

December 9, 2014

The City of Cynthiana Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 9, 2014 at 5:30 P.M. in the Commissioner's Room at City Hall. Present were Mayor Moses, Commissioners Brunner, Grayson, Keith and Slade and Attorney Lair.

Mayor Moses called the meeting to order and stated there were minutes to approve.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Grayson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Slade seconded. Vote: Commissioner Grayson: yes; Commissioner Slade: yes; Commissioner Brunner: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Mayor Moses: yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE 11/25/14  
MINUTES

Commissioner Grayson asked Commissioner Keith how long he had been a Commissioner. Keith stated he thinks he is in his eighth year. Commissioner Grayson recalled being as little apprehensive when he was first appointed to the Commission but quickly learned that Commissioner Keith would help him. Commissioner Grayson asked commissioner to step over to the side of the room with him.

UNVEIL PICTURE OF  
FORMER MAYOR  
KEITH

Commissioner Grayson "unveiled" a picture of Commissioner Keith that had been hung on the wall alongside previously serving Mayors as Clerk McIlvain read a tribute to Commissioner Keith who served as Mayor from May 26, 2009 through December 31, 2010 during his eight year tenure as an elected official for the City of Cynthiana.

Commissioner Keith stated what the men in his department do is tough work. No one knows what they go through and no one seems to really appreciate them. Our employees save us money when they can perform the work in-house. All of the employees work hard in every department. He thanked everyone for what they do for the City.

Mayor Moses recognized Commissioner Grayson.

FINANCE REPORT

Commissioner Grayson made a motion to pay the following bills:

PAYABLES REPORT

General Fund	\$ 44,783.12
Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 73,779.95

Commissioner Keith seconded. Vote: Commissioner Grayson: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Brunner: yes; Commissioner Slade: yes; Mayor Moses: yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Grayson reported cash in bank:

General Fund	\$ 476,236.17
Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 170,603.56
Municipal Road Aid Fund	\$ .82

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Moses recognized Commissioner Brunner.

Commissioner Brunner reported Officer John Bright has been nominated for the Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Award.

OFFICER BRIGHT  
RECOGNIZED

He will be recognized at a luncheon at the Embassy Suites on December 16, 2014. From October 1, 2013 through September 2014, the department had fifty-five DUI arrests. Officer Bright had nineteen of those. Congratulations to Officer Bright.

The Fire Department will have a young lady from ECU as an intern during the spring semester at no cost to the City if this approved by her college. She will be filing, scanning, etc. in the Fire Department.

FIRE DEPT INTERN

Mayor Moses recognized Commissioner Slade.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Slade stated he has nothing to report. Commissioner Keith inquired about leaf pick up. Commissioner Slade reported that they are finished with leaf pick up for this year.

Mayor Moses recognized Commissioner Keith.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Commissioner Keith reported they are still working on Pike Street. They will be receiving bids for the sidewalk replacement on West Pleasant Street. The work is almost complete on the interior of the WTP caused when the roof was taken off by high winds.

Commissioner Keith stated he wanted to say to the men in his department that he deeply appreciates what they do in all types of weather.

Mayor Moses made a motion to appoint Dr. Derek Clarke to the Cynthiana-Harrison County Airport Board to replace the retiring Steve Snapp. Commissioner Brunner seconded. Vote: Mayor Moses: yes; Commissioner Brunner: yes; Commissioner Grayson: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Slade: yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR MOSES

APPOINT DR. D.  
CLARKE TO CYN-HARR  
CO. AIRPORT BOARD

Mayor Moses stated he wanted to bring up the Handy House one more time to give everyone the opportunity to speak and have all discussions they want to have.

DISCUSSION ON  
HANDY HOUSE

Commissioner Keith reported he has been doing some investigating into what they need in the way of infrastructure. It will be beyond what the City and County can do. The City does not have the money.

KEITH

Commissioner Grayson reported that after the last meeting, he went through all of his information on the Handy House and condensed to a small packet that is still about an inch thick. Commissioner Grayson made a motion to bring his motion off the table from the last meeting to a vote. Mayor Moses seconded. Vote: Commissioner Grayson: yes; Mayor Moses: yes; Commissioner Brunner: no; Commissioner Keith: no; Commissioner Slade: no. Motion failed to pass.

GRAYSON

Commissioner Grayson stated he would like to say stop talking. He has an obligation as the Finance and property Commissioner. He has a three page petition brought to him this day wanting the Handy House taken down. He stated it takes a village to raise a child and he is one of them. He is not from Massachusetts, or Lexington or Frankfort or Georgetown. He had jobs at businesses on Main Street when he was growing up. They helped raise him.

He stated he and Commissioner Keith are friends. They can meet at the bottom of the steps after a meeting and still be friends after they have come in and taken care of business. Competition only affects the consumers, not the businesses. All of the businesses are gone. He saw this change. Drugstores started selling antifreeze as an example. \$50,000 for the City and County sounds tempting but he does not believe this will happen. He has 2/22/05 Board meeting minutes asking if they would forego a pool and sell the Handy House. There is a resolution that says everything at the park goes through the Recreation Department. The packet says they want three acres. 1.184 acres has been surveyed off. The parking is the City/County. The roads are the City/County. This house sets in the middle of the recreation area. You could have no ballgames when there is a wedding. They would not want the loud woops from the pool during a wedding or private event. He had to vote on a propane plant. They set here an allowed them to take the barns down for \$1,000. The mess is still there. How did that happen? He thinks the committee should take the AT&T money and clean up the barn mess. The house needs to come down.

Mayor Moses reported that he brought this back up again because he has heard from the black community. They want the house gone. They do not want it left standing there. It reminds them of slaves and race. There are a lot of racial issues going on in the U.S. now. We do not want that here. They want people to see something good there. There has been a controversy long enough. They need to end it and move forward.

MAYOR MOSES

Mayor Moses asked if anyone else had anything to say on the Handy House.

Mayor Moses wished all of the people of Cynthiana and Harrison County a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He thanked the people for the opportunity to serve them.

Commissioner Slade made a motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation. Commissioner Brunner seconded. Vote: Commissioner Slade: yes; Commissioner Brunner: yes; Commissioner Grayson: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Mayor Moses: yes. Motion carried.

EXEC SESSION

Commissioner Brunner made a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Slade seconded. Vote: Commissioner Brunner: yes; Commissioner Slade: yes; Commissioner Grayson: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Mayor Moses: yes. Motion carried.

RETURN TO REG  
SESSION

Mayor Moses reported there will be no action taken.

Commissioner Brunner made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Slade seconded. Vote: Commissioner Brunner: yes; Commissioner Slade: yes; Commissioner Grayson: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Mayor Moses: yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN