

CITY OF BARDSTOWN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

6-9-09

7:30 P.M.

(A Public Hearing on electric rates was held at 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: Asst. City Administrator Green, Police Chief Marksbury, Fire Chief Mattingly, Public Works and Engineering Director Hamilton, City Civil Engineer Greenwell, City Electrical Engineer Mills, Chief Financial Officer Abell, City Attorney Donan, City Clerk Blincoe, The Kentucky Standard reporter Stephanie Hornback, WYSB reporter Tom Redmon, and Richard Shannon.

Mayor Heaton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

FIRST READING-ZONING REGULATIONS TEXT AMENDMENT

The first reading was presented of an ordinance amending Section 6.12A, Principal Uses Permitted, Central Business District of the Zoning Regulations to allow upper-story housing in the B-2 zoning district only in the City of Bardstown. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN SIMPSON, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND FIRST READING WERE APPROVED.**

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was presented from Jannice Provine, 202 Barber Avenue, requesting a 4-way stop be installed at the intersection of Barber Avenue and North Fourth Street and a 'Children At Play' sign be posted in the area. After discussion, the matter was sent to the Safety Committee to review for a recommendation.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 5-26-09 regular City Council meeting were then presented and **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN REED, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LYDIAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THEY WERE APPROVED.**

FIRST READING - ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF WOODWARD DRIVE

City Attorney Donan updated the Council on the ordinance closing a portion of Woodward Drive located between Downs Lane and Hart Avenue off US 31E (Louisville Road). This was a dedicated public right-of-way that was never approved. Public Works and Engineering Director Hamilton said that he would review the easements and sewer location prior to the second reading. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMPSON AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE FIRST READING WAS APPROVED WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE ENGINEERS CONCUR WITH THE UTILITY EASEMENTS.**

FIRST READING - ELECTRIC RATE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

City Electrical Engineer Mills reviewed the amended Electric Rate Ordinance that will increase rates 12 percent for residential, commercial and industrial customers, effective for the July 1, 2009 billing and thereafter. A short discussion was held on the language pertaining to 'minimum charges'. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN SIMPSON, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN REED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE FIRST READING WAS APPROVED.**

Councilman Simpson commented that this rate increase was basically a pass through increase due City's rate increase from Kentucky Utilities.

REAPPOINTMENT

The Mayor said that he wanted to reappoint Don Comer to another 3-year term on the Cable TV Programming Committee. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ROYALTY AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE REAPPOINTMENT WAS APPROVED.**

RECREATION BOARD MEETING

It was announced that the last Recreation Board meeting that was scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2009 had been canceled.

BLOOMFIELD CUSTOMERS

The City Electrical Engineer reported that the Bloomfield customers were now transferred to the Bardstown cable TV system. There are approximately 130 additional customers from Bloomfield.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Marksbury updated the Council on the funds received from the Kentucky League of Cities grant and the taser purchases.

WELCOME SIGNS

The Mayor reported on the two welcome signs that will be rebuilt for the City. The Tourist Commission partnered with the City to obtain funding for the new signs.

FIREWORKS PERMITS

Mayor Heaton presented a special permit for the New Jerusalem Church for firework booths in the Busy Bee and Burger King parking lots. Another special permit for the Bardstown Church of God for a booth in the Wal-Mart parking lot was also presented. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN ROYALTY, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN REED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE SPECIAL PERMITS WERE APPROVED.**

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION GRANT PROGRAM

Assistant City Administrator Green reported that Lincoln Trail representatives would be attending training on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program presented by the state in Lexington, Kentucky. The program continues to move forward.

FLOWERS BAKING COMPANY GRAND OPENING

It was announced that the grand opening for the Flowers Baking Company plant would be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to discuss and **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN REED, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:40 PM.**

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ATTEST:

J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

Bobbe Blincoe, City Clerk