

CITY OF DRY RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2008
7:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – MAYOR CRUPPER
- II. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – MAYOR CRUPPER
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COUNCIL
- IV. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES – CITY CLERK/TREASURER
- V. REPORTS
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. SECOND READING AMBULANCE FEE SERVICE ORDINANCE – MICHAEL MULVEY
 - B. SECOND READING FIRE SERVICE FEE ORDINANCE – MICHAEL MULVEY
 - C. SECOND READING BLIGHTED PROPERTY ORDINANCE – MICHAEL MULVEY
 - D. AMBASSADOR DRIVE – ENCIL WEBSTER
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Council for the City of Dry Ridge met in regular session on December 1, 2008, at 7:00 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, Cindy Harris, Bryan Marshall-Grant County News, Maintenance Superintendent Bobby Robbins, Police Chief Rick Kells, City Attorney Michael Mulvey, William and Donna Brown, Charles Phillips, Eldridge Cook, Jr., Gurney C. Clancy, Jon Groves, Logan Murphy, Phil Blevins, Wade Gutman, Devonda Munson, Jay Deaton, Stephanie Wilson, Chris Hammons, and Mayor Clay Crupper. Council member Jamie Webster arrived at 7:30 p.m.

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 five Council present and Council member Jamie Webster being absent. Cindy Harris stated that Jamie Webster had called the Clerk's Office earlier to state that he would be late arriving.

Mayor Crupper presented the agenda for approval.

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

Mayor Clay Crupper presented the minutes of November 17, 2008 for Council approval.

Council member Encil Webster moved, Council member Kenny Edmondson seconded to approve the minutes of November 17, 2008. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson-yes, Karen Glore-yes, Fred Money-yes, Jason O'Nan-yes, Encil Webster-yes, Jamie Webster-absent.

REPORTS

No reports were presented.

OLD BUSINESS

A. SECOND READING AMBULANCE SERVICE FEE ORDINANCE 737-2008

City Attorney Michael Mulvey read the second reading of Ordinance 737-2008 establishing charges for the HCPCS Code and billing amount to the Fire and EMS rate schedule.

Council member Fred Money moved, Council member Jason O'Nan seconded to approve and adopt Ordinance 737-2008. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson-yes, Karen Glore-yes, Fred Money-yes, Jason O'Nan-yes, Encil Webster-yes, Jamie Webster-absent.

B. SECOND READING FIRE SERVICE FEE CHARGES ORDINANCE 738-2008

738-2008 changing the charges for replacement of equipment.

Council member Encil Webster moved, Council member Karen Glore seconded to approve and adopt Ordinance 738-2008. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson-yes, Karen Glore-yes, Fred Money-yes, Jason O'Nan-yes, Encil Webster-yes, Jamie Webster-absent.

C. SECOND READING BLIGHTED PROPERTY ORDINANCE

Mayor Crupper recommended and requested that Council table the second reading of the Blighted Property Ordinance due to the length and complexity of the ordinance because this ordinance was not only dealing with blighted property but also with smoke, noise, etc.

Council member Karen Glore moved, Council member Fred Money seconded to table the Blighted Property Ordinance. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson-yes, Karen Glore-yes, Fred Money-yes, Jason O'Nan-yes, Encil Webster-yes, Jamie Webster-absent.

Williamstown City Attorney Jeff Shipp stated Williamstown had a nice ordinance dealing just with Blighted property, weeds, grass, etc.

City Clerk Cindy Harris stated that she was aware of Williamstown's ordinance and how well it had worked. Cindy Harris stated that several months ago City Administrator Doug Beckham had reviewed in detail the ordinance that Williamstown used to deal with property issues.

D. AMBASSADOR DRIVE

Mayor Crupper recognized Attorney Jeff Shipp.

Council, Mayor Crupper, City Attorney Michael Mulvey, Jeff Shipp, Logan Murphy, Richard Bragg, and property owners of Ambassador Drive all discussed the sewer issues on Ambassador Drive.

City Council member Jamie Webster entered the Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Jeff Shipp stated the application does not have to be signed or in the City of Dry Ridge's name for the City to administer the grant-receiving monies, advertising, bidding, awarding a bid, having the system completed, paying the bills for administration, engineering, and completion of the project.

Jeff Shipp stated the City of Dry Ridge would have to amend its budget to include the funding and expenses for this project.

City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Harris stated accepting and administering this grant may or may not cause the City of Dry Ridge to have a single audit. Anytime a City has a single audit there is more work to be done by the auditing firm which results in more costs for auditing. More information would be needed to be able to determine whether a single audit would be needed.

Jeff Shipp stated that he just needed a public agency to administer the grant and even though Judge Link had accepted the grant the Grant County Fiscal Court refused to administer this grant.

Jeff Shipp stated that Williamstown would administer the grant but he hated to impose on the City of Williamstown.

Jeff Shipp stated he had been wrong earlier and that Council member Encil Webster was correct that if the City of Dry Ridge signs the application then the City of Dry Ridge would be responsible.

Mayor Crupper asked City Attorney Michael Mulvey for his legal opinion.

City Attorney Michael Mulvey stated that anytime the City accepts money to build a project, the City could be held legally responsible in particular if for some reason the project did not succeed or the treatment plant did not work, or if there were ever litigation. The project is well outside the City of Dry Ridge. City Attorney Michael Mulvey advised the City of Dry Ridge to stay away from this issue outside of the City's legal boundaries.

City Attorney Michael Mulvey also reminded Council that previously they had committed and accepted this responsibility from the Grant County Fiscal Court. If Council decided not to proceed then Council should take the necessary steps to give the project back to Grant County Fiscal Court.

Ambassador Drive is located in Grant County.

Council member Encil Webster stated he understood the residents of Ambassador Drive's situation because he had 45 years experience dealing with sewer issues, but his first responsibility was to the taxpayers of the City of Dry Ridge which he had been elected by to serve their best interests and he knew the best interest of the citizens of Dry Ridge was not to become involved in any way with sewer outside of the City limits of Dry Ridge. Council member Encil Webster stated this project was the responsibility of the Grant County Fiscal Court.

Council member Kenny Edmondson stated that maybe the City should help the people of Ambassador Drive out.

Attorney Jeff Shipp stated he had asked all the residents and property owners on Ambassador Drive to come tonight. Some residents were present.

Council member Encil Webster and Maintenance Superintendent Bobby Robbins both spoke about the maintenance issues and expenses related to it after it is built.

Jeff Shipp stated he would have to get every property owners signature on the application for the permit first.

Council member Fred Money asked Jeff Shipp if he would be able to get every property owners signature to permit the sewer to the property owners.

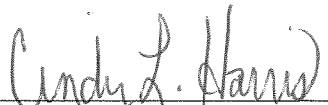
Jeff Shipp assured Council he would be able to get those signatures and get the permit under the property owners name and not the City of Dry Ridge.

Jeff Shipp is to bring this back to Council.

Council member Encil Webster remained opposed to the City's involvement in a sewer project outside of the City of Dry Ridge.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Fred Money moved, Council member Karen Glore 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, CITY CLERK/TREASURER


CLAY CRUPPER, MAYOR