

CITY OF DRY RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 07, 2017

Council for the City of Dry Ridge met in regular session on August 07, 2017 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: Sara Cummins - absent

Jim Hendy  
Kenny Edmondson  
Carisa Hughett  
Clay Crupper

Staff: Amy Kenner  
Brent Cummins  
Fire Chief Rodney Smith  
Sewer Superintendent Ken Little  
Police Chief Rick Kells  
Barry Marksberry  
Jamey Rhoton

City Attorney: Pete Whaley

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

City Clerk/Treasurer Amy Kenner took attendance with four Council members being present. Mayor Wells presented the Agenda for approval. Council member Carisa Hughett would like to add Rockin' the Ridge as number 2 under Old Business.

Council member Jim Hendy moved, Council member Clay Crupper seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Sara Cummins - absent, Carisa Hughett - yes, Clay Crupper - yes.

Mayor Wells presented Minutes from July 17, 2017 for approval. A spelling error was noted in the minutes.

Council member Carisa Hughett moved, Council member Jim Hendy seconded to approve minutes from July 17, 2017. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Sara Cummins - absent, Carisa Hughett - yes, Clay Crupper - yes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. VACANT COUNCIL SEAT APPOINTMENT**

Mayor Wells stated four letters of interest were received regarding the vacant council seat. Mayor Wells presented each candidate letter and introduced them. He asked them to say a few words.

Donnie Hoen - not present

Ashley Humphrey Brinker - not present

Ronald Maddox - Mr. Maddox introduced himself and addressed council.

Mary Conley - Mrs. Conley introduce herself and addressed council.

Mayor Wells explained to council the process for voting in a new council member. In the first round each council member must give a yes or no vote for each candidate. Council members may vote yes for more than one candidate. If any candidate receives more votes than the others they will automatically be elected, if there is a tie the candidates with the most votes will continue to the next round of voting until a winner is determined.

#### Round One

	Donnie Hoen	Ashley Humphrey-Brinker	Ronald Maddox	Mary Conley
Clay Crupper	NO	YES	YES	YES
Kenny Edmondson	NO	NO	YES	NO
Jim Hendy	NO	NO	YES	YES
Carisa Hughett	NO	YES	NO	YES

After the first vote, Ronald Maddox and Mary Conley both received three votes and will move to the next round.

#### Round Two

	Ronald Maddox	Mary Conley
Clay Crupper	NO	YES
Kenny Edmondson	YES	NO
Jim Hendy	YES	NO
Carisa Hughett	NO	YES

After the second vote, Ronald Maddox and Mary Conley were tied with two votes each. A tie breaker vote had to be cast by Mayor Wells. Mayor Wells voted yes for Ronald Maddox. Mr. Ronald Maddox was appointed to fill the vacant seat of city council until the end of the current term.

Mayor Wells swore in Mr. Ronald Maddox at 6:24 pm. Mr. Maddox took his seat at the table with the other council members.

## **REPORTS**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief Rodney Smith presented the July stats for review.

Fire Chief Smith informed council a member of the Williamstown Fire Department was let go due to the filling of a swimming pool outside their area. Chief Smith stated it took about 4,000 gallons to fill the pool.

Council member Carisa Hughett made a motion, Jim Hendy second, to bill Williamstown Fire Department for the water used from the City of Dry Ridge hydrant.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Chief Rick Kells presented the June stats for review.

### **WATER DEPARTMENT**

Superintendent Jamey Rhoton and Mayor Wells informed council there was a water leak at the old Food Lion Building. It appears the meter was turned back on after it was originally turned off.

Jamey Rhoton informed council the 6" meter with Williamstown was tested about two weeks ago and failed. Williamstown is looking at replacing the meter.

The water report from 10 Taft Hwy was presented.

A list of out of order Hydrants were presented.

- Blackburn Lane - Wendy's
- 20 Blackburn Lane
- 317 Brentwood Drive
- Warsaw Ave

### **SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Sewer Superintended Ken Little gave quoted for work to be performed on the lift station at Wal-Mart. It would be \$2,828.50 if they are doing another job in the area, otherwise another \$3,200.00 will need to be added to the quote.

Superintended Ken Little presented a quote to add choppers to the lift station at the High School, \$21,600.00. Mr. Little stated this lift station only services the high school.

Superintended Ken Little stated the old high school lift station needs to be upgraded to handle the flow. This upgrade is quoted at \$65,045.00. Mr. Little stated this lift station also needs a generator.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Barry Marksberry presented pictures of the sidewalk on Warsaw Ave across from the Reuse Center.

Barry Marksberry presented pictures of Business Blvd. He stated the street needs to be restriped, however the arrows cannot be repainted due to the material used when they were originally put down.

Barry Marksberry presented pictures of Blackburn Lane. He stated the areas will be fixed after the construction of McDonald's is complete.

Barry Marksberry presented pictures of McCoy Lane. He stated the ditch on the side of the road needs to be filled due to a safety hazard. The ditch is 3'-4' deep.

Barry Marksberry presented a picture of the Microtel sign at the corner of Clara Jean and Blackburn. He stated this sign caused a blind spot and will look into getting it moved.

## **PLANNING & ZONING**

Mayor Wells stated the rezoning of a section of Brentwood back to R3 from NC is at the Grant County Planning and Zoning.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wells presented items from Northern Kentucky University for council to review.

Mayor Wells presented the financials from all funds for council to review.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **2. ROCKIN' THE RIDGE**

Council member Carisa Hughett suggested a sponsor be obtained before artist are signed.

Mayor Wells stated the committee does need to get back together. Mary Conley volunteered to sit on the committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. GRANT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - SUSAN NIMERSHEIM**

Ms. Nimersheim thanked council for allowing them to use Piddle Park to host Fueling the Mind this summer.

### **2. 12 RIDGEVIEW CIRCLE (SHORT TERM VACATION RENTAL PROPERTY) - RESIDENTS**

Mayor Wells informed council that it was found the property at 12 Ridgeview Circle has deed restrictions that do not allow for a business to be run at that location. Mayor Wells stated the city can enforce ordinances but the city cannot enforce deed restrictions.

Many residents from Ridgeview Circle addressed council regarding their concerns of the business. Many residents asked the city to revoke the business license since it does violate the deed restrictions. Residents also asked council to consider looking at short term rentals in the R1 zoning.

Council member Carisa Hughett moved, Council member Clay Crupper seconded to revoke the business license. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Sara Cummins - absent, Carisa Hughett - yes, Clay Crupper - yes, Ronald Maddox - yes.

A hearing was set for Monday, August 21, 2017, at 5:30 pm.

### **3. JILL WALKER ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Ms. Walker was absent.

### **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **A. KRS 61.810(1)(B) - PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

#### **B. KRS 61.810(1)(C) - PENDING LITIGATION**

Council member Jim Hendy moved, Council member Carisa Hughett seconded to enter executive session at 7:53 pm. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Sara Cummins - absent, Carisa Hughett - yes, Clay Crupper - yes, Ronald Maddox - yes.

Council member Jim Hendy moved, Council member Carisa Hughett seconded to exit executive session at 8:31pm. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Sara Cummins - absent, Carisa Hughett - yes, Clay Crupper - yes, Ronald Maddox - yes.

No action was taken during executive session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council member Jim Hendy moved, Council member Ronald Maddox seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Sara Cummins - absent, Carisa Hughett - yes, Clay Crupper - yes, Ronald Maddox - yes.

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Amy Kenner, City Clerk/Treasurer

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James Wells, Mayor