

MINUTES } CITY OF PIKEVILLE

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 25, 1991

The City of Pikeville Board of Commissioners were called to meet in Special Session on Wednesday, September 25, 1991 at Noon. The meeting was held in the City Hall Public Meeting Room at 260 Hambley Boulevard.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Walter E. May called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. Commission Members present were as follows:

MAYOR:	WALTER E. MAY
COMMISSIONER	WALTER BLANKENSHIP
	EUGENE DAVIS
	FRANK MORRIS
	JOHNNY MOUNTS

City Attorney Russell Davis, Jr., gave second reading to an Ordinance entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEES ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PIKEVILLE PASSED MAY 14, 1962, JUNE 11, 1962, JUNE 30, 1962 AND DECEMBER 27, 1971 BY INCREASING THE LICENSE RATE FROM ONE AND ONE HALF PERCENT (1 1/2%) TO TWO PERCENT (2%) IN EVERY INSTANCE AND PROVIDING THE PURPOSE OF THE INCREASE AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF. O-91-016

Commissioner Blankenship made the motion to adopt Ordinance O-91-016 as presented. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. In the form of discussion, Commissioner Mounts asked if there was a clause in the ordinance which provided that in the event development occurs as originally conceived on the airport property and revenues are generated which would pay for the improvements to the wastewater plant, if the increase in the occupational license fees will be rescinded. Mayor May advised that while the language does not appear in the ordinance, it is the intention of the Commission that if the project proceeds on the airport property which will produce revenue that will not require the additional occupational fees, to rescind the increase. Commission Members voiced their agreement with the Mayor's statement. Commissioner Davis commented that the Commission has no other alternative at this time than to enact the increase in the occupational fees. Mayor May recognized George Lowers, a Federal Mine Inspector employed by MSHA. Mr. Lowers is not a resident of the city, but the MSHA office is located within the city limits. Mr. Lowers gave his opinion that the ordinance was not being administered properly, in that his payroll is deducted at 100% of the fee regardless of whether he spends his entire work time within the city limits. Mayor May responded that Mr. Lowers' employer is not computing the deduction for occupational fees properly. Mr. Lowers also expressed his opinion that the increase in occupational fees will cause businesses to find locations outside the city limits. Mayor May, commenting with regard to Mr. Lowers' latter remark, advised one of his larger problems since he has been Mayor is that of aiding businessmen in locating property within the city limits on which to construct buildings and open businesses. To affirm his statement, Mayor May cited statistics which indicate the buildings in downtown Pikeville are being occupied at a 98% level and, according to the 1990 census, the population in the city of Pikeville increased, even though the population in Pike County decreased. There being no further discussion, Mayor May called for the vote. Upon call of the roll, the votes were as follows:

MAYOR:	WALTER E. MAY	YES
COMMISSIONER:	WALTER BLANKENSHIP	YES
	EUGENE DAVIS	YES
	FRANK MORRIS	YES
	JOHNNY MOUNTS	YES*

*if the increase in the fee will be rescinded should sufficient monies be generated from the mall project to fund the wastewater treatment plant improvements. (All Commission Members agreed with the sentiments expressed by Commissioner Mounts.)

Presented and given second reading was an Ordinance entitled as follows:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PIKEVILLE PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FROM MUNICIPAL SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM O-91-017

City Attorney Davis, upon the conclusion of the reading of the summary of the ordinance, explained the fees charged for the sewage service are not changing, only the method of bookkeeping.

Commissioner Morris made the motion to adopt Ordinance #O-91-017. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried by the following votes:

MAYOR:	WALTER E. MAY	YES
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COMMISSIONER: WALTER BLANKENSHIP YES
EUGENE DAVIS (LEFT THE MEETING AT 12:30) FRANK
MORRIS YES
JOHNNY MOUNTS YES

First reading of an Ordinance was presented as follows:

ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW POSITION OF TREASURER/CONTROLLER; SETTING FORTH DUTIES THEREFORE.

The Ordinance will be on file in the office of the City Clerk for a period of at least ten days for public inspection. Mayor May nominated John Johnson, City Manager, to serve as a voting delegate on the Kentucky Rural Water Association. Commissioner Mounts made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blankenship to accept the Mayor's nomination of John Johnson to serve on the Kentucky Rural Water Association Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried by a 4 - 0 vote.

Mayor May recommended the Commission appoint John Johnson, City Manager, serve on the Regional Water Supply Council. Commissioner Mounts made the motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation of John Johnson to serve on the Regional Water Supply Council. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried 4 - 0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Blankenship made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Mounts to adjourn. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried 4 - 0. (Adjournment Time: 12:50 p.m.)

APPROVED:

Walter E. May
WALTER E. MAY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Harris
KAREN HARRIS, CITY CLERK

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