

CITY OF DRY RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 4, 2015

Council for the City of Dry Ridge met in regular session on May 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dry Ridge City Building, 31 Broadway, Dry Ridge, Kentucky, 41035, with the following present:

Mayor: Jim Wells

Council: Kenny Edmondson, James Hendy, Fred Money, Joni Pelfrey.

City Attorney: Pete Whaley

Staff: Cindy L. Harris, Police Chief Rick Kells, Fire Chief Rodney Smith, Ken Little, Brent Cummins.

Guests: Gary Brock, Judy Osborne, Greg Brockman, Jay Hoffman, Dennis Vanhaitsma.

Mayor 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.

City Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Harris took attendance with four Council members being present. Sara Cummins and Carisa Hughett were absent.

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

Council member Fred Money gave the invocation.

Mayor Wells presented the agenda for approval.

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

Mayor Jim Wells presented the minutes of 4-6-15 and 4-20-15 for approval.

Council member James Hendy moved, Council member Fred Money seconded to accept the minutes of 4-6-15 and 4-20-15. Motion carried. Sara Cummins-absent, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-absent, Fred Money-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

REPORTS

FIRE

Fire Chief Rodney Smith report 155 runs for April 2015, most were EMS.

Chief Smith stated there was an influx of runs outside the fire protection area. Chief Smith stated he met with the regional director of Rural Metro to discuss this two weeks ago. Chief Smith stated more common that not was the fact that 1102(Crittenden Rural Metro) and very often 1101(Williamstown Rural Metro) were out of service. Just this morning 1102 was out of service

and 1101 went out of service at 7:30 a.m. This leaves Dry Ridge with the only staffed ambulance in the entire County. Chief Smith stated Rural Metro was often being pulled back to Boone and Kenton County to make runs and transports between hospitals there which was more profitable.

Chief Smith stated some runs requiring a paramedic were missed today. Chief Smith stated there was a 2 hour 30 minute delay right now to be transferred from St. Elizabeth-Grant County to a St. Elizabeth unit to the north.

Chief Smith stated that Fiscal Court and other cities really need to do something to help.

Chief Smith stated a new billing company was being looked at for improvement with collection rates.

POLICE

Chief Rick Kells stated he had nothing to report at this time. Mayor Jim Wells gave a report from Williamstown Police Department.

MAINTENANCE

Sewer Superintendent Ken Little stated he had nothing to report at this time.

MAYOR

Mayor Wells stated the City received a bill for 6.35 million for water and 6.9 million for sewer, which he would look into.

Mayor Wells stated the first mowing notice went out this past week.

Mayor Wells stated the site plan for Murphy's Oil location near Walmart was available for viewing.

Mayor Wells stated he met with the state highway department concerning the pooling of water near Arbors Drive and U.S. 25 (South Main Street). The state will provide the drain box and the City will install this.

OLD BUSINESS

A. WATER TOWER GRAPHIC DESIGN

Mayor Wells introduced Jay Hoffman. Mayor Wells projected four designs, three being red/white/and blue combinations and one being submitted by Robert Marshall, owner of Dry Ridge Toyota. Mayor Wells told Council a decision needed to be made because Tuesday, May 5th the color scheme had to be finalized for bidding. Bids are due to be opened Friday, May 8, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Council member James Hendy moved, Council member Kenny Edmondson seconded to use drawing #2 with a white center pole and stem, white "Dry Ridge". Motion carried. Sara Cummins-absent, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-absent, Fred Money-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

B. NUISANCE PROPERTIES UPDATE

1. 221 REDWOOD DRIVE

Mayor Jim Wells stated Mr. Perez requested more time to finish his cleanup. Mayor Wells stated he gave Mr. Perez until the 15th of May to finish the cleanup of his property.

2. 14 NORTH MAIN STREET

Mayor Jim Wells stated unfortunately Craig Covey had not accomplished anything that had been verbally promised so City Attorney Pete Whaley needed to proceed with sending a letter.

3. 50 Race Street

Greg Brockman stated the owner of 50 Race Street had contacted him about demolition of the property. Greg Brockman stated this would be finished soon.

Fire Chief Rodney Smith stated there were too many OSHA regulations and the condition of the property was such that burning was not an option.

4. 12 WARSAW AVENUE

City Attorney Pete Whaley will proceed with the paperwork to have the property ready for demolition. No probate has been completed.

5. 284 BRENTWOOD DRIVE

City Attorney Pete Whaley stated the owner had requested someone from the City check his property to be sure everything was completed as it needed to be.

Mayor Jim Wells stated he would check or have the property checked.

Council also discussed the condition of the weeds at Country Grill on Taft Highway creating a visual traffic hazard.

Council also discussed the Dry Ridge Reuse Center. Mayor Jim Wells stated he had an application for a business license on his desk, but no license would be issued until the condition of the property was corrected.

C. REVISED STREET ORDINANCE 794-2015

Mayor Jim Wells stated this was tabled at the last meeting.

Council member Kenny Edmondson moved, Council member James Hendy seconded to bring the Revised Street Ordinance 794-2015 back to the floor for discussion. Motion carried. Sara Cummins-absent, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-absent, Fred Money-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

Council discussed various streets and the speed limits needed.

Council member Kenny Edmondson moved, Council member Joni Pelfrey seconded to amend Ordinance 794-2015 to reflect all streets have a speed limit of 15 mph with the exception of Business Blvd., Cull Road, Curry Lane, Fashion Ridge Road, Ferguson Blvd., Hopperton Lane, Meeks Road, and Warsaw Avenue. The listed streets would have a speed limit of 25 mph. Motion

carried. Sara Cummins-absent, Kenny Edmondson-yes, James Hendy-yes, Carisa Hughett-absent, Fred Money-yes, Joni Pelfrey-yes.

Mayor Jim Wells gave Ordinance 794-2015 a first reading

ADJOURNMENT

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

CINDY L. HARRIS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

JAMES WELLS, MAYOR