

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**2-03-09**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers with Mayor J. Richard Heaton and the following Councilmen:

Councilman Reed  
Councilman Williams  
Councilman Lydian  
Councilman Sheckles  
Councilman Royalty  
Councilman Simpson

Others present were: Police Chief Marksbury, Fire Chief Mattingly, Assistant City Administrator Green, Chief Financial Officer Abell, Public Works and Engineering Director Hamilton, City Civil Engineer Greenwell, City Electrical Engineer Mills, Electric Superintendent Miller, City Attorney Donan, City Clerk Blincoe, The Kentucky Standard reporter Jenny Blandford, WYSB reporter Tom Redmon, WBRT-WOKH reporter Fred Hagan, PLG-TV reporter Tom Isaac and Greg Burkot, Field Representative Designee for Kentucky's Second District Congressman Brett Guthrie.

Mayor Heaton called the meeting to order.

**GREG BURKOT**

Greg Burkot, Field Representative Designee for 2<sup>nd</sup> District Congressman Brett Guthrie, was introduced and he offered his assistance with the January 27, 2009 storm disaster. He stated that he had met with Assistant City Administrator Green earlier in the day and he will furnish contact numbers for use by the City. Mayor Heaton thanked him and Congressman Guthrie for their support and offer of assistance.

**ICE STORM OF 2009**

The Mayor expressed how grateful and appreciative he was to the City's Department Heads and employees for their hard work and cooperative spirit during the ice storm. He said that he was proud of the professionalism shown during the emergency. About 4400 of the City's customers were out of electrical service on Tuesday night and less than 300 were out on Friday. He emphasized that it was a job well done.

Mayor Heaton proceeded to recognize City Staff for updates and reports on the storm activities.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Fire Chief Mattingly reported that there had been 77 runs in the City and County during the month of January. Fifty-two runs occurred from January 27<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>. Those runs involved many structure fires and some runs were carbon monoxide poisoning related. There were three house fires on West Daugherty Avenue on Sunday morning. He said that he was very pleased with the volunteer turnout during the emergency. Chief Mattingly stated that this was a good time for the community to take stock of their emergency supplies.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Police Chief Marksbury reported that officers were assigned certain areas in town to watch during the electrical outages and no robberies or thefts were reported during the blackout. He further reported that there had been an over abundance of electrical problem calls coming into the station and this was a real problem for the dispatchers. He asked if these could be minimized.

Marksbury then commended the Public Works Department for their hard work and the citizens for their courteous behavior at intersections while traffic signals were down.

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Electric Superintendent Jeff Miller highlighted the events of the ice storm and power outages and reported that gratefully, no one was hurt or injured. Initially, there had been at least thirty workers in the field at one time. He felt that getting Five Star and Kroger up and running at the beginning of the storm allowed the community to purchase needed fuel supplies. He commended the help received from the electric companies from Corbin and Barbourville. He also thanked the City's Meter Readers, the Cable TV Department, City Hall staff and the City's engineers. He added that his crew had learned a lot from the storm of 2004 and this time, they were better prepared and equipped. He also thanked Councilman Sheckles and Councilman Royalty for the food that was sent for the workers.

City Electrical Engineer Jeff Mills added that it takes a lot of people and trained personnel to make the necessary assessments when there is 80 plus miles of plant to be covered and assessed prior to work being done. The largest number of homes the crews can restore per crew hour is the department's number one criteria during an outage. The Electric Department worked around the clock for several days. He added that he was extremely proud of Jeff Miller and the team for the work accomplished.

Mayor Heaton stated that the tree trimming work accomplished prior to the storm certainly helped reduce the impact of the ice storm.

**CITY HALL REPORT**

Assistant City Administrator Green reported that there was as many as five people at a time answering phones during the first days of the storm. Safety Director Mike Forsee and Chief Financial Officer Mike Abell, along with Green, were there to manage and oversee efforts while

City Hall was working in Storm Mode. Abell said that it was a great help that the Meter Readers and Customer Service Representatives had been previously trained to handle the situation.

Green mentioned that it was also helpful to have the Red Cross shelter at Bardstown Middle School for residents to go to keep warm.

**WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT**

City Civil Engineer George Greenwell reported that having the generator at the Water Plant had helped to keep the plant from shutting down. Public Works and Engineering Director Hamilton added that the generator was large enough to carry a full load at the plant and had been a great asset during the electric outage.

Hamilton brought up the possibility of obtaining a community antenna or generator for the media so that residents could keep up with electrical updates and public safety announcements.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Mayor read a thank-you note from Patrick Mitchell for a job well done during the ice storm of 2009.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the 1-27-09 regular Council meeting were then presented and **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN SIMPSON, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN REED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THEY WERE APPROVED.**

**UTILITY SOFTWARE**

Chief Financial Officer Abell reported that the utility software representatives were at City Hall assisting with a few utility software items and training.

**THE LT. GEN. HAL MOORE PARKWAY RESOLUTION**

Mayor Heaton presented the resolution to rename a section of highway in honor of Bardstown native Lt. General Harold Moore. The designation of the highway would be an honorary title and would not change the current name of the street.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Lt. General Harold (Hal) Moore is a native of Bardstown, a graduate of St. Joseph Preparatory and West Point Academy, and a distinguished leader in the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Lt. General Hal Moore distinguished himself in battle primarily during the Vietnam War and most notably during the battle at Ia Drang, which has been dramatized in the film "We Were Soldiers"; and

**WHEREAS**, Lt. General Hal Moore is also highly revered at West Point Academy where his leadership skills are mandatory study and where honors are given out in his name for outstanding accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, Lt. General Hal Moore has inspired generations of military personnel through his lifetime of leadership and his writings, classes and speeches which incorporate personal and religious values into military tactics; and

**WHEREAS**, Lt. General Hal Moore's childhood home is located two blocks east of the Court Square on U.S. Highway 150; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bardstown wishes to give an honorary title to a section of highway to honor Lt. General Hal Moore -- that section being U.S. Highway 150, from mile point 0.00, Court Square to mile point 2.285, immediately past the Bluegrass Parkway Interchange.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Bardstown City Council that:

1. the above described section of highway, U.S. Highway 150, In Bardstown, Kentucky be named "The Lt. Gen. Hal Moore Parkway", and
2. that the City Council requests that the Kentucky State Legislature directs the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to create and erect signs designating this highway name along said section of highway.

**UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ROYALTY AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED AS MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2009-04.**

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) RESOLUTION**

Mayor Heaton presented a resolution to obtain certain Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act (Public Law 288, 93<sup>rd</sup> Congress) or otherwise available from the President's Disaster Relief Fund. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN LYDIAN, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMPSON AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE MAYOR WAS AUTHORIZED TO DESIGNATE AN AGENT AND SIGN THE RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR THE FUNDS.**

**CITY NIGHT 2009**

The Mayor reminded the Council about the transportation arrangements for City Night 2009 to be held in Frankfort on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**CITY ANNIVERSARIES**

Mayor Heaton announced that Brian Sweazy would celebrate his fifth anniversary with the Sewer Plant and Diana Griffin would celebrate her fifth anniversary with the City's Meter Department this month. He then announced that Police Chief C.D. Marksbury was celebrating his twenty-year anniversary with the Police Department this month.

**CEMETERY DEEDS**

A cemetery deed was presented for Patricia Grundy and **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN SIMPSON, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN REED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE DEED WAS APPROVED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to discuss and **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN SIMPSON, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN REED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:20 PM.**

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN**

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J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

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Bobbe Blincoe, City Clerk