

CITY OF DRY RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 3, 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. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. HIRING POLICE CHIEF – MAYOR CRUPPER
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. APPOINTMENT/APPROVAL ETHICS COMMITTEE – MAYOR CRUPPER
 - B. ORDINANCE 724-2008 (UPDATING COMPENSATION PLAN BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX) FIRST READING – MICHAEL MULVEY
 - C. GENERAL DISCUSSION – MAYOR CRUPPER
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

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Council for the City of Dry Ridge met in regular session on March 3, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dry Ridge City Building, 31 Broadway, Dry Ridge, Kentucky, 41035, with the following present:

Jason O’Nan, Jamie Webster, Fred Money, Kenny Edmondson, Norman Ferguson, Mathew Hicks, Ryan Naus-Grant County News, Bobby Robbins, Jamey Rhoton, Fire Chief Robert Bruin, Cindy Harris, and Mayor Clay Crupper.

Mayor Crupper called the meeting to order.

Mayor Crupper welcomed our guest Ryan Naus.

Mayor Crupper added Item A. Hiring a Police Chief under Old Business and Item C. General Discussion under New Business.

Council member Mathew Hicks moved, Council member Fred Money seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of A. Hiring a Police Chief under Old Business and Item C. General Discussion under New Business. Motion carried. Kenny Edmondson-yes, Norman Ferguson-yes, Mathew Hicks-yes, Fred Money-yes, Jason O’Nan-yes, Jamie Webster-yes.

Mayor Crupper presented minutes of February 4, 2008 for approval.

Council member Kenny Edmondson moved, Council member Jason O’Nan seconded to approve the minutes of February 4, 2008. Kenny Edmondson-yes, Norman Ferguson-yes, Mathew Hicks-yes, Fred Money-yes, Jason O’Nan-yes, Jamie Webster-yes.

OLD BUSINESS

A. HIRING A POLICE CHIEF

Mayor Crupper expressed appreciation for all the assistance the Grant County Sheriff’s Office, Williamstown Police Department, and Kentucky State Police have provided to the City of Dry Ridge. Mayor Crupper stated that it was time to start a Police Department again with the hiring of a Chief. Mayor Crupper stated he had reviewed several resumes and conducted interviews.

Mayor Crupper asked for Council approval of his appointment of Rick Kells as the City of Dry Ridge’s Police Chief.

Council member Fred Money and Council member Mathew Hicks agreed Rick Kells was an excellent choice for Police Chief. Rick Kells has fifteen years of experience with three different agencies.

Council member Fred Money moved, Council member Norman Ferguson seconded to hire Rick Kells as Chief of Police for the City of Dry Ridge effective immediately. Motion carried. Fred Money-yes, Jason O'Nan-yes, Jamie Webster-yes, Kenny Edmondson-no, Mathew Hicks-yes, Norman Ferguson-yes.

Council member Kenny Edmondson stated that he was not against hiring Rick Kells but was against starting our own police department again from the beginning.

Mayor Crupper stated Rick Kells would probably begin as Chief of Police within two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ETHICS COMMITTEE

Mayor Crupper asked for Council to approve his appointment of Jim Middleton, Dr. Clay Parks, Reverend Will Jones, Eddie Morgan, and John Renaker to serve three year terms on the Ethics Board.

Council member Norman Ferguson moved, Council member Mathew Hicks seconded to approve the appointments of Jim Middleton, Dr. Clay Parks, Reverend Will Jones, Eddie Morgan, and John Renaker to serve three year terms to the Ethics Board. Motion carried. Fred Money-yes, Jason O'Nan-yes, Jamie Webster-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, Mathew Hicks-yes, Norman Ferguson-yes.

B. FIRST READING ORDINANCE 724-2008(UPDATING THE COMPENSATION PLAN)

City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Harris read the first reading of Ordinance 724-2008 updating the Compensation Plan.

Mayor Crupper stated the second reading would be on March 17, 2008.

D. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mayor Crupper stated no engineering or budget had been completed for the project at Ambassador Drive. Funding had been passed as part of the general budget. Mayor Crupper stated the City of Dry Ridge had agreed to receive and disperse the money. There had been no mention of engineering, budgeting, or inspection. Mayor Crupper stated he would talk to Jeff Shipp and have him come to a Council meeting.

Fire Chief Robert Bruin stated he wanted to apply for the Fire Acts grant which has a 5% match. The deadline is April 4th. Chief Bruin stated he intended to apply for a vehicle exhaust system and probably a ladder truck. Chief Bruin stated he would present the application for approval on March 17, 2008.

Maintenance Superintendent Bobby Robbins stated Helmer Contracting is building on Blackburn Lane. Skyline Chili and possibly a bank will be the tenants.

Water Superintendent Jamey Rhoton stated there were seven possible units with each unit being separately metered.

Council member Norman Ferguson stated he would like to see the City of Dry Ridge issue their own building permits again with the City therefore having more control and also the receipt of the revenue. Bobby Robbins would need to pass two tests and Jamey Rhoton would need to pass three tests before being certified.

Council member Mathew Hicks agreed and thought July 1, 2008 would be a good date to start.

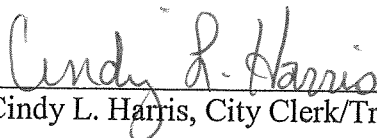
Council member Mathew Hicks stated the City of Dry Ridge does not have a Policy and Procedure Manuel for its new Police Department. Council member Mathew Hicks stated he would like to pursue the Police Department becoming nationally accredited. With a facilitator, the cost would be \$6000 but would also include development of the Policy and Procedures Manuel. This could be completed by July 1, 2008. This would be beneficial with a savings of 10% on insurance, help in defense with any lawsuits, and the City of Dry Ridge would be the only agency in the County to be nationally accredited. The City of Williamstown is also considering this. Newly appointed Chief Rick Kells was involved at Cold Springs when they became accredited. The cost of renewing the accreditation every five years would be \$1000. Council decided to discuss this with the new Police Chief on March 17, 2008.


Council discussed increasing the liability insurance to \$5,000,000. City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Harris will contact KLC for a quote.

Council member Fred Money asked City Clerk Cindy Harris to contact Campbellsville regarding their telephone system that automatically calls with storm alerts.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Jamie Webster moved, Council member Jason O'Nan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Fred Money-yes, Jason O'Nan-yes, Jamie Webster-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, Mathew Hicks-yes, Norman Ferguson-yes.


Cindy L. Harris, City Clerk/Treasurer


Clay Crupper, Mayor