauthorized people so now a fingerprint is required to enter.

Chief Ivey stated that the board had appropriated \$15,000 for his vehicle replacement fund in August 2008 and again in August 2009. He asked the board to amend the 2009-2010 budget to allow these funds to be moved into the budget so he could purchase a new vehicle.

John McLeroy stated that he didn't think it was fair to the board to spring this on them. He stated that ages, mileage and making sure that vehicles were not being bought all at one time need to be checked.

Laurie Cooper stated that the town had the vehicle replacement funds in effect for many years and it was set up on a rotation bases, with age, mileage etc. all considered.

Craig Kitch stated that the money had been appropriated for the purchase of a new vehicle and this was just a matter of moving the funds into the budget. Jim Schippers agreed with Mr. Kitch.

Gary Corlew made a motion to amend the budget to allow the purchase of the vehicle. The motion carried on the following vote: Corlew-yes, Kitch-yes, Lorenz-yes, McLeroy-No, Schippers-yes.

Unfinished Business:

Circuit Court Cases: Larry Craig asked the board to approve the closing of Circuit Court Cases No. 5849, 5834 and 5835 – Eminent Domain (Doris property) on Main Street and West Kingston Springs Road in the amount of \$16,679.11.

Craig Kitch made a motion to approve closing the Circuit Court cases and to pay the \$16,679.11 from the reserve fund. The motion was seconded by Pam Lorenz and carried unanimously.

Larry Craig stated that Second South Cheatham Utility would be meeting on the 30th and would have similar action.

New Business

Honorary Citizen Presentation: John McLeroy stated that “Bridget Jones was responsible for the TDOT presentation held earlier along with a lot of other great things that had and were happening to our little town”. The board of commissioners presented her with a proclamation and a key to the town.

Ordinance 09-004 Amending the 2008-2009 Budget: Debbie Finch explained to the board that these were year-end adjustments. Pam Lorenz made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Jim Schippers and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 09-005 Amending the 2009-2010 Budget: Debbie Finch explained to the board that these were amendments to the 09-10 budget. The board was given a list of the amendments that were being made. Pam Lorenz made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Gary Corlew and carried unanimously.

A public hearing was set for both ordinances for October 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Steven Roppel – Soccer: There was no discussion due to the fact that Mr. Roppel was not present at the meeting.

Chamber of Commerce Individual Elected Officials Membership: Laurie Cooper stated to the board that the town had received an invoice from the Chamber of Commerce for the (5) elected officials memberships. She stated that this \$275.00 expense had not been appropriated in the budget and wanted the board to tell her how they wanted to handle it.

Gary Corlew stated that he did not want to be a member.

Jim Schippers made a motion to amend the 2009-2010 budget to pay for (4) elected officials in the amount of \$220.00. The motion was seconded by Pam Lorenz and carried on the following vote: Corlew-No, Kitch-Yes, Lorenz-Yes, McLeroy-Yes, Schippers-Yes.

Directional Signs and Landscaping: Laurie Cooper updated the board on the meeting she, Pam Lorenz and John McLeroy had attended on directional signs. After discussion, it was decided that they would re-visit this at a later date.

Pam Lorenz stated that she would like to have hanging flower baskets on the (12) new poles in the downtown area. She made a motion to have the city manager get some estimates on the brackets required to hold the baskets. The motion was seconded by Craig Kitch and carried unanimously.

Jim Schippers addressed the condition of the directional sign for the churches on East KS Road. Laurie Cooper stated that the town had a (5) year agreement with the churches which was now expired. The commission requested that Mrs. Cooper send a letter to the churches to let them know that the town would be taking the sign down.

Lease Agreement with the Board of Education: Larry Craig presented the amended lease agreement with the Board of Education to the board. Pam Lorenz made a motion to approve the lease. The motion was seconded by Jim Schippers.

Laurie Cooper stated that there was serious talk that the EMS may no longer build on the projected site on East Kingston Springs Road.

John McLeroy stated that at this time this was rumor but he went ahead and explained that there was talk of moving the EMS building out by the Animal Control Building on Sam's Creek Road instead of on East Kingston Springs Road.

Laurie Cooper stated that this talk was confirmed by County Mayor, Bill Orange today when she spoke with him. She addressed concerns to the board that the amended lease would reduce the town to having (1/3) of the property instead of the (1/2) they originally have.

After discussion the board decided to go forward with the lease and if the EMS did not build on the projected site on East Kingston Springs Road they would approach the Board of Education about reverting back to the original lease.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Planning Commission Update: John McLeroy stated that the board discussed the EMS building site.

Joint Economic Community Development Board Update: Laurie Cooper stated that there was a board meeting with normal business conducted along with a presentation about psychographics by Buxton, Inc.

Other: Laurie Cooper reminded everyone that Art In The Park was on October 3rd.

She also recommended that any commissioner that was available to attend the county commission meeting Monday night should. They would be discussing the EMS site as well as the Fire Tax for those that do not have a fire tax presently. There is talk of taking funds from the County General Fund to fund the fire tax for the Town of Ashland City as a temporary solution for (1) year. These are both very important topics.

Adjourn: Pam Lorenz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. The motion was seconded by Craig Kitch and carried unanimously.

John McLeroy, Mayor

Debbie K. Finch, Recorder