

CITY OF BARDSTOWN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
3-10-09
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, City Clerk Blincoe, The Kentucky Standard reporter Jenny Blandford and PLG-TV reporter Tom Isaac.

Mayor Heaton called the meeting to order.

BID TAB - APPARATUS-MOUNTED VEHICLE EXHAUST REMOVAL SYSTEMS

Fire Chief Mattingly explained that he was having trouble obtaining information regarding one of the bids and recommended that the matter be tabled until City Attorney Donan returned from vacation. There could possibly be a rebid of the systems. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN ROYALTY, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE BID ON THE APPARATUS-MOUNTED VEHICLE EXHAUST REMOVAL SYSTEMS WAS TABLED.**

AMERICAN RED CROSS LETTER AND CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Mayor Heaton read a letter received from Mary Sue Brown, Executive Director of the Nelson County Chapter of the American Red Cross, thanking the City for support during the recent ice storm. The Red Cross provided over 4,000 meals to residents of Bardstown and New Haven during the seven days the shelter at Bardstown Middle School was open.

The Mayor displayed the Certificate of Appreciation that was awarded to the City.

2009 STORM FOLLOW-UP MEETING

The Mayor updated the Council on the 2009 storm follow-up meeting that was held at the Civic Center on Thursday, March 5th. He also reported on plans by the federal government to help assist states with generators and other supplies during these times. The Council then discussed concerns regarding lack of communication during the emergency and ways to help notify the public in the future.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 2-24-09 regular Council meeting were then presented and **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN SIMPSON, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ROYALTY AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THEY WERE APPROVED.**

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Abell reported that he planned to start the budget process early and should have copies to the Council by May. Fuel costs was one area of concern for some departments and the impact of factory closings and lay-offs will be evaluated. Finance Committee meetings will be planned later after information on the Stimulus money is released. Water and sewer costs will also be evaluated and reported.

GLOBAL EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS CONTRACT

The Chief Financial Officer updated the Council on the contract with Global Express Money Orders, the new vendor handling Kentucky Utilities (KU) and Louisville Gas and Electric (LG&E) payments received at City Hall. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN REED, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMPSON AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WAS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH GLOBAL EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS SUBJECT TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S APPROVAL.**

2009 RECYCLING GRANT

Assistant City Administrator Green reported that the grant application for additional recycling equipment was to be submitted to the state by April 1st. If awarded, purchases would include two trailers, a can crusher and an air handler. This would be an 80-20 percent match and additional information on the funds will be given at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Heaton said that the people at the center have been doing a tremendous job of handling the work at the center.

APPOINTMENT-WICKLAND BOARD

The Mayor reported that he wanted to appoint David Hill as the Mayor's appointee on the Wickland Board for a one-year term. Steve Hayden had previously served and resigned from the Board. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN SHECKLES, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE APPOINTMENT WAS APPROVED.**

RECREATION BOARD REPORT

Councilman Reed reported that a semi-pro football team from Elizabethtown had requested the use of the Little League Football practice facilities and would in return work with the children in the program as an in-kind service. More information will be gathered at the next Recreation Board meeting. The Youth Football Association will be reviewing the matter.

Councilman Reed then updated the Council on Bethlehem High School's request to use a baseball field at Dean Watt's Park and said that the school officials were also talking with the City of New Haven and the St. Thomas Church Board about the use of a field.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilman Simpson reported on the 2009 Cemetery Cleanup Project that was completed on Saturday, March 7, 2009. He publicly thanked members of the Faith Fellowship Men's Club, Public Works Superintendent Mike Burba and the Garbage Department crew, the local media and City Groundskeeper Phillip Grubbs for their assistance with the event.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Marksbury shared a few details on the bank robbery that occurred at the Town and Country Bank in Bardstown on Thursday, March 5th and how well the Police Department, County Sheriff's Department and State Police worked together on the case. The Chief also thanked the local media for their help with the incident. The three departments plus the Drug Task Force worked together on a meth lab dump site found in a well off Plum Run Road. The Environmental Protection Agency has been called in on that occurrence. Mayor Heaton commended the department on the work accomplished over the last few months.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Mattingly said that he was working on updating some ordinances that affect the department. He will be reviewing fire hydrant concerns and the false alarm policy. The department has been averaging about two runs per day. There was only one reported ceiling cable heat fire this past year. The Council then discussed a concern on buried or partially buried fire hydrants and asked if this could be addressed in the ordinance. The final inspection on construction sites could be the time when this concern is addressed or before the certificate of occupancy is approved. City Civil Engineer Greenwell will check with Building Inspector Logan Spalding on making this a part of the City specifications for developers and contractors.

CITY SEWER WEBSITE

Assistant City Administrator Green reported that the City's sewer website, part of the state's Agreed Order requirement relating to the sanitary sewer overflows, would be ready by next week. It will be used to supply information to the public and for the public to use to report sewer overflows. Green, along with Student Intern Hannah Bowman, created the website.

RENAISSANCE GRANT

The Assistant City Administrator updated the Council on applying for the grant funds. He then discussed plans for a public parking lot downtown behind the Hubbard's law office, the Sutherland Building, The Chapeze House and the McLean House on East Stephen Foster Avenue. Public Works and Engineering Director Hamilton said that it appeared that the property owners were in agreement with the proposed project.

HAZARDOUS MITIGATION GRANT FUNDS

City Electrical Engineer Mills said that there would likely be some additional monies available to cover expenses from the 2009 ice storm from a hazardous mitigation grant. If awarded, this grant could possibly help with generator purchases.

NEW SEPTIC WASTE DUMPING POLICY

Public Works and Engineering Director Hamilton and City Civil Engineer Greenwell reported on the dumping of septic tank waste at a manhole near Boone's Butcher Shop. A new septic waste dumping policy would now be in effect that requires haulers to dump only at the Town Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant during normal business hours. Dumping at any other site will be considered an illicit discharge and would be illegal. The public was asked to notify the City or the Police Department if they observe any such dumping at any other site. This new policy will help eliminate sewer overflows of that material.

TOWN CREEK INTERCEPTOR PROJECT UPDATE

Public Works and Engineering Director Hamilton distributed a copy of an e-mail that explained the process needed to obtain the required 404 permit from the US Corps of Engineers. He explained that the issue in question was the loss of potential Indiana bat habitat due to 18.4 acres of tree removal by the contractor. The time permitted to remove trees and vegetation was missed in the wooded area between the Bardstown Community Park and Barton's Lake. The monetary contribution on behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the Indiana Bat Conservation Fund administered by the Kentucky Natural Lands Trust will be \$27,600 and must be paid prior to the issuance of the Corps of Engineers 404 permit. Councilman Simpson stated that he would make the motion to approve the payment in order to get the project moving in a timely manner. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN SIMPSON, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ROYALTY AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE PAYMENT TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,600.00 WAS APPROVED.**

CHANGE IN MEETING SCHEDULE

Mayor Heaton reminded the Council that the March 24, 2009 Council meeting would be held at the regular time of 7:00 p.m.

FEMA UPDATE

Mayor Heaton reported that FEMA representatives made a follow-up visit to the City and it appeared that a lot of the expenses needed to restore electric and cable TV service after the ice storm would be reimbursed.

STORM DEBRIS PICKUP

Mayor Heaton reported that the storm debris pickup in the City should be completed by next week.

CEMETERY DEED

A cemetery deed was presented for Bryan Norris and **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN LYDIANN, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE DEED WAS APPROVED.**

CITY FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

The Mayor congratulated Megan Wells for her five-year anniversary with the Dispatch Center and Tom Roby for his twenty-year anniversary with the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to discuss and **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN ROYALTY, 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

J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

Bobbe Blincoe, City Clerk