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REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 27, 1988

The City of Pikeville Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 27, 1988. The meeting was rescheduled from Monday the 26th to Tuesday the 27th due to the Christmas Holiday. The session was held in the City Commission's regular meeting place in the City Hall Public Meeting Room at 260 Hambley Boulevard.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Steven Combs called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Commission Members present upon call of the roll were as follows:

COMMISSIONER:	STEVEN COMBS
	GREG JUSTICE
	THOMAS HUFFMAN
	JOHNNY MOUNTS

Mayor W. C. Hambley, M.D. was absent.

MINUTES

The minutes for the previous regular meeting of December 12, 1988 were included in each Commission Member's agenda package. Greg Justice made the motion, seconded by Johnny Mounts to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried 4 - 0.

BUSINESS FROM
THE FLOOR

Jessie Sayler complained of excessive water bills for his apartment on Harolds Branch. He explained that he had received bills for 70,000 gallon usages but when the serviceman checked the meter, the usage for this month was 3,000 gallons. Sewage Distribution Supervisor, Paul Hall, checked the stations and reported there was no increased flow through the pumping station. The Commission instructed that a new calibrated meter be installed. The meter will be read twice before any adjustment is made to the bill. Mr. Salyer reported that he has about a \$200.00 current bill and requested to delay the payment until it is determined if he is due an adjustment. The Commission agreed to the request.

CITY BILLS

City Bills totaling \$52,141.79 were presented to the Commission for approval of payment. Greg Justice made the motion, seconded by Thomas Huffman to approve payment of the City Bills totaling \$52,141.79. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY'S
REPORTS

Second reading was given to an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND ABATEMENT OF UNSAFE OR UNFIT HOUSING AND RENTAL DWELLINGS, DILAPIDATED HOUSING, PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC AND ABATEMENT THEREBY

Thomas Huffman made the motion, seconded by Greg Justice to adopt the Ordinance as read. The motion carried by the following votes:

COMMISSIONER:	STEVEN COMBS	YES
	GREG JUSTICE	YES
	THOMAS HUFFMAN	YES
	JOHNNY MOUNTS	YES

The motion carried.

2. Water Purchase Contracts: A summary of the water purchase contracts was included in the agenda. Mr. Davis reported that the City can increase the water rates to Sandy Valley Water and Mud Creek Water on January 23, 1989. Mayo Village can be increased in August 1989 and Mountain Water District rates can be increased at any time that the City's cost of production warrants an increase in rates. Hal Williams of PSG, using the formulas in the Umbaugh report, came up with needed projected increases. Mud Creek showed a projected increase of .16¢ per 1,000 gallons while Sandy Valley showed a .32¢ per 1,000 gallon projected increase. Commissioner Huffman expressed his opinion that the water districts should be charged a uniform rate and that since the Mayo Village Water District is within the City Limits, the City should purchase the line, install fire hydrants to assure fire protection, and afford those residents with the lower City Water rates.

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The City Attorney advised that the water rates could not be changed for the sole basis of uniformity. Thomas Huffman made the motion, seconded by Steve Combs to authorize the City Attorney to explore the possibility of purchasing the Mayo Vilalge Water lines. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission authorized the City Attorney to notify the Sandy Valley Water District and the Mud Creek Water District of possible rate increases.

3. W. W. Lindsey Court Case: Mr. Davis reported that he has received notification that the Court of Appeals has overturned the Circuit Court Judge's decision in the W. W. Lindsey gas price dispute. This decision would provide that the gas company would have to renegotiate for a price for the natural gas sales and if an agreement is not reached, the contract is rescinded. The City would then be free to purchase from other suppliers on the pecking order. W. W. Lindsey has the right to appeal to the Supreme Court of Kentucky.

4. Odor Elimination: At the previous meeting, Mr. Davis was directed to write Professional Services Group to request they pay for the chemicals purchased from Atco Manufacturing for odor treatment. Mr. Davis reported that Mr. Williams of PSG brought a package of materials which consisted of three proposals for odor control but were not acted upon by the Commission. Mr. Davis reported that a letter has been sent to PSG acknowledging the presentation of the proposals but indicating that the purchase from Atco Manufacturing was the selection of the City of Pikeville.

5. Riverfill Development: The City Commission directed Mr. Davis to invite the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors and J. A. Hughes, developer, to the next meeting to give a progress report on the present and future development plans of the riverfill.

After questioned by the news media with regard to the above subject, the Commission discussed previous property and other asset disposals by the Urban Renewal Agency.

CITY ENGINEER REPORTS

Jack Sykes of Summit Engineering, presented the Commission with a verbal report of ongoing City Projects.

1. Guardrail: Mr. Sykes was directed at the previous meeting to determine the quantity of guardrail and cost for the installation on Peach Orchard. Mr. Sykes reported that 1040 feet is needed. New guardrail would cost \$8.00 per foot installed or a total of \$9,520.00. Good used guardrail can be obtained for about \$1.50 per foot cheaper. Thomas Huffman made the motion to advertise for bids for the project using the used guardrail. Greg Justice seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Ratliffs Creek: Rodney Lovern, a resident of Ratliff's Creek, reported inadequate water pressure. Mr. Sykes reported that Mr. Lovern's property is located at the end of the line and the elevation is close to that of the Smith Hill Tank. The house was purchased six years ago and Mr. Lovern reports that he has been experiencing this problem during this entire period. When pumping, he has adequate pressure. Discussed was the maintenance of the fire hydrants. Mr. Sykes reported that he would contact the Johns Creek Fire Department to see what type of maintenance system they have and will report back to the Commission. Three alternatives were discussed to remedy this problem. The most economical solution was to install an in-line pump and tank with housing around the pump for a cost of \$3,200.00. This cost does not include any maintenance or monthly power bills for the operation of the pump. Mr. Sykes was directed to check with Mr. Lovern to see how much he is willing to contribute and if he is agreeable to assume the maintenance on the pump and pay the monthly electric bill.

3. Telemetry: The City Attorney was directed to write the company from whom the City bought the telemetry equipment from asking for the installation as soon as possible.

4. 201 Update: Mr. Sykes reported that a draft of the 201 update is available and a notice has been put in the newspaper that all interested persons can view the document at City Hall. All comments are to be directed to the City Manager or presented at the next City Commission Meeting.

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GAS SYSTEM
INSPECTION

The City Commission reviewed a report from the Ranger Insurance Company citing several areas which required immediate attention. The survey recommendations included that all gas meters should be relocated outside basements or enclosures so that the gas department has full access at all times. Commissioner Justice questioned where the meters would be relocated as there were some locations not practical. The City Attorney advised that the City should comply with the recommendation or face a possible rate increase. He added that each relocation would have to be reviewed separately to deem the practicability. Several of the gas crew personnel were present at the meeting and discussed the new policy of lighting furnaces and water heaters when gas service is restored. The employees felt this practice would unnecessarily endanger their lives as some of the furnaces are a hazard and most customers do not have automatic shut-off valves. The Commission discussed the method of notification of gas service interruption. Tennis Hamilton, crew supervisor, reported that each person, if at home, is notified in person but a note is left on the door if the occupant is not at home advising that the gas service has been interrupted and the phone number to call for assistance. The City Commission directed the City Attorney to send a letter to all gas customers advising that an automatic shut off valve is required for service. The Commission also directed the gas crew not to turn the gas on if the customer has faulty equipment and to advise the customer of the problem. The Commission directed that the policy of lighting furnaces and water heaters be tried for a couple of months. The release letter was discussed. The City Attorney suggested that if the property is rented, that both the owner and renter sign the release.

STP

Notice was given to the Commission that the Division of Air Quality had received complaints of the septage odor and have scheduled a meeting in Hazard on January 10, 1989 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss a solution to the problem. The City Attorney was directed to call the Division of Air Quality Office to ask that the meeting be held in Pikeville so the entire Commission could attend.

UTILITY PENALTY
AND CUT-OFF

The City Attorney was directed to prepare an ordinance to amend the City's existing Ordinance which provides for dates of collection and penalties. The Commission instructed that the due date for all utility payments is the 15th of each month. Should the 15th fall on a holiday or weekend, the due date will be the next working day until 5:00 p.m. A 3% penalty will take effect from the 16th to the end of the month. The full 10% penalty will take effect on the 1st of the month. If the bills are sent out late, the due date will be extended by the number of days late. The Commission also discussed the service charge amounts.

FIRE DEPT.

The Commission authorized the acting Fire Chief, Tommy Hall, to advertise for bids for phone service for the new fire station.

POST OFFICE

Notice was given that the Postal Authorities have requested permission for removal of the Huffman Avenue ramp to allow for the expansion of the existing post office building. Jack Sykes was instructed to ask the postal authority representatives to meet in a work session to discuss their plans.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Johnny Mounts made the motion, seconded by Steve Combs to adjourn to an executive session to discuss the City Manager's position. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE

Thomas Huffman made the motion, seconded by Greg Justice to reconvene to regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

STP CHEMICALS

Steve Combs made the motion to direct the wastewater collection system employees to cooperate fully with the Atco Manufacturing representatives in injecting the chemicals at the collection and lift stations. Thomas Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

WORK SESSION

Steve Combs made the motion, seconded by Thomas Huffman to schedule a work session with Professional Services Group on Thursday December 29, 1988 at 5:00 and with a representative of the Housing

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ADJOURNMENT

Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Thomas Huffman made the motion, seconded by Johnny Mounts to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The City Commission's next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, January 9, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall Meeting Room, 260 Hambley Boulevard.

APPROVED

W.C. Hambley, Jr.

ATTEST:

Karen Harris
KAREN HARRIS, CITY CLERK