

CITY OF DRY RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 20, 2018

Council for the City of Dry Ridge met in regular session on August 20, 2018 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 - absent

Jim Hendy

Kenny Edmondson

Carisa Hughett

Clay Crupper

Ronald Maddox

Staff: City Clerk/Treasurer Amy Kenner  
Sewer Superintendent Ken Little  
Fire Chief Rodney Smith  
Superintendent Brent Cummins  
Chief Rick Kells  
Superintendent Barry Marksberry  
Assistant City Clerk Taryn Ward

City Attorney: Pete Whaley

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

Invocation was led by Pete Whaley.

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

Mayor Wells presented the Agenda for approval. Addition of number nine in New Business, Ordinance 853-2018.

Council member Kenny Edmondson moved, Council member Jim Hendy seconded to approve the agenda with amendment. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Sara Cummins - absent, Carisa Hughett - yes, Clay Crupper - yes, Ronald Maddox - yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells presented Minutes from August 06, 2018 for approval.

Council member Ron Maddox moved, Council member Clay Crupper seconded to approve minutes from August 06, 2018. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Sara Cummins - absent, Carisa Hughett - yes, Clay Crupper - yes, Ronald Maddox - yes. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

No Report Given

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No Report Given

### **WATER DEPARTMENT**

No Report Given

### **SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Jim Wells presented the 05/24/18 report that had been left off previous reports.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

No Report Given

### **PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

No Report Given

### **PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

No Report Given

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT) DEPARTMENT**

No Report Given

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT**

No Report Given

### **ABC DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Wells stated 90 Blackburn had received their state license.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wells presented a thank you card from Fueling the Mind.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. EXECUTIVE SESSION - KRS 61.810 (1) (C) - PENDING LITIGATION**

Council member Jim Hendy moved, Council member Ron Maddox seconded to enter executive session at 6:05 pm. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Sara Cummins - absent, Carisa Hughett - yes, Clay Crupper - yes, Ronald Maddox - yes. Motion carried.

Council member Jim Hendy moved, Council member Clay Crupper seconded to exit executive session at 7:15 pm. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Sara Cummins - absent, Carisa Hughett - yes, Clay Crupper - yes, Ronald Maddox - yes. Motion carried.

No action was taken during executive session.

Council member Ron Maddox moved, Council member Jim Hendy seconded to approve a resolution permitting Mayor Wells to proceed with litigation against the City of Williamstown regarding the current water and sewer contracts. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Sara Cummins - absent, Carisa Hughett - yes, Clay Crupper - no, Ronald Maddox - yes. Motion carried.

### **2. SEWER RATE ORDINANCE 849-2018 2ND READING**

City Clerk Kenner read Ordinance 849-2018 setting the new sewer rates. This constitutes a second reading.

Council member Ron Maddox moved, Council member Clay Crupper seconded to approve Ordinance 849-2018. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Sara Cummins - absent, Carisa Hughett - yes, Clay Crupper - yes, Ronald Maddox - yes. Motion carried.

### **3. ZONE CHANGE / MAP AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 850-2018 2ND READING**

City Clerk Kenner read Ordinance 850-2018. This constitutes a second reading.

Superintendent Cummins stated the change/amendment was approved by the county on September 13th.

Council member Jim Hendy moved, Council member Kenny Edmondson seconded to approve Ordinance 850-2018. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Sara Cummins - absent, Carisa Hughett - yes, Clay Crupper - yes, Ronald Maddox - yes. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. ORDINANCE 851-2018 ESTABLISHING PROPERTY TAX RATE 2018 - 1ST READING**

Mayor Wells presented the tax rate calculation reports done by Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD).

Mayor Wells suggested leaving the real property tax rate the same as last year (0.262) and setting the personal property tax rate at the suggested NKADD rate 0.229.

A discussion was had regarding rates. Council member Clay Crupper suggested leaving both rates the same as last year.

City Clerk Kenner read Ordinance 851-2018, setting real property tax rate at .262 and personal property tax rate at 0.203. This constitutes a first reading.

## **2. ORDINANCE 852-2018 ESTABLISHING MOTOR VEHICLE TAX RATE 2018 - 1ST READING**

City Clerk Kenner read Ordinance 852-2018 establishing the motor vehicle tax rate at 0.290. This constitutes a first reading.

## **3. BRENTWOOD/REDWOOD/VIRGINIA CT - WATER READING COMPLAINTS**

City Clerk Kenner stated she did look at 296 Brentwood from January 2017 to current and did not find where an adjustment had been made to the account as the customer had alleged.

## **4. BEANS CAFÉ TO ADDRESS COUNCIL - UTILITY ADJUSTMENT REQUEST**

Jack Beckner addressed council regarding the current usage amount for Beans. The account history was shown stating the current usage amount was 40,900 gallons. Mr. Beckner stated this is higher than what the business has ever been. Superintendent Marksberry stated he checked the meter and watched it for about 10 minutes and it never moved on 08/13/2018, after which he turned on the outside spicket which caused the meter to start moving. Mr. Beckner stated he would like to have the account watched for a couple of months to see if the usage goes back down to where it was running previously. City Clerk Kenner stated the next billing cycle is already going to be at least 44,600 gallons based on the reading taken on 08/15/2018. Council agreed to watch the account for a few months.

## **5. RUBY MILLER TO ADDRESS COUNCIL - UTILITY ADJUSTMENT REQUEST**

City Clerk Kenner presented to council the billing history for outstanding balances for 47 Race Street. City Clerk Kenner asked council if they wanted to do any adjustments to the account before a lien was filed on the property for the outstanding balance. City Clerk Kenner informed council while the charges are all generated from minimum bill due to the water being shut off, the residence is still occupied, and sewer and trash services are still being used by the resident. City Clerk Kenner stated there was no way of knowing how much waste water was put into the sewer system since there is not a meter on the sewer lines. City Clerk Kenner stated she has had reports of seeing residents carrying water into the home. Council decided not to adjust any charges on the account.

## **6. SUSETTE CARROLL TO ADDRESS COUNCIL - UTILITY ADJUSTMENT REQUEST**

City Clerk Kenner presented to council the billing history for outstanding balances for 29 Warsaw Avenue. City Clerk Kenner asked council if they wanted to do any adjustments to the account before a lien was filed on the property for the outstanding balance. City Clerk Kenner informed council while the charges are all generated from minimum bill due to the water being shut off, the residence is still occupied, and sewer and trash services are still being used by the resident. City Clerk Kenner stated there was no way of knowing how much waste water was put into the sewer system since there is not a meter on the sewer lines. City Clerk Kenner stated she has had reports of seeing residents carrying water into the home. Council decided not to adjust any charges on the account.

**7. DAWN HAYNES (PAYROLL PARTNERS) TO ADDRESS COUNCIL - PAYROLL QUARTERLY ADJUSTMENT REQUEST**

Ms. Haynes addressed council on behalf of her company Payroll Partners. Ms. Haynes stated her company represents seven clients doing business in the city. The quarterly payroll taxes were received by the city after the due date resulting in penalty and interest on all seven accounts, a total of \$239.87. Ms. Haynes stated they mailed the returns on July 26th and they were received in the office on August 1st. Ms. Haynes asked council to wave these charges.

Council member Carisa Hughett moved, Council member Clay Crupper seconded to write off the penalty and interest due for the seven clients represented by Payroll Partners. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Sara Cummins - absent, Carisa Hughett - yes, Clay Crupper - yes, Ronald Maddox - no. Motion carried.

**8. PAYROLL TAX LATE FEE ASSESSMENT FEE CLARIFICATION (SECTION 11)**

City Clerk Kenner asked council for clarification on penalties to be assessed on payroll taxes. City Clerk Kenner asked if a business files on time but does not pay the full tax due should there be a penalty assessed. If yes should the penalty be assessed on the original tax due or the remaining balance.

Council agreed a penalty should be assessed but only on the outstanding balance.

**9. ORDINANCE 853-2018 AMENDING TEXT FOR A1 ZONING**

City Clerk Kenner read Ordinance 853-2018. This constitutes a first reading.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council member Jim Hendy moved, Council member Carisa Hughett seconded to adjourn at 8:37 pm. Kenny Edmondson - yes, James Hendy - yes, Sara Cummins - absent, Carisa Hughett - yes, Clay Crupper - yes, Ronald Maddox - yes. Motion carried.

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Amy Kenner, City Clerk/Treasurer

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James Wells, Mayor