

CITY OF DRY RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 03, 2015

Council for the City of Dry Ridge met in regular session on August 03, 2015 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, Kenny Edmondson, James Hendy, Carisa Hughett, Joni Pelfrey. Fred Money was absent.

City Attorney: Pete Whaley

Staff: Amy Kenner, Police Chief Rick Kells, Fire Chief Rodney Smith, Brent Cummins

Mayor James Wells called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.

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

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Mayor Wells introduced Attorney Pete Whaley to give the invocation.

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

Mayor Wells presented the agenda for approval.

Mayor Wells requested for an additional topic to be added to New Business, Topic C. Municipal Order 2015-15.

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

Mayor James Wells presented the minutes of 07-06-15 for approval.

It was noted that title for Resolution 2015-06 under New Business section A needed to be corrected

Council member Joni Pelfrey moved, Council member Carisa Hughett seconded to approve the minutes of 07-06-15. Motion carried. Sara Cummins-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

REPORTS

FIRE

Chief Rodney Smith stated there were 160 runs for the month which is up from last year. The YTD runs for 2015 are approximately 1,000 compared to YTD 2014 runs at 1,100.

Chief Smith stated runs in our area were higher to date.

Chief Smith stated the used ambulance purchased is online and has been functional for a whole month. There has only been one glitch at the end of the month. The old truck was moved to Corinth mid-month. It has returned to Dry Ridge to assist with runs.

Chief Smith stated Rural Metro was purchased by AMR last Thursday. They have stated it will business as usual for the next 90 days.

Chief Smith stated the new billing company is working well.

Chief Smith announced Dry Ridge Fire Department was awarded a federal grant in the amount of \$761,429 to purchase a new fire truck. Dry Ridge Fire Department is one of only two departments awarded the grant. The Fire Department is required to commit 5% of the purchase price.

POLICE

Chief Rick Kells stated fuel costs are up YTD due to two additional cars running.

Chief Rick Kells stated K.J. Little was at training this week.

Mayor James Wells stated the citizens have commented they appreciate the presence of the additional officers.

MAINTENANCE

Mayor James Wells reported Jamey Rhoton is absent. Mayor Wells reported the water tower painting should begin in 3-4 weeks.

Mayor James Wells reported Ken Little is absent. Mayor Wells reported the maintenance department has traveled to Cincinnati to look at new beds for the sewer truck. The new truck to be purchased was under state bid, however, Piles Chevrolet was asked to give a bid. The bid received from Piles was \$4,000 more than the state bid.

Mayor James Wells stated the maintenance trucks are starting to incur costs and needed repair. Once the new truck is purchased the plan is to hand the truck driven by Ken down to Barry. The other two trucks would be surplus allowing for the purchase of an additional truck to be driven by Robbie.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mayor James Wells presented the Morton Salt contract. The City has agreed to purchase 225 tons of salt at \$76.14 per ton. Currently the salt bin is full.

PARKS & RECREATION

Mayor James Wells stated there have been two events held since the last meeting. The movie in the park was successful and everything went well. The Middle School Cheerleaders sold concessions and generated approximately \$500.

Mayor James Wells stated the next event is being planned. He believes the scheduled date is August 22nd.

IT

Brent Cummins stated the website is working to allow citizens to pay utilities via check.

MAYOR

Mayor Wells stated since the Fire Grant requires a match of \$38,000 the 2016 Fiscal Year budget will need to be amended.

Mayor Wells stated the Erma Parks passed away last week. Mrs. Parks served on the housing board.

OLD BUSINESS

A. CITY BUILDING RE-MODEL UPDATE

Mayor James Wells stated he thought he could find the money within the budget to cover the complete cost of the re-model.

Council member Kenneth Edmondson moved, Council member James Hendy seconded a motion to complete phase 1 and the roof only. Motion carried. Sara Cummins-no, James Hendy-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes.

B. PIDDLE PARK PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor James Wells stated the details are not finalized with Evans Blacktopping. The only exception listed in the bid was for the paint. Mr. Evans stated the bid did not include the poles and net. Mayor James Wells stated he did not want to award the contract until the details are worked out.

C. RADIO READ UPDATE

Mayor James Wells stated the representative is coming this week to speak with Jamey Rhoton and himself.

D. EMS BILLING – CHIEF SMITH

Chief Smith reminded council the new billing company requires billing procedures in writing from the city. Since the issue was tabled at a previous meeting, instructions to bill all patients after insurance paid was sent to the billing company.

Chief Smith stated a nuisance/frequent flyer policy has been put in place to charge clients that require non-transport services five or more times in a year (regardless of location) will be charged \$100.00

Council member James Hendy moved, Council member Kenny Edmondson seconded to bring the topic of EMS Billing off the table and open for discussion. Motion carried. Sara Cummins-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

Discussion was had to establish guidelines that would accept payment from insurance companies as payment in full for all property owners and immediate family members residing in the same dwelling, within the city limits, who are in good standings with the city.

Council member James Hendy moved, Council member Sara Cummins seconded to accept the newly stated billing practices. Motion carried. Sara Cummins-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

NEW BUSINESS

A. PERSONNEL POLICY REVISIONS

Mayor James Wells presented section C, item 2 of the Compensation Plan policy. Mayor James Wells proposed to strike item 2 from the employee policy manual. This would require all employees to physically work 40 hours per week before being paid overtime. This will be created in Municipal Order 2015-16.

Council member Sara Cummins moved, Council member Carisa Hughett seconded to approve Municipal Order 2015-16. Motion carried. Sara Cummins-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

Mayor James Wells presented section D for review. Currently issuing Compensation Time instead of overtime pay is not allowed. Mayor Wells proposes to change this, research as to how this can be accomplished will be done and a proposal will be presented at the next council meeting.

B. CURFEW – PELFREY

Council member Joni Pelfrey stated the curfew ordinance needs to be enforced. Chief Kells stated the current ordinance, written in 1978, does not give him much authority. A minor walking the streets of Dry Ridge has the same 4th Amendment rights as an adult does.

Discussion was had in regards to days and times the curfew should be enforced. Attorney Pete Whaley will help write the new ordinance after reviewing neighboring city ordinances for suggestions. Mr. Whaley will present a proposed ordinance at the next council meeting.

C. MUNICIPLE ORDER 2015-15

Mayor James Wells presented the Interlocal Agreement with the County regarding the Parks & Recreation employee, Kyle. The agreement states that Kyle is an employee of the County.

Council member Sarah Cummins moved, Council member Carisa Hughett seconded to accept Municipal Order 2015. Motion carried. Sara Cummins-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

AMY KENNER, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

JAMES WELLS, MAYOR