

KINGSTON SPRINGS CITY COMMISSION – OCTOBER 15, 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, John McLeroy and Jim Schippers

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

Quorum: John McLeroy declared there was a quorum.

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

Approval of Agenda: Gary Corlew requested that (8F) be added to the agenda under new business to discuss installing a stop sign on Maple Street. The agenda was approved with the above addition on a motion by Jim Schippers and a second by Gary Corlew with a unanimous vote.

Announcements from Commissioners: Gary Corlew stated that the structure fire on CC Road had been covered well by the newspapers but that he wanted to thank the firefighters publicly for their heroic act which involved saving a life. He stated that these men and women risk their lives everyday for us. He also wanted to thank Pegram's fire department for backing our fire department up.

Jim Schippers made a motion to send letters of commendation to all the firefighters involved. The motion was seconded by Gary Corlew and carried unanimously.

John McLeroy stated he was very proud of all the firefighters.

Craig Kitch stated that he had gone to the scene to take pictures and that it was really interesting to watch the firefighters and different departments work together.

Community Input: Penny Mitchell of 268 Maple Street stated that she supports putting a stop sign at Cemetery Rd. and Maple Street. She did ask that the town enforce the speed limit especially in the afternoons when school lets out and during the work traffic.

Jerry Uetz of 260 Maple Street stated that he had counted (88) vehicles from 4 pm until 6 pm on Maple Street. He stated that most vehicles are going well over the 15 mp speed limit. Mr. Uetz supports putting a stop sign at Cemetery Rd. and Maple Street.

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

Updates: Laurie Cooper reported the following updates:

Public Works Department has been busy building a storage area in the municipal garage. They did a great job.

Art in the Park was a huge success.

The town's net profit from Derby Day was \$2,224.86. Mrs. Cooper thanked the Friends of Pegram Park for their participation.

Maple Street will become one way on November 1. There will be mail interruptions while mailboxes are moved. The residents can pick their mail up at the post office or they can wait until Monday when they resume deliver.

5K Race is scheduled for November 14. Letters have been sent to those residents that will be affected by traffic delays.

Second South Cheatham along with the Town has settled on the Circuit Court Case (Dorris). It should be finalized in the next few weeks.

Unfinished Business:

Second Reading of Ordinance 09-004 – Amending the 2008-2009 Budget: During the public hearing no one spoke for or against the ordinance. Craig Kitch made a motion to pass the ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Jim Schippers and carried unanimously.

Second Reading of Ordinance 09-005 – Amending the 2009-2010 Budget: During the public hearing no one spoke for or against the ordinance. Gary Corlew made a motion to pass the ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Jim Schippers and carried unanimously.

New Business

Uncollected Sewer Debt: The board was presented with a worksheet from Second South Cheatham Utility showing \$981.76 in uncollected debt for the past six months. Due to some question on one of the calculations the board deferred approving the write off of the debt until next month.

The board did direct Mrs. Cooper to talk to SSCUD about working with the town on collections and the calculation error.

Collection of Delinquent Fines: The town has several outstanding traffic citations and would like to seek collections. Craig Kitch made a motion to bid out RFP for the collections. The motion was seconded by Gary Corlew and carried unanimously.

Approval of Amendment to Lease with Board of Education for Station No. 2 property:

Gary Corlew made a motion to sign the amended lease agreement. The motion was seconded by Jim Schippers and carried unanimously.

Paving Projects for 2009-2010: Laurie Cooper presented the board with a worksheet on the paving projects. After discussion a motion was made by Craig Kitch to follow proposal one on the worksheet. The motion was seconded by Jim Schippers and carried unanimously. The board also stated that they would like to bid the pothole repairs out next week and do the surfacing in the spring.

There was no action taken on the South Harpeth Bridge. The engineers will meet with Mike Bowers next week and the board will address the repairs in the November 2009 meeting.

Interstate Gateway Project Update: Laurie Cooper and John McLeroy updated the board on the meeting they had on Monday with Gresham Smith and Partners in Nashville. After much discussion on funding and the steps to be taken, the board decided to recess the meeting and continue discussions on Monday the 19th at 9:00 AM.

Stop Sign on Maple Street and Cemetery Road: Gary Corlew made a motion to have a stop sign installed at Maple Street and Cemetery Road. The motion was seconded by Jim Schippers and carried unanimously. The stop sign will go into effect on November 1, 2009

Planning Commission Update: There was no planning commission meeting for October.

Joint Economic Community Development Board Update: There was no JECDB meeting for October.

Other: Laurie Cooper stated that Ray Crouch, Sr. had stated to her that there would be stimulus money of \$100,000.00 to (93) cities toward energy projects. Mrs. Cooper stated that she would like to see if the town could use this money to replace windows and doors in the meeting hall. The board was in agreement for her to pursue the stimulus money.

Laurie Cooper presented the board with the agenda policy that was implemented in 1999. The board will review the policies and be prepared to discuss them in the November 2009 meeting.

Jim Schippers asked what qualified a building for condemnation. It was suggested that he speak to the building inspector.

Recess: John McLeroy recessed the meeting at 8:26.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John McLeroy at 9:04 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 and Debbie Finch

Interstate Gateway Project: John McLeroy stated that there was a good chance of getting one of the grants for this project. The grants would be an 80/20 split.

Jim Schippers stated that he wanted to pursue the project, that it was the town's future, but he could not see raising taxes to get this done. He suggested that they do the Roadscape grant which would cost the town \$24,000. He also stated that they needed to include the business in a positive way and hopefully in doing so they might be willing to pitch in.

Craig Kitch stated that he was not in favor of raising taxes to do the project, especially since the board had already said no to other items that needed to be funded and were not due to funding issues. He would like to see the town do the projects if it could be done without a tax increase.

Pam Lorenz stated that she was not in favor of a tax increase, but was concerned about time lines to qualify for the project.

John McLeroy made a motion to suspend the rules so that Tony Campbell could speak. The motion was seconded by Craig Kitch and carried unanimously.

Tony Campbell stated the board needed to look at their paving. CC Road was falling apart and Luyben Hills Road was in need of repair. They also needed to consider that with the state budget in the shape it is, the town could take another hit on state shared funding. He also stated that next year was a reappraisal year and if the property values go down it could have a big impact on the town's property tax revenue. Mr. Campbell stated that he felt the board would have a hard time getting support with the above considerations.

Laurie Cooper stated that the town was making efforts towards a master plan that was abanded when AIA popped up. She suggested that they proceed with the master plan because this would get a good pulse on what the problems are. Right now there are no problems at the interstate, so why fixed something that is not broken. The gateway would look very pretty, but does the town really want to spend \$600,000.00 to look good?

After extended discussion Pam Lorenz made a motion to have a commissioner's workshop on November 9th at 9:00 am to discuss RFP's for the master plan. The motion was seconded by Jim Schippers and carried unanimously.

Pam Lorenz made a motion to order the renderings from Gresham and Smith. The motion was seconded by Gary Corlew. John McLeroy made a motion to amend the motion to spend no more than \$2,500 on the renderings. The motion was seconded by Pam Lorenz. The motions carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Jim Schippers made a motion to adjourn at 10:12 am. The motion was seconded by Pam Lorenz and carried unanimously.

John McLeroy, Mayor

Debbie K. Finch, Recorder