

CITY OF DRY RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 02, 2106

Council for the City of Dry Ridge met in regular session on May 02, 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: Fred Money, Joni Pelfrey, Sara Cummins-arrived late, Jim Hendy, Kenny Edmondson, Carisa Hughett

City Attorney: Pete Whaley

Staff: Amy Kenner, Brent Cummins, Chief Rick Kells, Chief Rodney Smith, Superintendent Jamey Rhoton, Superintendent Ken Little.

Guests: Gary Brock, Judy Osborne, Michael Riegler, Wade Gutman, Bret Browning

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

Mayor Wells welcomed our guests and Council members.

Mayor Wells welcomed our staff.

Mayors 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 six Council members being present. Councilwomen Sara Cummins arrived after attendance was taken.

Mayor presented the agenda for approval.

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

Mayor Wells presented Minutes from April 04, 2016 for approval.

Council member Fred Money moved, Council member Carisa Hughett seconded to approve minutes from April 04, 2016. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Fred Money - yes, Joni Pelfrey - yes, Sara Cummins - yes, Carisa Hughett - yes.

Mayor Wells presented Minutes from April 18, 2016 for approval.

Council member Sara Cummins moved, Council member Joni Pelfrey seconded to approve minutes from April 18, 2016. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Fred Money - yes, Joni Pelfrey - yes, Sara Cummins - yes, Carisa Hughett - yes.

Mayor Wells presented Minutes from April 25, 2016 for approval.

Council member Carisa Hughett moved, Council member Sara Cummins seconded to approve minutes from April 25, 2016. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Fred Money - yes, Joni Pelfrey - yes, Sara Cummins - yes, Carisa Hughett - yes.

REPORTS

ABC

Mayor Wells stated there were two applications submitted this week. The applications are available online for review.

MAYOR

Mayor Wells informed council the auditing firm the City has used for several years has notified the City they will no longer be performing audits. A new auditor was recommended. Mayor Wells presented the proposal sent by the new auditor.

Mayor Wells presented a letter from NKADD thanking the City for our contribution this year.

Mayor Wells presented a letter from Williamstown Project Graduation. They are asking the City if they would be able to make a donation. Mayor Wells suggested giving an admission ticket to each student who stayed the entire night to the Rockin' the Ridge festival in July.

Mayor Wells informed council that Linda Browne's husband had a stroke while they were on vacation in Florida.

OLD BUSINESS

1. UPDATE COVEY PROPERTY

Mayor Wells informed council the 5-day grace period ends tomorrow. He stated we have already made arrangements for things to start tomorrow. A few vehicles have been moved already.

Mayor Wells stated the Covey's have not been in contact with himself or with Pete.

2. CHURCH STREET & RIDGEVIEW CIRCLE PROJECTS

Michael Riegler VP of Lien Riegler Blacktopping addressed council. Mr. Riegler thanked council for letting him speak. Mr. Riegler informed council his company has been in business since 1954 and they have at least 25 guys working for us from the county. Mr. Riegler expressed his concern about council awarding the project to someone other than the lowest bidder. Mr. Riegler asked council to reconsider awarding the bid.

Bret Browning addressed council. He stated that as a citizen of Dry Ridge he found it upsetting that tax dollars were being spent correctly.

Councilman Kenny Edmondson responded to Mr. Riegler and Mr. Browning. He stated Easton Asphalt was highest bid not Jim Evans. Councilman Edmondson stated he did not know who Riegler was. He addressed the last sentence in the Riegler letter to council reserving the right to file protest to the state.

Mr. Riegler stated he did not read the law to allow council to not take the lowest bid.

Councilman Edmondson stated the council did have the right to pick the bid they wanted.

Councilman Jim Hendy stated he had not heard of Riegler either. He stated he was concerned about the lowest bid due to it being so much lower than the others, the concern was about the quality of the work.

Councilwoman Carisa Hughett wanted the Mayor to show the KRS that states council does not have to go with the lowest bid.

Councilwoman Sara Cummins stated since being in the seat for two terms we have had issues in the past with companies doing jobs. When problems come up it has been hard to get them to come back and fix. This is why it is hard to put our trust in someone we don't know.

Mr. Riegler stated many cities require references in the bid packet to eliminate those issues.

Superintendent Ken Little asked for the bid specs to be displayed to show the statement allowing the City to pick the bid they feel best suites the City.

3. UPDATE STREET LIGHTS, ENGINEERING FERGUSON BLVD DEVELOPMENTS

Mayor Wells stated the Cahride group would not be here tonight. Mr. Cahill has spoken to his partners and they want to speak with an attorney before they come talk to council.

Mayor Wells stated they brought up the Tiff ordinance of 2007. Mayor Wells explained what the Tift tax is and how it is designed to work.

Wade Gutman spoke on how the tax would work.

Mayor Wells states two ordinances were established, one setting the zone and one setting the tax. Mayor Wells stated in his personal opinion this is being done opposite of how the Tift is supposed to happen.

City Attorney Pete Whaley stated he does not even believe this is the correct road spoken about in the ordinance.

Mr. Gutman stated Piles would be out of the Tiff tax because it had to be asked for before it was built. Mr. Gutman stated he believes there is a time limit on the Tiff if nothing was done in the Tiff zone within five years. If nothing was done it would revert back to the original zoning.

Mayor Wells showed minutes from a special meeting on March 17, 2007, showing the emergency action.

Mayor Wells stated he still believes the road has never been adopted into the City.

Mr. Whaley stated he hoped they would be get an attorney this way he would have someone to talk too. He suggests for council not to take any action at this time and to invite them back to first June meeting.

Mayor Wells referred to article seven, section L of subdivision regulations regarding sidewalks.

Mayor Wells stated if we put in sidewalks and lights there is going to be a large cost.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE 816-2016 BUSINESS LICENSE - 1ST READING

Mayor Wells presented the proposed ordinance to council for consideration.

A discussion was had between council members regarding the suggested pricing.

Council member Fred Money made a motion to leave the prices as they are currently but to redo the ordinance with the enforcement wording attached. The motion died due to lack second.

Council member Sara Cummins made a motion, Council member Carisa Hughett second accepting the proposed ordinance as stated. Motion carried.

A discussion was had among councilmembers, staff and guests.

Mayor Wells stated this constitutes the first reading of ordinance 816-2016.

2. CINCINNATI BELL EASEMENT 31 BROADWAY

Mayor Wells presented motion to allow Cincinnati Bell to have an easement to the box outside the city building. Cincinnati Bell would pay a onetime fee of \$500.00 to offset the cost of the survey.

Council member Fred Money made a motion, Council member Sara Cummins second to all the easement for Cincinnati Bell. Motion carried. Joni Pelfrey - yes, Kenny Edmondson - yes, Fred Money - yes, Jim Hendy - yes, Carisa Hughett - yes, Sara Cummins yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Fred Money made a motion, Council member Carisa Hughett second to adjourn. Motion carried. Joni Pelfrey - yes, Kenny Edmondson - yes, Fred Money - yes, Jim Hendy - yes, Carisa Hughett - yes, Sara Cummins yes.

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Amy Kenner, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Jim Wells, Mayor