

June 10, 2014

The City of Cynthiana Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 10, 2014 at 5:30 P.M. in the Commissioner's Room at City Hall. Present were Mayor Moses, Commissioners Bruncker, Grayson, Keith and Slade and Attorney Lair.

Mayor Moses called the meeting to order and recognized Emily Ammerman, Main Street Program Director.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Ammerman stated she was present to present recommendations from the public meeting held April 29, 2014. The Main Street Board has met to review the plan. A copy is hereby attached and made a part of these minutes. They are currently working to set up the following committees: Promotion, Economic Restructuring, Design and Organization which will help implement the recommendations. She is hoping to work with the City on all recommendations which will help address the downtown. She has been meeting with AT&T, Time Warner and KU. She has estimates from some of these. She would like to have members of the Commission come to these meetings. She wants to revisit burying the utility lines on Pike Street between Main Street and the railroad. This would fall under the Design Committee. She stated they have a limited time to work with KU, and AT&T says they are willing to work with us. People are focused on the design of downtown by making streetscape improvements that are visible.

E. AMMERMAN
MAIN ST
RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Moses suggested she talk to the office of Senator Andy Barr and BGADD.

Ms. Ammerman stated this Commission hired her and she wants to take full advantage of this. There has been a lot of talk but nothing gets done. They need to make improvements in downtown that the community can see.

Mayor Moses recognized Mike Aldridge.

Mr. Aldridge stated he and Chuck Duffey, members of the Code Enforcement Board are present to express the disappointment of the Code Enforcement Board in the lack of accomplishments on Code Enforcement. As you travel through town, you still see signs on utility poles. He has pulled several off himself. In addition, you see numerous violations. He does not feel the Code Enforcement Officer addresses the issues. He sees the Commission as a group of inaction rather than doing something. When he wants to do something, he is quoted a KRS as to why he cannot do it. He is concerned about the inaction of the Commission. He is aware they are looking into putting Code Enforcement in with P&Z. He reiterated how frustrated four of the five Code Enforcement Board members are. They cannot accomplish anything. It took four years for one house on Webster Ave. They have done a few things but not much for the last few years.

MIKE ALDRIDGE-
DISAPPOINTED WITH
CODE ENF.

Commissioner Grayson asked what is in the report his board receives from the Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Aldridge stated it contains the houses he has been to, what

lawns need cutting and what problems he has found but no solutions. He feels they need to be able to move faster. Maybe they are restricted by some laws but there has to be a way to address some of these issues.

Commissioner Grayson stated there were seven different paragraphs in the minutes from the last meeting talking about these same issues. They seem to be spinning wheels but no accomplishments.

Commissioner Keith stated there is a lot of rental property in town. Landlords say their tenants tear up the units. He appreciates what Code Enforcement is trying to do.

Mr. Aldridge say he understands Mr. Quisenberry's concerns about serving a notice for fear of dogs or some other concerns. He asked if the police can serve the notices.

Attorney Lair read from the ordinance about who can serve the notices. It can be a citation officer, a police officer. Police would go if they were asked. Fire Chief Sanders stated that Mr. Quisenberry has asked if they would go with him a few times and they have. Attorney Lair reported there is a lot of meat in the ordinance. Maybe it is just not being enforced. He stated the Code Enforcement Officer can cite a person, fine so much per day, can file a lien for the fines and we can go to court to enforce those liens.

Commissioner Grayson asked how much time does this take. Attorney Lair reported there is due process. People are allowed time to address the issue. Lair suggested one possibility might be to go to a full-time person.

Mr. Aldridge stated he hates to say anything bad but the Code Enforcement Officer does not appear to be getting the job done and four/fifths of his board wants to get something done now.

Mayor Moses stated there were minutes to approve.

Commissioner Grayson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Slade seconded. Vote: Commissioner Grayson: yes; Commissioner Slade: yes; Commissioner Brunner: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Mayor Moses: yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE 05/27/14
MINUTES

Mayor Moses recognized Attorney Lair.

LEGALS

Attorney Lair read Resolution #2014-3 for the transfer of city and state roads. Commissioner Brunner made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-3. Commissioner Keith seconded. Vote: Commissioner Brunner: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Grayson: yes; Commissioner Slade: yes; Mayor Moses: yes. Motion carried.

RES #2014-3
TRANSFER OF
CITY/STATE ROADS

Mayor reported he has the Ladish Road Bridge maintenance report if anyone would like to read it.

Mayor Moses recognized Commissioner Grayson.

FINANCE REPORT

Commissioner Grayson made a motion to pay the following bills:

PAYABLES REPORT

General Fund	\$ 54,475.22
Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 87,720.92

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

Commissioner Grayson reported cash in bank:

General Fund	\$ 595,562.50
Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 305,308.75
Municipal Road Aid Fund	\$ 77,642.17

Commissioner Grayson reported he wanted to again revisit the concerns he is getting about Old Lair Road and the cuts in the pavement the City did to slow people down. It is terribly rough. He feels these need to come out and blacktop the road.

CODE ENF CONCERNS

Mayor Moses asked if Commissioner Grayson had actually talked to someone who lived on that street. Commissioner Grayson has not actually talked to anyone who lives there but is there not a fine for speeding. Commissioner Slade said he has talked to people who live there and it has served a purpose which was to slow people down.

Commissioner Grayson reported he had received calls thanking the City for filling the ditch on Old Lair Road by the Senior Citizen's building.

Mayor Moses recognized Commissioner Brunner.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Brunner reported he was in receipt of a notice of retirement from Corporal Walter Tapp. Commissioner Brunner made a motion to accept the notice of retirement from Officer Walter Tapp effective September 30, 2014. Commissioner Slade seconded. Vote: Commissioner Brunner: yes; Commissioner Slade: yes; Commissioner Grayson: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Mayor Moses: yes. Motion carried.

ACCEPT NOTICE OF
RETIREMENT- WALTER
TAPP-09/30/14

Commissioner Brunner reported Sgt. Wilbur Gross and his family were present. They will celebrate his retirement at the end of the meeting.

Mayor Moses recognized Commissioner Slade.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Slade stated they will begin paving on Riggs Avenue, Cherokee and Federal Drives next week. Milling will begin tomorrow. This will all be completed by June 30th.

PAVING ON
RIGGS,FEDERAL,
CHEROKEE

Mayor Moses recognized Commissioner Keith

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Commissioner Keith reported they have been working on the problem at the end of South Main Street.

Commissioner Keith reported that although Omer Murphy is unable to be present tonight, he wanted to acknowledge Omer who was a

ACKNOWLEDGE OMER
MURPHY RETIREMENT

Wastewater Water Treatment Plant Operator II and retired May 31, 2014. He came to work for the City April 30, 1987. During his tenure with the City, Omer was instrumental in getting the WWTP back on line after the 1997 flood, saw numerous EPA changes and requirements over the years, and saw the construction of a new WWTP. Omer is looking forward to spending more time with his grandson and enjoying his cabin in Tennessee. Best wishes and congratulations to Omer on his retirement.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Moses reported he had a Proclamation for Cynthiana High School Alumni Banquet but will wait until the next meeting since it is not until June 28, 2014.

Commissioner Brunner recognized Sgt. Wilbur Gross on his retirement. Wilbur Gross was hired September 20, 1993, promoted to Sgt. August 28, 1999 and completed his POPS certification in September 1999. He has been the Cynthiana Police Department's Officer of the year, received the Governor's Seat Belt Award and DUI Award, and served as the department's representative for the Highway Safety Grant. Sgt. Gross was presented with acknowledgements and there are refreshments.

ACKNOWLEDGE
WILBUR GROSS
RETIREMENT

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

ADJOURN

Charleen McIlvain, City Clerk

Steve Moses, Mayor