

**City of Pioneer Village
Regular City Council Meeting
February 24, 2015**

Regular Meeting of the Pioneer Village City Council was held at City Hall Becknall Community Center, 4700 Summitt Drive, Louisville, KY 40229. Gary W. Hatcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Peggy Druin, Dorleen Garrett, Darlene Herps, Denver Matthews, Phillip Radford, and Gary Wilson. Also in attendance were City Clerk Ricki Daniels and City Attorney Mark Edison.

Peggy Druin made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes for January. Dorleen Garrett 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Peggy Druin made a motion to accept the minutes for January. Darlene Herps 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Denny Matthews made a motion to accept the financial report for January. Phillip Radford 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Gibson Property: Attorney Edison reported that Mr. Gibson countered our offer of \$20,000 with an offer of \$30,000. After a short discussion, Peggy Druin made a motion to table the discussion. Darlene Herps 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Impound Lot Policy and Fees: Mayor Hatcher stated the City needed to establish a policy on the impound lot fees. The current daily impound rate is \$15. He also stated the current administrative fee was a one time fee of \$25.00. He stated the current rates had never been increased. He also stated other impound lots charge considerably more than we do. After a short discussion the Gary Wilson made a motion to have Attorney Edison draw up a draft of a policy, and suggests the daily rate be \$30 per day the Council also asked him to set the administrative fee at a one time fee of \$50 for the 1st 10 days it is impounded and then after 10 days it be increased to \$100. Peggy Druin 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Yard Sale Ordinance: Mayor Hatcher reported he had been approached by several residents about having a street wide or City-wide yard sale, and asked the Council their feelings on changing the current ordinance. The problems discussed included parking issues, and the problem of having police officers spending time policing parking issues rather than policing City streets. Mayor Hatcher suggested the Council take some time to think about it, and we could address it at another meeting in the future.

Business License Fees: Mayor Hatcher asked the council to consider increasing the business license fees and possibly having more of a standard fee rather than the fees that are now in effect. He stated currently depending on the business, the fee could range from \$25 to \$400 per year, but that most businesses pay \$25.00. He stated the City Clerk had researched other cities and determined that Shepherdsville has a set fee for all licenses, as does Mt. Washington. Hillview has a range of fees similar to our current fees. After a short discussion the Council asked Attorney Edison to draw up a draft of a new business license schedule and bring it back to the Council next month. They suggested increasing the business license to \$75 per business.

Property Tax Liens: Mayor Hatcher informed the Council there are several liens we placed on property for tax years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, that we would need to either try and collect or extend the lien, as we can only collect on the original lien for 10 years. After a short discussion, whether it would be feasible to file lawsuits on the delinquent taxes. Mayor Hatcher asked Attorney Edison to send letters to the current homeowners and make them aware a lien is on the property, and give them the opportunity to clear the lien from the property. He stated the current owner may not have owned the property at the time of the lien.

Fire in Police Department: Mayor Hatcher reported to the Council there had been a fire in the police department recently. He stated an extension cord had overheated, and that the majority of the damage was smoke damage. He stated luckily he and Magistrate Laswell were in the City Hall when they smelled smoke and were able to call 911 to have the fire put out. The cost of clean-up will be somewhere around \$25,000; which insurance will cover all but the deductible. He also stated we have contacted our alarm company and will have smoke and heat detectors added to the building with an automatic call to the fire department when smoke or heat is detected.

Presentation of Life Saving Pins: Mayor Hatcher asked Chief Reynolds to present Officer Ray Wilburn and Officer James Miller with Life Saving Pins for their response to a resident in cardiac arrest. The resident was revived but later passed away. The Mayor, Chief, Council and those in attendance thanked both officers for their life saving attempt.

Snow Removal: Mayor Hatcher thanked the volunteers who plowed the streets during the recent snow storm. He stated there were about 120 volunteer man hours put into the snow removal. He also stated that the dump truck was down during the recent snow storm with transmission issues. He stated the dump truck may need new seals.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Councilwoman Peggy Druin asked that Jim Walser be contacted about the potholes on Spring Meadow Drive.

Dorleen Garrett stated she would like to see a program started that would assist residents in the City with shoveling driveways and sidewalks during snow storms.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

No Report.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Mayor Hatcher informed those at the meeting that a resident was recently a victim of burglary while at home. She called her husband when she saw the person entering an out building and called 911. Her husband and the police were there within minutes and caught the burglar. He encourages everyone to call 911 in an emergency, and let the first responders do their job.

ADJOURNMENT

Dorleen Garrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phillip Radford 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Signed this 24th day of March, 2015.

Submitted by:



Gary W. Hatcher



Mark Edison, City Attorney

Attested by:



Recka Daniels, City Clerk

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