

CITY OF DRY RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING (SPECIAL)
OCTOBER 5, 2009
5:30 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – MAYOR CRUPPER
- II. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – MAYOR CRUPPER
- III. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES – CITY CLERK/TREASURER
- IV. REPORTS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE MUNICIPAL ORDER/POLICY(KLC PROGRAM) – MAYOR CRUPPER, GARY MOBERLY
 - B. STANCO(SALVAGE AUTOMOBILES) – DORI SCHWEITZER
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT 201 PLAN -
- MAYOR CRUPPER, KEN LITTLE
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

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Council for the City of Dry Ridge met in special session on October 5, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at the Dry Ridge City Building, 31 Broadway, Dry Ridge, Kentucky, 41035, with the following present:

Fred Money, Jason O’Nan, Kenny Edmondson, Karen Glore, Encil Webster, Jamie Webster, Cindy Harris, Brian Marshall-Grant County News, Maintenance Superintendent Bobby Robbins, Sewer Superintendent Ken Little, Dori Schweitzer-Stanco, Gary Moberly-Moberly and Associates, John Renaker, Danny Sydnor, and Mayor Clay Crupper.

Mayor Crupper called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Crupper welcomed our guests.

City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Harris took attendance with all six Council present.

Mayor Crupper presented the minutes of September 14, 2009 for approval.

Council member Karen Glore moved, Council member Jason O’Nan seconded to approve the minutes of September 14, 2009. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson-yes, Karen Glore-yes, Fred Money-yes, Jason O’Nan-yes, Encil Webster-yes, Jamie Webster-yes.

REPORTS

Mayor Crupper presented a written Police report for August 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE MUNICIPAL ORDER/POLICY (KLC PROGRAM)

Mayor Crupper introduced Gary Moberly of Moberly and Associates, an independent consulting firm under contract with KLC to write, train, and administer a “drug free workplace policy” for its participating members.

Gary Moberly stated the General Assembly in 2007 permitted a 5% savings on worker compensation as a credit for drug-free workplace programs under Chapter 93, section 304.13-167.

The City of Dry Ridge had already adopted a “Drug-Free Workplace Policy” within its Personnel policy.

Gary Moberly stated KLC is the only insurance company in the state offering a discount to its members on their workers compensation policy and also contracting to have its cities certified, initially trained, recertified with subsequent years of training and follow up. The first year’s training requires an hour for each employee and an extra one half hour for supervisors. Subsequent years require one half hour of training and an additional one half hour for supervisors. Subsequent years can be done on KLC’s online university.

Gary Moberly stated workers compensation premiums are very hard to reduce. Seventy two organizations have taken advantage of the legislation since its inception both public and private entities. Thirty eight are organizations under KLC with \$300,000 in discounts being returned to these thirty eight members.

Gary Moberly stated the City has the "drug-free workplace policy", but must also adopt the Municipal Order, have a designated testing company completing an 11 panel drug test, and also an employee assistance program available. The City may choose its own testing company and its own employee assistance program. KLC has contracted for the "employee assistance program" for its members at \$1.75 per employee per month which provides a number of counseling sessions to its members and their immediate families.

Mayor Crupper stated he believed the City could save around \$1700 or more per year.

Gary Moberly stated that seemed about correct but there were the costs of testing and the employee assistance program. Gary Moberly stated with substance abuse on the increase and with 70% of the substance abusers being employed somewhere, workplace drug and alcohol usage has increased.

Mayor Crupper expressed appreciation on behalf of the City of Dry Ridge for the presentation. Mayor Crupper stated he would have City Attorney Michael Mulvey review the program and be back in touch with Mr. Moberly.

B. STANCO (SALVAGE AUTOMOBILES)

Mayor Crupper stated that Stanco wanted to take inoperable vehicles at their center; but he did not believe our recent enactment of the "Nuisance ordinance" would permit this operation.

Mayor Crupper introduced Dori Schweitzer with Stanco.

Dori Schweitzer stated they were located on both sides of Ruthman Drive, where the old transportation center in foreclosure was (North Central Kentucky) and across on the other side of Ruthman Drive formerly owned by Keith Kinmon. Dori Schweitzer stated they wanted to take cars in addition to other salvage to compete with other centers.

Zoning Officer Bobby Robbins stated the Nuisance Ordinance 742-2009 enacted in May 2009 prohibits this activity. Bobby Robbins stated the Ordinance would have to be changed for automobiles to be accepted at Stanco. Bobby Robbins stated with budget cutbacks there was no money to amend zoning ordinances in his budget.

Council member Kenny Edmondson stated that Stanco had stated all activities would be conducted inside before they ever started their initial operation on Ruthman Drive. Kenny Edmondson stated they were conducting activities outside and not as agreed on.

Council members asked about the condition of the property and the lack of a fence.

Council member Fred Money asked about the installation of a fence blocking the appearance of the property.

Dori Schweitzer agreed they would install their fence regardless of the outcome of their request.

Resident Ken Little, 51 Ellen Kay Drive, discussed the existing noise level of the company, and the existing condition of the property encouraging Council not to allow automobile salvage.

Dori Schweitzer talked about employment, cleaning up properties, and taxes.

Dori Schweitzer was asked about keeping the automobiles. Dori Schweitzer stated this facility was not a recycling center.

Mayor Crupper encouraged Council to go to a different facility at Walton and observe a similar operation.

Mayor Crupper stated Council would talk with the City Attorney and get back to Stanco.

OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT 201 PLANS


Mayor Crupper and Council member Encil Webster stated the agreement presented from Mr. Neinaber, Attorney for the Grant County Sewer District, through our City Attorney Michael Mulvey, was nothing like what was presented to the Council.

Mayor Crupper stated they were at our mercy not the other way. The agreement had what the City of Dry Ridge was giving the Sewer District, but there was no mention of what the City of Dry Ridge was to get in exchange as discussed at a meeting attended by Michael Mulvey, Encil Webster, Mayor Crupper, Ken Little, Bobby Burgess, and Thomas Neinaber.

Mayor Crupper stated he would call Mayor Caldwell of Williamstown, who had the same agreement and request they not act on it.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Fred Money moved, Council member Encil Webster seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson-yes, Karen Glore-yes, Fred Money-yes, Jason O'Nan-yes, Encil Webster-yes, Jamie Webster-yes.


CINDY L. HARRIS, CLERK/TREASURER


CLAY CRUPPER, MAYOR