

**City of Lakeview Heights
385 Circle Drive
Morehead, KY 40351**

**MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
Virtual on Zoom
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

A meeting of the City Commission was held virtually via Zoom and streamed live on The City of Lakeview Height's Facebook Page with the following present:

Commissioner Members Present:

Sam Mason, Mayor
Tim Miller, Commissioner
Jim Fluty, Commissioner
James Hood, Commissioner
Mark Blankenbuehler, Commissioner

Others Present:

Amanda Mason, Clerk
Don Lamb
Holly Lamb

Commissioner Members Absent:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mason called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

MEETING MINUTES

December 1st, 2020 Meeting – Commissioner Fluty made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Miller made a second to the motion, and the motion carried.

December 17th, 2020 Special Called Meeting -

Commissioner Blankenbuehler noted a repeated phrase "as it was not included on the original document" on the bottom of page 1. It was also noted that the word 'Adjournment' was spelled wrong on the last page. With those corrections made, Commissioner Fluty made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hood made a second to the motion, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Lamb appeared before the commission during Public Comments to read his formal complaint about barking dogs on Sam and Amanda Mason's property at 100 Circle Drive that he had addressed with Sam on 12/10/2020.

After hearing Mr. Lamb's statement, Commissioner Miller stated that he wanted to go on record to say that we need to be courteous to each other and that it is important to work toward resolving issues with dogs.

OLD BUSINESS

CRF exhaustion 12/28

As of 12/28/2020, all of the City of Lakeview Heights Covid Relief Funding has been exhausted. Mayor Mason and the Clerk made the final purchases on 12/28 to ensure the 12/31/2020 deadline was met. All paperwork for reimbursement has been submitted, with the exception of the attorney's fee for looking over the MOA. The City has received the first reimbursement installment and expects the rest within 2-3 weeks.

COVID care package distribution

Packages were distributed by Commissioners to almost all of the residents in the neighborhood, with the exception of a few residents who were not home at the time. Those will be delivered soon. Mayor Mason said that most residents were extremely thankful for the supplies and expressed their gratefulness. The City does have leftover materials/supplies that can be distributed to residents in the future if/when needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's report

The monthly Financial Report for November was presented by Amanda Mason, Clerk/Treasurer. Commissioner Fluty made a motion to accept the report as presented. Commissioner Blankenbuehler made a second to the motion and the motion carried.

Property Tax Spreadsheet –

Per the request of one of the commissioners, Clerk Mason presented the property tax spreadsheet that she had modified to indicate which residents had not yet paid their property taxes, had made overpayments, or had made duplicate payments. The spreadsheet can be used to help understand the resident overpayments, as well as track when those refunds were issued and when they clear the bank. Commissioner Fluty commended Clerk Mason for modifying the spreadsheet to help ensure the records were clear and easily understood.

Dog barking complaint (100 Circle Drive)

Mayor Mason said that this complaint was the complaint referenced by Mr. Lamb during public comment. Mayor Mason stated that as Mayor and Clerk, the Masons do not expect any special treatment. The Masons are expected (as all commissioners are) follow the same ordinances, guidelines, and expectations as every resident in the city.

Sam and Amanda Mason indicated that the morning after they received Mr. Lamb's complaint, two 'automatic' bark collars were ordered. They also kept both dogs in the garage at night until the bark collars arrived approximately a week and a half later. Since Amanda was working from home, she indicated that she kept a close watch on the dogs, listened for any barks, and use the manual shock collar if barks lasted longer than 3 'woofs'. Once the collars were received, they have kept them on the dogs continuously, except for the few hours each week that the collars must be removed for charging. Amanda has continued to monitor and track barking, which has significantly declined as a result of the new collars.

Commissioner Miller mentioned that the same issues arise occasionally with other animals across the neighborhood. He also indicated that he feels that the Masons have taken necessary steps to work toward a solution to the complaint. Commissioner Hood indicated that he has also heard several dogs bark around the neighborhood while people walk by.

Mayor Mason wanted to say that things did get tense between Mr. Lamb and himself, but it was coming from both parties. He wanted to make it clear that the confrontation was resident-to-resident, as Mr. Lamb approached him as the owner of the dogs. He indicated that although both men were upset due to the situation, he did not feel that either party would have escalated it further.

The commission discussed how to communicate what steps the Masons had taken to remedy the complaint.

Speed bump on the dam

Mayor Mason informed the Commission that the speed bump by the dam was ripped up by the salt truck, which was the city's fault due to lack of signage. Therefore, the city needs to purchase the materials and supplies to create 'bump' signage on a post. Commissioner Miller asked if the City of Morehead could perhaps assist in replacing the spikes. Mayor Mason said that he felt that he could replace the spikes with a good sledge hammer. Mayor Mason asked for approval to purchase a post, concrete, and speedbump spikes to replace those damaged and construct the sign.

Commissioner Fluty made a motion to purchase the supplies to fix the speedbump and erect a sign. Commissioner Miller made a second to the motion, and the motion carried.

Street sign Circle Dr/Roselawn

Mayor Mason informed the commission that the Circle Drive/Roselawn street sign was knocked over during the Christmas eve snowstorm. It appears that a car was unable to stop and ran over the sign while continuing down the hill. Because the sign was an older sign, Mayor Mason suggested that we pay to replace the street signs entirely. Commissioner Miller indicated that the Beechwood and Circle Drive street sign may also

need to be replaced. Mayor Mason said he would look at the sign posts to determine what other parts of the signs or posts may need to be replaced due to damage, age, or deterioration.

Stop Sign at Circle Dr/Roselawn

Mayor Mason said that the stop sign was placed very close to the ditch. The water from the ditch has eroded some of the dirt at the bottom of the post, which has caused the sign and post to get wobbly and lean. It will need to be secured.

Roadway at the bottom of Oakwood and Circle Drive

Mayor Mason said that the road at the bottom of Oakwood (where it intersects Circle Drive) needs attention (perhaps around March or April). It is in poor shape.

Commissioner Miller stated that the road between the Fossett and Conn property on Beechwood will need attention and consideration for blacktopping when the time comes.

Pothole at Circle Dr/Beechwood

Mayor Mason said he thought there was a pothole at this location that needed attention, but it was actually a man hole that was covered with leaves.

Remind App

Clerk Mason reported that once she had simplified the process of signing up for Remind and included the simplified instructions in the most recent newsletter, over 35 residents have signed up to receive messages from the city. She said it was pleasing to see residents who do not actively participate in the Facebook Messenger group or in meetings sign up to receive information from the city. She noted that it should be a very useful tool for notifying residents of upcoming events such as city meetings, road work, property tax deadlines, etc. She is also able to communicate individually with residents, if needed, which is extraordinarily helpful considering she does not have the personal phone numbers of most residents.

Adjournment

With no further business pending and through unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10.

Sam Mason, Mayor

Amanda Mason, City Clerk/Treasurer

