

CITY OF DRY RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
June 1, 2015

Council for the City of Dry Ridge met in regular session on June 1, 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, Fred Money, Joni Pelfrey.

City Attorney: Pete Whaley

Staff: Cindy L. Harris, Police Chief Rick Kells, Fire Chief Rodney Smith, Kenneth Ball, Brent Cummins, Chad Bedard.

Guests: Gary Brock, Judy Osborne, Greg Brockman, Meghan Sandoff-NKADD, Bryan Marshall.

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

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

Mayor Wells welcomed our staff.

Mayor Wells introduced Council member Fred Money to give the invocation.

Council member Fred Money gave the invocation.

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

Mayor Wells presented the agenda for approval.

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

Mayor James Wells presented the minutes of 5-18-15 for approval.

Council member Kenny Edmondson moved, Council member Sara Cummins seconded to approve the minutes of May 18, 2015. Motion carried. Sara Cummins-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Fred Money-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

## REPORTS

### FIRE

Chief Rodney Smith stated there were 164 runs for May 2015 compared with 83 runs for May 2014. The YTD runs for 2015 723 compared to YTD 2014 runs as of May 2014 were 517.

Chief Smith stated runs in our area as well as runs covering Rural Metro were both higher to date.

Chief Smith stated one issue has been having ambulances out of service which has resulted in Walton and Scott County covering a few runs in the county.

Chief Smith stated the new computers have arrived. The new billing may be in place by July 1<sup>st</sup>, or shortly thereafter.

#### POLICE

Chief Rick Kells stated warning tickets were issued. There were 71 calls for service by Dry Ridge.

#### MAINTENANCE

Council member Fred Money asked about the painting of the water tower.

Mayor James Wells stated it would probably be later in the summer when there would be less wind to hamper the containment of the process.

Council asked about signs.

Mayor Wells stated more information was being gathered.

#### MAYOR

Mayor Wells stated General and Utility budget reports were posted.

Mayor Wells stated copies of the City of Williamstown billing for water and sewer was posted.

Mayor Wells stated Bill Zappe, Grant County Concrete, had an issue with a large bill in the winter. Ken Little was requested by Grant County Concrete plant to go to the location to turn off water because there was a leak. The utility bill was already paid. Sewer was not billed except for the small amount the restroom water usage reads at the plant. The usage billed from the City of Williamstown master meter was also equally as high that same month.

Council requested for Mayor Wells to have all parties involved especially Ken Little to attend the next meeting. Council wanted to speak with Sewer Superintendent Ken Little.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### A. NUISANCE PROPERTIES UPDATE

##### 1. 284 BRENTWOOD DRIVE

Council viewed the pictures and determined nothing more had been completed at the property.

##### 2. 14 North Main Street

City Attorney Pete Whaley stated he had spoken with June Covey and sent her the letter approximately two weeks ago.

The front of the business has been improved, but more work needs to be done to the overhang and the rear of the property.

Mayor James Wells stated Rob Marshall, owner of Toyota/employer of Craig Covey, had offered to furnish a truck and take the tires to help out.

Mayor James Wells stated the City was working on mowing lists and mowing properties within the City.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. GRANT COUNTY CAREER CENTER

Mayor James Wells introduced Meghan Sandoff with NKADD.

Meghan Sandoff stated the Grant County Career Center located 2020 Taft Highway has been open about two years. Grant County Fiscal Court planned to apply for a Community Development Block Grant with the partners (Gateway, NKADD, and Brighton Center) to secure funding to purchase the building. The application by the Grant County Fiscal Court was unsuccessful last year.

The Grant County Fiscal Court this year had decided not to apply for the grant.

Meghan Sandoff asked the City to consider making an application for the grant this year for \$250,000. The current purchase price of the property is \$400,000. The partners pay \$4000 a month in rent. The City would become the owner and a landlord.

Gateway administers the GED program and NKADD and the Brighton Center operate the Career Center.

Council member Kenny Edmondson stated he wanted more information before he decided anything.

Council member Sara Cummins moved, Council member James Hendy seconded to table this issue until the City can research the issue of the City becoming a landlord for nonprofit. Motion carried. Sara Cummins-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Fred Money-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

### B. ORDINANCE 794-2015 FY 2015 BUDGET AMENDED

Mayor James Wells presented the amended FY 2015 budget amending the beginning balances to reflect the actual audited numbers. This in turn altered the proposed ending balances.

Council member Fred Money moved, Council member Carisa Hughett seconded to approve the amendment of FY 2015 Budget. Motion carried. Sara Cummins-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Fred Money-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

Mayor James Wells read the first reading of Ordinance 794-2015 amending the FY 2015 Budget.

### C. ORDINANCE 795-2015 FY 2016 BUDGET

Mayor Wells presented Council with FY 2016 Budget along with the budget message outlining the highlights of the new proposed budget in detail.

Council member Sara Cummins moved, Council member Carisa Hughett seconded to approve the FY 2016 Budget. Motion carried. Sara Cummins-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Fred Money-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

Mayor James Wells read the first reading of Ordinance 795-2015 FY 2016 Budget.

#### D. FIRE DEPARTMENT INSURANCE

Mayor James Wells presented Council with the proposal for the Fire Department Insurance renewal (vehicle, portable equipment, liability, sickness and accident policy for volunteers).

Mayor Wells asked Chief Rodney Smith about the accident and sickness policy.

Chief Smith stated it was for volunteers.

Mayor Wells stated the accident and sickness policy did not apply to the employees. The full time employees were already covered by short and long term disability.

#### E. APPROVAL HRA RENEWAL AGREEMENT

Mayor James Wells presented Council with the renewal agreement for KLC for participating in the association for health insurance.

Council member Fred Money moved, Council member James Hendy seconded to enter into the agreement to purchase the health insurance. Motion carried. Sara Cummins-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Fred Money-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

#### F. GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Mayor James Wells presented Council with both the City's liability, property, and workers compensation policies as well as the comparison of the costs per policy including the increase to add the Police Department.

#### G. HEALTH INSURANCE

Mayor James Wells presented Council with the options for the health insurance and the summary of benefits and coverage of the plan he recommended providing to the employees for the upcoming FY 2016.

Mayor James Wells stated he had earlier reported a 14% increase, but having a change in the employee census reduced the increase by 5%. The insurance company had revisited our rates for FY 2016. Mayor James Wells stated when he entered the renewal rates there was little impact to the budget; therefore, he recommended keeping the insurance the same as the current year.

#### H. FLEXIBLE SPENDING APPLICATION

Mayor James Wells asked Council to approve \$2500 for the flexible spending plan for the employees.

Council member Fred Money moved, Council member Carisa Hughett seconded to extend flexible spending up to \$2500 for full time employees for FY 2016. Motion carried. Sara Cummins-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Fred Money-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

#### I. CITY ATTORNEY CONTRACT EXTENSION

Mayor James Wells stated the contract for City Attorney Pete Whaley was for six months until July 1, 2015.

Mayor James Wells stated he wanted to extend the contract for City Attorney Pete Whaley until one party or the other wanted to cancel the contract.

Council member James Hendy moved, Council member Fred Money seconded to extend the contract until either party, the City of Dry Ridge or Pete Whaley, decided to end the contractual relationship. Motion carried. Sara Cummins-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-yes, Fred Money-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

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CINDY L. HARRIS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

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JAMES WELLS, MAYOR