

## MINUTES } CITY OF PIKEVILLE

## REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 9, 1989

The City of Pikeville Board of Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting on January 9, 1989. The meeting was conducted at the designated meeting place in the City Hall Public Meeting Room at 260 Hambley Boulevard.

## ROLL CALL

Mayor W. C. Hambley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following Commission Members were present and formed a quorum upon call of the roll:

COMMISSIONER: STEVEN COMBS  
GREG JUSTICE  
THOMAS HUFFMAN  
MAYOR: W. C. HAMBLEY, M.D.

Commissioner Johnny Mounts was absent.

## MINUTES

The minutes for the previous regular meeting of December 27, 1988 were included in each Commission Member's agenda package. Thomas Huffman made the motion, seconded by Greg Justice to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried 4 - 0.

BUSINESS FROM  
THE FLOOR

Frank Carlton reported that the Pike County Chamber of Commerce received a report on the Certified Cities Program. He gave a copy of the evaluation report to each Commission Member for their review.

## PROJECT BILLS

Project Bills totaling \$77,062.63 were presented to the Commission for approval of payment. Jack Sykes reported that the pay request from Elliott Contracting in the amount of \$34,650.00 represents the 90% completion point for the fire station. A 10% contract retainage is being held pending completion of a few minor items. Thomas Huffman made the motion, seconded by Greg Justice to approve payment of the project bills in the amount of \$77,062.63. The motion carried unanimously.

## CITY BILLS

A list of City Bills totaling \$118,295.68 was presented to the Commission for approval of payment. Greg Justice made the motion, seconded by Steve Combs to approve payment of the City Bills totaling \$118,295.68 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

HOTEL/MOTEL  
TAX

Tax Administrator, Grace Ratliff, requested the Commission to authorize the City Attorney to write a letter to Tourism Commission Chairman, David Stratton, directing the submission of a budget and to remit any monies and tax returns received for hotel/motel tax. Mrs. Ratliff reported that she sent a letter to Mr. Stratton per City Commission directive, but has received no response. Commissioner Huffman asked the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to the Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance to provide the tax be remitted monthly instead of quarterly. Commissioner Huffman directed Mrs. Ratliff to find out if all the motels located in the county are paying the fee. The Commission authorized the City Attorney to contact Mr. Stratton requesting a report of hotel/motel fees collected.

## PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was called to order to hear citizen comments in support or opposition to proposed improvements to Bob Amos Park. Acting City Manager, Walter Blankenship, explained that the proposed improvements consist of restroom facilities to be located at the miniature golf course and a handicap trail adjacent to the overlook. A portion of the trail will follow an old strip mine road and will be paved to allow wheelchair traffic. One citizen spoke in favor of the project. Sam Campbell with Big Sandy Area Development District reported that the State Recreation Committee will be reviewing the applications in March. There being no further comments, the hearing was closed.

CITY ATTORNEY  
REPORTS

City Attorney, Rusty Davis, gave first reading to an Ordinance amending the water, gas, sewage, and garbage rate ordinance with respect to the due date of the bills and penalties. The Ordinance will be on file in the office of the City Clerk for a period of at least ten days where it may be viewed by the public. Second Reading is scheduled for January 23, 1989. Mr. Davis explained that in talking with the Finance Director, he learned that the computer system may not be programmed to divide the penalty as specified in the Amended Ordinance. The Finance Director was directed to find out what the cost would be for programming the penalty division provided by the proposed Ordinance amendment.



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## water rates

Mr. Davis reported that Rob Nichols of PSG has prepared a revised report showing that the City has encountered water production cost increase which would justify raising Mayo Village Water District's rate by .05¢ per 1,000 gallons; Mud Creek by .29¢; and Sandy Valley Water District by .45¢. Mr. Davis advised that the rates to Sandy Valley and Mud Creek can be raised in January per the contract but Mayo Village can not be raised until August. Mr. Davis explained that Mud Creek and Sandy Valley need to be given notice by the end of the month advising of a possible rate increase. The City Engineer was directed to find out wholesale rates charged by the City of Prestonsburg. The Commission scheduled a work session for Thursday, January 12, 1989 at 5:00 to discuss this matter further.

## Lindsey & Elliott

Mr. Davis reported that in the Lindsey & Elliott gas price dispute, the gas company has not applied for discretionary review or appealed to the Supreme Court at this time.

## CITY ENGINEER REPORT

Jack Sykes of Summit Engineering gave a verbal update on various City Projects.

1. Williams Hollow Sewer/Steele-St. Clair Sewer: Preliminary designs have been completed and reviewed by the Acting City Manager. Estimate for the Williams Hollow sewer project is \$91,075 which does not include final paving of the road. It has been recommended that the Williams Hollow water line be replaced. There is currently a two inch water line located in the road. It is proposed that a six inch ductile replace the line and fire hydrants be added to afford fire protection to this area. The 2600 foot line replacement is estimated to cost \$28,000. The total project cost including paving is estimated at \$130,000. Thomas Huffman made the motion to allow the City Engineer to proceed with the final plans for the sewer line extension and water line replacement. The motion carried unanimously.

The Steele Street/St. Clair storm separation is estimated to cost \$70,000. The City Engineer indicated this project can be accomplished by City forces. The City has been awarded a \$17,000 grant from the Big Sandy Area Development District for this project. Thomas Huffman made the motion to authorize the City Engineer to proceed with the final plans. Steve Combs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mountain Water District: The water district has a meter that serves the Johns Creek area located near the tank at the top of Town Mountain. It has been requested that the meter be moved down the hill below about four customers below the mouth of Ratliff's Creek where the City furnishes service to the upper part of Ratliff's Creek. The reason for the request is that the meter takes about 7 to 8 pounds of pressure. The customers do not have adequate pressure and moving the meter down would provide an additional 7 or 8 pounds of pressure to those customers. Mountain Water would turn these customers over to the City for the City to provide service. Thomas Huffman made the motion to provide water service to the customers affected. Greg Justice seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Lovern: This Ratliff's Creek resident has agreed to pay the maintenance and electric bill and to provide an easement for the installation of a pump. The cost of the pump is estimated to not exceed \$3,200. Mr. Sykes explained that a meter will be set to monitor the water pressure at the fire hydrant for about 24 hours to make sure adequate water is reaching the hydrant.

Mr. Sykes advised that Johns Creek Fire Department is not maintaining the fire hydrants on Ratliff's Creek.

The Commission took no action at this time and directed that this item be discussed in Thursday's work session.

Hoopwood Water Line Extension: There are currently 13 homes in this area. The residents have proposed to dig the ditch for City Crews to lay line or will contribute \$2,500 toward the cost. Mr. Sykes advised that if the project was bid it would cost \$30,000. If City Crews lay the line, materials are estimated at \$7.00 per foot. The length of the requested water line extension is about 3,000 feet. The Commission directed that this item be added to Thursday's work session agenda.



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201 Facility Plan Update: This growth plan for the wastewater facilities was updated to be eligible for funding the improvements at the wastewater plant. It is a requirement that the public be given the opportunity to voice their comments on the update and a notice was published in the Appalachian News-Express to that effect. Former City Manager Frank Carlton said he had reviewed the plan and asked if the plan meant that the City was no longer responsible for all the area shown in the first plan. Mr. Bowman of MSE answered that the planning area had not been changed. The update addressed the first phase of the original 201 plan only. Everything else in the plan remains the same. Steve Combs made the motion, seconded by Thomas Huffman to adopt the update as prepared. The motion carried unanimously.

PSG

The Commission discussed the odor problem at the Sewage Treatment Plant and asked if the chemicals purchased from ATCO Manufacturing were alleviating the odor. Rob Nichols of PSG commented that an odor specialist had been employed to make an analysis as to the cause of the odor and to recommend a solution. The City Attorney reported that he had received a hand-delivered letter from PSG with regard to the reimbursement of the chemicals purchased. The letter basically stated that PSG does not feel it is their responsibility to treat what comes from the distribution system, however they will pay for what will correct the problem at the plant if the specialist determines the chemicals were the correct choice.

GAS METERS

The City has received a evaluation report from the Ranger Insurance Company. This company provides the liability insurance for the City's natural gas system. It has been recommended that all gas meters be removed from basements and enclosed areas. The Commission discussed with Tennis Hamilton, Gas Crew Supervisor, the feasibility of relocation of the gas meters. Mr. Hamilton reported that there are areas where there is no space to locate a meter. Steve Combs made the motion to direct the gas crew to move the meters where feasible and take every safety precaution available with the other meters that can't be moved. Thomas Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 - 0 - 1 with Greg Justice abstaining from the vote.

FIRE STATION  
PHONE SYSTEM

Acting Fire Chief Tommy Hall recommended that the present phone system be moved to the new fire station. Cost has been quoted at \$1,700 but Chief Hall reported that cost will be reduced due to two phone sets being transferred from the Police Department and the reduction of a phone line which will lower the bill by \$1,974 yearly. Commissioner Huffman made the motion to accept Chief Hall's recommendation and to have a pay phone installed for employee use. Greg Justice seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

BIDS

Bids were taken for supplies, chemicals and gasoline for the 1989 calendar year. Thomas Huffman made the motion, seconded by Greg Justice to award the gasoline bid to Rogers Petroleum. The motion carried 3 - 0 - 1 with Steve Combs abstaining from the vote.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Thomas Huffman made the motion, seconded by Greg Justice to adjourn to an executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE

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

URBAN RENEWAL  
R-89-001

Greg Justice made the motion to accept the Mayor's appointment of Ernest Rogers to serve as a director for the Urban Renewal Agency for a four year term. Thomas Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Thomas Huffman, seconded by Steve Combs to accept the Mayor's appointment of Herman Dotson to serve a four year term on the Urban Renewal Agency as a director. The motion carried unanimously.

FIREMAN

Steve Combs made the motion to transfer Kenny Forsyth from the Public Works Department to the Fire Department where his position would be firefighter. The transfer is pending a physical examination. Greg Justice seconded the motion. the motion carried unanimously.

CARL KEYSER

Greg Justice made the motion to direct the City Attorney to drop all charges against Carl Keyser. Thomas Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



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## WORK SESSIONS

It was announced that the City Commission would be meeting in a work session on Tuesday, January 10, 1989 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the odor problem with the Division of Air Quality and a work session has been scheduled for 1:30 on Wednesday, January 11, 1989 with the Postal Authorities to discuss expansion of the present Post Office facilities.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

The City Commission's next regular meeting is scheduled for January 23, 1989 and will be held in the City Hall Public Meeting Room.

APPROVED

W. C. Hambly Jr.

ATTEST:

Karen Harris  
CITY CLERK

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