

October 17, 2017
Regular Commission Meeting

The City of Cynthiana Board of Commissioners met in regular session October 17, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. in the Commissioners Room at City Hall located at 104 E. Pleasant Street, Cynthiana, Kentucky. Present were Mayor Smith, Commissioners Mattmiller, Slade, Griggs and Judy and Attorney Lair.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER

Tunya Adams with the Living Free Mission presented the invocation.

TUNYA ADAMS -
INVOCATION

Commissioner Mattmiller made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 Regular Commission meeting. Commissioner Slade seconded. Vote: Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Slade: yes; Commissioner Griggs: yes; Commissioner Judy: yes; Mayor Smith: yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE 10/3/2017
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Smith reported that the Westside Redevelopment Project is moving very quickly. Two of the three homes are expected to be done by the end of this week. Thanks to Public Works and Water Distribution for installing water lines to the homes and helping with the sidewalk installation. We have one potential buyer. Attorney Lair is preparing a purchase agreement for the sale of the homes. The only thing that needs to be done at this time is to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to negotiate a purchase price.

WESTSIDE
REDEVELOPMENT
PROJECT

Mayor Smith made a motion to authorize him and Attorney Lair to negotiate a purchase price for the Westside Redevelopment Project homes. Commissioner Mattmiller seconded. Vote: Mayor Smith: yes; Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Slade: yes; Commissioner Griggs: yes; Commissioner Judy: yes. Motion carried.

MOTION TO
AUTHORIZE MAYOR &
ATTORNEY LAIR TO
NEGOTIATE A
PURCHASE PRICE
WSRP

Mayor Smith announced that Champions for a Drug Free Harrison County met on October 9, 2017. It was a very good meeting.

MEETING OF
CHAMPIONS FOR DRUG

Mayor Smith announced that there will be a pension rally at the Court House on November 18, 2017 from 4-6 pm. Because that effects all city employees the Mayor encourages all employees to attend.

FREE HARRISON CO
PENSION RALLY

Mayor Smith reported that salvage of the Handy House is scheduled to begin on November 1, 2017. Attorney Lair added that the attorney for the Heritage Council is wanted a hearing for an injunction. Dates are being considered for the injunction.

HANDY HOUSE
SALVAGE

Mayor Smith reported that he attended a presentation on broadband for the City of Fairlawn, Ohio. They started in 2014. They recently completed their project supplying broadband to everyone in their city. They expected 35% take rate and got 50%. Commissioner Judy stated that KLC advises to be mindful and get a volunteer board to help with the planning. Mayor Smith agreed cautious but move ahead. Possibly a trip to Fairlawn, Ohio to see what they have done. The City of Cynthiana is ahead of practically every city in the state.

REPORT ON
PRESENTATION FIBER
OPTIC

Mayor Smith recognized Commissioner Mattmiller.

FINANCE REPORT

PAYABLES REPORT

Commissioner Mattmiller made a motion to pay the following bills:

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

General Fund \$ 256,839.15

Water & Sewer Fund \$ 137,330.67

Commissioner Slade seconded. Vote: Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Slade: yes; Commissioner Griggs: yes; Commissioner Judy: yes; Mayor Smith: yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mattmiller reported cash in bank:

CASH IN BANK

General Fund \$ 128,515.63

Water & Sewer Fund \$ 142,933.03

Commissioner Mattmiller discussed the Dog Park initiative as to the location being near the creek due to environmental issues, that is not going to be the best place for the park to be located. The recreation board will be looking for a place and will be moving forward with that.

DOG PARK

Commissioner Mattmiller stated that a few weeks ago he brought up about the full-time Mayor. There were questions about the hours and that he passed out some information on that. Where are we with this now? Do we need to bring this up for discussion? Commissioner Mattmiller reported that at this point we need to keep moving forward and he believes we need a full-time Mayor to accomplish this. Mayor Smith stated that there should be expectations as what a Mayor should do. Commissioner Judy stated that Kentucky League of Cities told her that basically we could not say what they have to do. That the next Mayor might come in a not do what they were supposed to do. Attorney Lair stated that there is really no way to control how many hours the Mayor or any elected official to work. Commissioner Mattmiller stated that on the other hand we can't expect to get good applicants for the Mayor's position if we don't pay accordingly. Commissioner Griggs added that she knows Mayor Smith is putting in the hours but is not sure if the next Mayor would do the same. Commissioner Griggs stated she thought we would be bringing this issue to the Strategic Planning Meeting. Commissioner Mattmiller stated he was hoping to get this settled before the date for candidates had to file so everyone would know coming in what the pay rate and expectations would be of the Mayor. Commissioner Slade stated that he remembered from a few years back at a forum for candidates a citizen stated that to be a Mayor on the salary that the city pays they would have to be retired or wealthy. Commissioner Slade added he would like to do it before November 8th which is the date for candidates to file. Mayor Smith added that he appreciates what the commissioners have said about him but to please not make this about him, make this about the expectations of the Mayor of the City of Cynthiana for the future.

FULL TIME MAYOR

Commissioner Mattmiller made a motion to have the first reading of ordinance #1578 making the Mayor's position full time.

MOTION TO HAVE
FIRST READING MAYOR
SALARY INCREASE

Attorney Lair read the first reading of Ordinance #1578 relating to raising the salary of the Mayor to \$30,000 effective January 2019.

Commissioner Mattmiller made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #1578. Commissioner Slade seconded. Vote: Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Slade: yes; Commissioner Griggs: yes; Commissioner Judy: yes; Mayor Smith: abstain. Motion carried.

ACCEPT 1ST READING
ORD #1578 MAYOR
SALARY

Mayor Smith recognized Commissioner Slade.

PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT

Commissioner Slade reported that he, the Mayor, the Police Chief and Assistant Police Chief met last week for a couple hours. The topic was recruitment and retaining of officers and left with some objectives.

Commissioner Slade reported Trick or Treat will be October 31, 2017 from 6-8 p.m.

TRICK OR TREAT

Commissioner Slade made a motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer Andrew Dutton effective October 14, 2017, he has accepted a position with Paris Police Department which is his hometown. Commissioner Judy seconded. Vote: Commissioner Slade: yes; Commissioner Judy: yes; Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Griggs: yes; Mayor Smith: yes. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION OF
ANDREW DUTTON

Commissioner Slade reported the third mural on Walnut is anticipated to be finished soon and a reveal will be October 24, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Mayor Smith recognized Commissioner Griggs.

PUBLIC MAINTENANCE
REPORT

Commissioner Griggs reported that the brush pick up has started and will continue until November 10th. Crews have been working on sidewalks on Mill Street and will be working on the entrance to the Country Club.

CHIPPER SERVICE

Commissioner Griggs added that salt and snow removal will be coming soon.

Mayor Smith recognized Commissioner Judy.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
REPORT

Commissioner Judy reported that the West Bypass Water Line project is complete. The mains are being pressure tested and sanitized.

Commissioner Judy reported that we received 2 bid on the tube settlers at the Water Treatment Plant. They were a little higher than expected. Todd Blanton will be contacting vendors to be sure the bids are what we need. We will be reviewing them and making a recommendation soon. We have also received some bids for the booster pump on the eastside. They are a little higher than expected and we are looking at some alternatives.

BIDS RECEIVED ON
TUBE SETTLERS AND
BOOSTER PUMP

Commissioner Judy wanted to thank Cody Ziesenness. The City received a letter from a teacher at St. Edwards school. The teacher said that Cody was flushing hydrants by the school and some of the kids were asking questions. Cody explained to them why we had to flush. The school appreciated Cody for taking the time to talk to the students.

LETTER FROM ST
EDWARDS SCHOOL
THANKING CODY
ZEISENESS

Commissioner Slade made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner
Mattmiller seconded. Vote: Commissioner Slade: yes; Commissioner
Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Griggs: yes; Commissioner Judy:
yes; Mayor Smith: yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Jamie D. Hutchison, City Clerk

James Smith, Mayor

10/17/2017