

CITY OF DRY RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 04, 2016

Council for the City of Dry Ridge met in regular session on January 04, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dry Ridge City Building, 31 Broadway, Dry Ridge, Kentucky, 41035, with the following present:

Mayor: James Wells

Council: Kenny Edmondson, James Hendy, Carisa Hughett, Fred Money, Sara Cummins. Joni Pelfrey was absent

City Attorney: Pete Whaley

Staff: Amy Kenner, Police Chief Rick Kells, Fire Chief Rodney Smith, Brent Cummins, Adam Myers, Ken Little, Jamey Rhoton.

Guests: Gary Brock, Judy Osborne, Courtney Ford, Bryan Marshall.

Mayor James Wells called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Wells welcomed our guests, Council members, and City Attorney.

Mayor Wells welcomed our staff.

Mayor Wells introduced Council member Fred Money to give the invocation.

Council member Fred Money gave the invocation.

City Clerk/Treasurer Amy Kenner took attendance with five Council members being present.

Mayor Wells presented the agenda for approval.

Council member Fred Money moved, Council member Sara Cummins seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Fred Money-yes, Sara Cummins-yes.

Mayor James Wells presented the minutes of 12-14-15 for approval.

A spelling error was noted in the Parks Department Report. This will be corrected before posting.

Council member Sara Cummins moved, Council member Jim Hendy seconded to approve the minutes of 12-14-15. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Fred Money-yes, Sara Cummins-yes.

REPORTS

FIRE

Chief Rodney Smith presented the monthly and YTD stats for the fire department. Chief Smith stated runs are up over last year.

Mayor James Wells presented updated pictures of the new fire truck which is under construction. Chief Smith stated he is expecting the truck to arrive mid-March.

POLICE

Chief Rick Kells stated the YTD numbers have not been released to him yet. He will have those numbers by the February meeting.

WATER

Jamey Rhoton stated he had been on vacation the last couple of weeks. He informed council the water department received a violation on water readings. He stated they may have to resample the water.

Jamey Rhoton stated since the City of Dry Ridge receives their water from the City of Williamstown, there is not a lot he can do to improve the readings. Jamey Rhoton stated Williamstown is in violation more than the City of Dry Ridge.

Jamey Rhoton stated a public notice was printed on the new water bills that were mailed to citizens in January. The notice has also been printed in the newspaper.

Jamey Rhoton stated there is no monetary fine associated with the violation. The violation is a long way from needing a boil advisory issued.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Ken Little stated cones were placed on New Del due to traffic in a citizen's yard. The yard has ruts in it and will need to be fixed. They are working with the citizen to decide how the problem can be resolved, either by using gravel or dirt.

Ken Little stated the new drain that was put in on US25 is handling water well. Pictures were show of the new drain. Ken Little stated a metal grate will be placed over the entire concrete opening.

Ken Little stated the department worked traffic for four hours on December 23, 2015, after the storm came through. They helped the Police Departments by directing traffic and cleaning tree limbs that were down.

SEWER

Ken Little stated the maintenance on Judith Street that is performed quarterly has been completed.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Jamey Rhoton stated there was no report to give.

Mayor James Wells stated the owner of KFC stopped by the office and stated they were looking at destruction to begin in February.

PARK & RECREATION

Mayor Wells stated there is a sign up for softball leagues going on currently.

IT

Brent Cummins stated there was no report to presented.

MAYOR

Mayor James Wells presented the current Budget to Actual reports for the Road Aid Fund, Utility Fund, and General Fund to council for review.

Mayor James Wells gave an update on ABC standings. He stated he has placed two calls into ABC to get answers. Mayor Wells stated there is a meeting on January 14th between the ABC legal department, all city mayors, and the Judge Executive.

Fred Money asked what the proposed license fee for package stores would be. Mayor Wells stated currently it is \$200 for Malt and \$600 for spirit. Mayor Wells stated KRS does set maximum fees but cities are able to set the fee amounts. Fred Money stated he thinks all cities should be the same.

Kenny Edmondson asked about sales on Sunday. Mayor Wells stated the Fiscal Court has to pass the sale on Sunday.

Mayor Wells stated there will be no Bars in the county due to not having a population of 8,000 or more in any one city.

Mayor Wells stated there are still seating and sales requirements for certain businesses. He stated there are many different types of licenses for different types of businesses.

Attorney Pete Whaley stated there are a limited number of Quota Retail Licenses, which allow for packaged sales, per county.

Attorney Pete Whaley stated there are unlimited NQ2 licenses for restaurants that seat 50 or more. He also stated for convenient stores to be able to sell they must maintain \$5,000 in groceries in stock. Mr. Whaley stated for grocery stores to be able to sell they must have a separate entrance.

A question was asked if a micro-brewery would be allowed. Mayor Wells stated yes they will be allowed with proper licensing.

Mayor Wells outlined the process for obtaining a license. The law does not take effect until 60 days from the vote, which will be February 22nd. Applicants must run an ad in the local paper for seven days stating their intent to apply for an ABC license. The ad must contain specific information with a disclosure on how to dispute the application. Mayor Wells stated it would be the first week in March, at the earliest, before the City would see applications. Mayor Wells stated

after the application has been approved by the City it must be forwarded to the State for approval. He believes the state will get bottle necked with applications. He stated the City will do inspections as part of the application process, however, the State will do inspections of their own also.

OLD BUSINESS

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT BID AWARD

Chief Rodney Smith presented the bids to council.

Chief Smith stated there was only one bid submitted for the SCBA equipment. A bid was submitted by 911 Fleet in the amount of \$35,700 for six SCBA and 12 cylinders.

Council member Fred Money moved, Council member Sara Cummins seconded to accept the bid from 911 Fleet. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Fred Money-yes, Sara Cummins-yes.

Chief Smith stated there was only one bid submitted for the Rescue Tools. A bid was submitted by Vogelpohl Fire Equipment in the amount of \$25,100. No exceptions were noted in the bid.

Council member Sara Cummins moved, Council member Jim Hendy seconded to accept the bid from Vogelpohl Fire Equipment. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Fred Money-yes, Sara Cummins-yes.

B. 2015 AUDIT REPORT APPROVAL

City Clerk/Treasurer presented the 2015 Audit Report for approval.

Council member Fred Money moved, Council member Carisa Hughett seconded to approve the 2015 Audit Report. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Fred Money-yes, Sara Cummins-yes.

NEW BUSINESS

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT 2016 ACADEMY RECRUITS

Mayor James Wells presented the schedule for classes for new police recruits. He stated if the City was interested in hiring a third officer the first date to get into is February 8, 2016, making the recruit available to the City in December 2016.

Mayor Wells stated DOCJT will do all the background work for the City. He stated we will pay the salaries while the recruit(s) is in the academy. He stated the initial equipment cost would be \$1,400 for each recruit and another \$1,443 for equipment after graduation.

A discussion was had as to whether the City should hire one recruit or two recruits now. Concern was expressed as to if there was enough money in the budget to hire two new recruits at this time. Mayor Wells stated if two recruits were hired now the current budget would be short approximately \$7,000 and would need to be amended before the end of the fiscal year.

A question was proposed to Chief Rick Kells if it would be harder to train two recruits at one time versus training one at a time. Chief Kells stated they are sending Officer Little for Field Training so he will be able to help with training of the new recruits. Chief Kells stated it is no harder to train two recruits as it is to train one.

City Clerk/Treasurer Amy Kenner was asked if she had any concerns about hiring two recruits at the present time. Amy Kenner stated she had no concerns currently since the overall budget is set to have a surplus, moving the extra money into the police department should not hurt the city.

A motion was put on the table to send two recruits to the first available class.

Council member Jim Hendy moved, Council member Sara Cummins seconded to send two recruits to the first available class. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Fred Money-yes, Sara Cummins-yes.

A question was proposed as to if the City had to advertise the two open positions again. Chief Kells stated they had a good list of candidates from the previous advertisement and would like to interview from that list. Attorney Pete Whaley stated he would investigate if a new advertisement would need to be run and let Chief Kells and Mayor Wells know the outcome.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Fred Money moved, Council member Carisa Hughett seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Fred Money-yes, Sara Cummins-yes.

AMY KENNER, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

JAMES WELLS, MAYOR