# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 24, 1994

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pikeville met in regular session on Monday, January 24, 1994. The meeting was conducted in the City Hall Meeting Room at 260 Hambley Boulevard.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Steven D. Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commission Members present upon call of the roll were as follows:

MAYOR: COMMISSIONER: STEVEN D. COMBS KENNY BLACKBURN WALTER BLANKENSHIP SHARON CLARK EUGENE DAVIS

The Rev. Ray Sword gave the invocation. It was announced that arrangements had been made, through the Pikeville Ministerial Association, to have a minister present to deliver the invocation at each meeting.

AGENDA ITEM II.

CALL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Combs added, as New Business, the following items to the agenda:

Consider bidding for engineering services; Consider appointment to the Pikeville/Pike County Tourism Commission; Consider publication of the salaries of City Employees. It was announced that the approval of the minutes would be considered after Business from the Floor was heard.

AGENDA ITEM IV.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

A. CABLE T.V.: Assistant Vice President and General Manager of the Tele-Media Corporation, Wayne Harrison, gave the Commission an update of his firm's efforts to improve cable t.v. quality to their subscribers within the City of Pikeville. Mr. Harrison reported that a number of sites had been identified for the relocation of the head-end equipment for the improvement of the off-air reception. After several months of negotiation with one property owner for a site, a negative answer was received which forced Tele-Media to begin the negotiation process with the owner of the next highest priority site. Mr. Harrison reported that he expects the lease to be finalized in the near future. Mayor Combs asked why Tele-Media was having difficulty in locating a new antenna site. Mr. Harrison explained that the acquisition of the site had nothing to do with the cost of obtaining a lease, but rather extensive testing to locate a site which would provide the best signal quality. Mayor Combs asked when completion is expected for the tower, once the land is purchased, and what guarantee the citizens will have that the quality will be improved. Mr. Harrison advised that Tele-Media has been experiencing reception problems for a number of years, with the largest complaint being with regard to the reception of the FOX network, WVAH Channel 11. Mr. Harrison reported the problem stemmed from WVAH changing from Channel 23 to Channel 11, thus creating interference from an existing Channel 11 in Bristol, Tennessee. Mr. Harrison told the Commission that the signal for all channels was greatly improved when they tested the new site. He added there was a virtual elimination of co-channels and that electrical interference is no longer a problem at the new site. Mr. Harrison pointed out that Tele-Media will not be purchasing a new site, but leasing one. After the agreement is closed, Tele-Media will begin immediate construction on the antenna site and the tower. He guaranteed that construction would begin no later than a week or two once the agreement is executed, with completion expected by summer, contingent upon a number of factors including availability of materials and equipment. Mayor Combs advised that he doesn't get Channels 7, 12 and 13, and if this problem is prominent throughout the city, Tele-Media should offer a blanket reduction in the bill until the problem is corrected. Commission Members agreed that the quality of the signal is very poor. Mr. Harrison stated that he did not see the possibility of a reduction at this time and contended that the channels were offered and being delivered as best they can. Mr. Harrison told the Commission there are no immediate plans to increase the rates and advised that FCC has a freeze on the rates as this time.

At 7:16 p.m., Commissioner Blackburn made the motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the City's options with regard to possible legal action to be taken against Tele-Media with regard to t.v. channels which are not viewable. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

At 7:31 p.m., Commissioner Blackburn made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blankenship to reconvene to regular session. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Combs announced that while in executive session, the Commission conferred with the City Attorney and the City Manager regarding possible legal actions or municipal actions against Tele-Media regarding poor cable service. Mayor Combs again asked Mr. Harrison to voluntarily reduce the rates until the service is improved. Mr. Harrison advised that the only thing Tele-Media would consider is replacing those channels which are unviewable with another network. There was no further discussion had with regard as to which networks could be added. Mayor Combs advised that a public hearing will be held in the near future whereby citizens will have the opportunity to voice their concerns with cable service, and asked the Tele-Media Company to attend the hearing. A resident of Harolds Branch and a subscriber of Mountain Cable Systems, Inc., advised the Commission that he was having the same problems with service as Tele-Media's subscribers. It was decided that all cable companies operating within the City Limits would be asked to attend the public hearing.

Commodore Griffith asked why Tele-Media's customers are limited to a certain number of stations and why the unviewable channels couldn't be replaced with such networks as CSPAN, A & E, or a station that would provide Pike County news. Mr. Griffith advised that he had written Tele-Media and had never received a response. He added that Tele-Media needed to improve their attitude as well as their performance.

Steve Newsome agreed with Commodore Griffith and reported that he had contacted Tele-Media with regard to the poor quality of WVAH. He stated that a Tele-Media representative told him that if they got any more complaints about WVAH they would remove the station from the tier. Mr. Newsome reported that the representative said they were getting too many complaints and didn't have to put up with it.

Mayor Combs asked if there was a possibility that Tele-Media could provide a local access channel. Mr. Harrison advised that it may be a possibility. He reported that he may be able to add channels when their system is upgraded but with the technology now used he could not add any channels without removing one of the channels now offered.

City Manager Johnson asked if the new technology has Tele-Media scared to put any money into the system. He stated that a lot of people are speculating that Tele-Media is dragging their feet to see if the satellite down links comes into effect. Mr. Harrison assured the Commission that this is not the case and that he has been working very diligently over the last few months to obtain the new site to upgrade their system. Mr. Harrison refused to divulge the name of the property owner with whom he is negotiating.

A comment was heard that Tele-Media has a repeat of Channel 3 and 14. Mr. Harrison reported that he was unaware of duplicate programming and advised he would investigate.

Billy Shelton told the Commission that Channels 13 and 11 are duplicate. He suggested that since Channel 13 is so snowy that it be removed and replaced with something else.

One resident asked the criteria for establishing boundaries for the cable systems. Mayor Combs advised that the City has 4 Non-Exclusive Franchises and that nothing prevents another operator from offering cable service in any area.

Mayor Combs reported that he had been advised by those Commission Members, who were not newly elected, that Tele-Media and the Commission have been going around in "circles" about the quality of the service for quite some time. Mr. Harrison disagreed with this statement and stated that Tele-Media has been talking with the Commission for quite some time, but going around in "circles" implies that Tele-Media is not doing anything. Mr. Harrison contended that while it may appear that they have not been doing anything, they have been working very hard. Mr. Harrison told the Commission he could not give a guarantee that improved service will be forthcoming, but could only give a report of their activities and goals. He reiterated that the project is contingent upon the successful negotiation of a lease for a new site to locate the head-end equipment, and once the lease is signed, the project will commence. Mayor Combs countered that it had been a year since the Commission had first approached Tele-Media about their service and no progress had been made toward improving the service. The Mayor continued by saying that the residents were paying premium rates but were not receiving the service. The Mayor advised that he thought Tele-Media to be in default of their franchise agreement. Mr. Harrison disagreed by saying the service is being provided as best they can. Mayor Combs made the motion to authorize the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance to require Tele-Media to reduce the rates until they can provide proper service and to authorize the City Attorney to give Tele-Media a Notice of Default. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

B. KENTUCKY LONG RIFLES: Billy Shelton, along with Mike Wisebaum, General Manager of the Kentucky Long Rifles Baseball Team, informed the Commission that certain individuals from Pikeville have purchased the team's franchise. Mr. Shelton told the Commission that the Long Rifles are one of 8 teams in the independent league. Mr. Shelton advised that his purpose in attending the meeting was to ask the Commission to consider entering into a "Use Agreement" with the Kentucky Long Rifles to allow them to use the Hambley Athletic Field on which to play their home games. The season period is June 17 through August 28, with the last home game to be played on August 21st. City Attorney Davis advised the Commission of a potential conflict of interest in that 2 or 3 of his partners own the team. Mr. Davis advised the Commission that he has prepared a Use Agreement for the Pikeville Independent School Board's consideration and recommended that a similar agreement be prepared for the baseball team. The agreement would provide that the Kentucky Long Rifles would have to carry sufficient liability insurance to indemnify the City and would be responsible for the lights and clean up. The agreement will also provide for a non-exclusive use

with all activities to be coordinated through the Parks Director. It was questioned if there would be any scheduling conflicts with the Long Rifles and the Babe Ruth teams. Mr. Shelton assured the Commission that he would be willing to work out any conflicts in schedules with the Babe Ruth management. Compensation for use of the facility was discussed. The City Attorney reported that no compensation is paid by the school except to reimburse for out of pocket expenses. No action was taken with regard to establishing a fee for the use of the facility. Mr. Shelton agreed to provide a copy of the schedule to the Parks Director when it is finalized. City Attorney Davis advised he would negotiate the use agreement and present it to the Commission for final approval. Mayor Combs made the motion to approve the use agreement with the Kentucky Long Rifles subject to final drafting. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously. C. PARKING: Steve Newsome, who owns property on Hibbard Street, approached the Commission in an effort to remedy a parking problem. Mr. Newsome reported that his tenant, Dr. Eric Johnson, has indicated he will have to relocate his office unless the parking is regulated. Mr. Newsome reported that Deskins Motor Company's employees indicate they have been instructed to not park on the boulevard, so they park in the spaces on Williamson Avenue. Mr. Newsome requested that one space at the corner of Hibbard Street and Williamson Avenue be designated as two hour parking and also that three spaces on the boulevard, directly in front of his property, be designated as 2 hour parking. Mayor Combs asked how the regulation of parking on Williamson Avenue would affect the tenants in the house directly behind Mr. Newsome's property. Mr. Newsome reported that the residents have room to park two cars on their property. City Attorney Davis advised that it would be no problem to designate two hour parking in the area on Williamson Avenue but was unsure as to whether it would be appropriate to regulate the parking on the boulevard. The Commission agreed. First reading was given to an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CREATING TWO HOUR PARKING ZONE ON WILLIAMSON AVENUE AT THE CORNER OF WILLIAMSON AVENUE AND HIBBARD STREET.

The Ordinance will be on file in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection. Second reading will be given at the next meeting.

D. SNOW REMOVAL: The Commission heard a request from Nancye Blackburn that the City advertise for bids from contractors to provide cleanup assistance during emergency situations. Ms. Blackburn explained that most cities advertise for local contract labor, annually, to provide for extra assistance for any emergency labor, whether it be for snow removal or cleanup after flooding. PSG Manager, Tom Bacon, advised the Commission that 7 local contractors performed contract labor during the last snow removal at a cost of \$11,000.00. Regional Manager, Bob Dohoney, voiced his support of the concept and thought that PSG could advertise for bids in April of each year. The possibility of equipment rental using this process was also discussed. Mayor Combs made the motion to request that PSG now advertise for bids for contract labor on an emergency basis then bid out the service annually. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Warren King, a resident of the left fork of Harolds Branch, E. SEWER LINE: asked about the possibility of extending the sewage line to service this area. Mayor Combs reported that he had met with City Engineer, Jack Sykes, and grantsman, Will Linder, last week and they discussed the extension of sewer service to Harolds Branch, Chloe Creek, Layne Hollow, Bypass businesses, and replacement of the main trunkline behind Stewart Adams' house. The Mayor advised that the total cost of the project is \$1.2 million. The Mayor was advised that the City could apply for funds to extend the service, however award was not expected until August. In the meantime, he has asked the City Engineer to divide the Harolds Branch project in sections to allow the extension to be constructed in increments as funds will permit. Mr. King expressed his concern over the cost of installing a sewage package plant just to have the City to extend the service a short time later. The Mayor advised Mr. King that he did not think it would be any less than one year before service could be extended to his residence. City Manager Johnson reported that he had spoken with the City Engineer who indicates the total project cost to extend sewage service to all areas within the City Limits currently without the service would be \$2.4 million, which includes the pond clean up and trunkline replacement. Possible funding sources include a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and a Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) loan at a 2.8% interest rate, repayable over 20 to 30 years. Mr. Johnson recommended that Mr. Linder be given the authorization to prepare the grant and loan applications. Mayor Combs explained that his problem with this funding scenario is that the agencies will not announce the grant awards until August. He suggested allowing Mr. Linder to prepare the applications but in the meantime try to find an alternate funding source to allow the sewage extensions to proceed on an incremental basis. The Mayor reported that he had been unable to meet with County Judge/Executive Damron due to the inclement weather, but hoped he could meet with her soon to discuss the possibility of the County returning a portion of the property tax monies paid by City residents which could be used to fund the project or pay loan payments. Mayor Combs stated he wanted to find a way to fund the extension which would be the least cumbersome on the budget or would prevent any tax or rate increases. Commissioner Blankenship made the motion to authorize Will Linder to prepare the appropriate grant applications to fund the discussed sewage extensions. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM III.

### MINUTES

The minutes for the previous special meetings of December 15 and 28, 1993 and January 3 and 10, 1994 were included in each Commission Member's agenda package. Commissioner Blankenship made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 15 and 28, 1993 special meetings. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-2 with Commissioner Blackburn and Mayor Combs abstaining from the vote.

Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blankenship to approve the minutes of the special meetings of January 3 and 10, 1994. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

SIDEWALK: Mayor Combs stated that one of the contractors, who had bid on the sidewalk extension going to the high school, said that at Lower Bowles the sidewalk is outside the guardrail. City Manager Johnson reported that Highway Department official, Denton Billiter, would not approve removal or relocation of the guardrail. The Mayor contended that the children who will be utilizing the sidewalk need to be protected from the road. It was reported that the contractor had also sent in a recommendation with his bid that the design be changed. Mayor Combs made the motion to authorize the City Engineer and City Attorney to make every effort to convince the Highway Department to move the guardrail. Commissioner Davis suggested working in conjunction with the school board in the adoption of a resolution to relocate the sidewalk to the other side of the road. The Mayor amended his motion to include Commissioner Davis' suggestion. Commissioner Blankenship seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM V.

## PAYMENT OF BILLS

A. CITY BILLS: A list of City Bills totaling \$434,389.67 were presented to the Commission for approval of payment. Several individual bills were questioned including the payment request for the Ford's Branch Landfill. The City Attorney was directed to check on the tipping fee. Upon the City Manager's recommendation the bills be approved as submitted and his confirmation that monies were available for payment, Commissioner Blackburn made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blankenship to approve payment of the City Bills as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

B. AUCTIONEER'S FEE: Presented for approval of payment was a request from Action Auction & Realty for their 5% commission on the properties sold during the December 8, 1993 auction. City Manager Johnson explained the \$30,150.00 request included Lots 4, 6, 7, and 8 which have been closed and in addition included the commission from Lots 2 & 3 which have not yet closed. It was requested that the entire bill be approved and the commission payment from lots 2 & 3 would be held until the settlement. Mayor Combs asked if the purchaser of Lots 2 & 3 was in default. City Attorney Davis advised that he had been contacted by a Pikeville National Bank officer who reported that Mr. Flannery was unable to close due to problems encountered by the bank during the recent inclement weather. Mr. Davis reported he had given an extension until January 31st. Commissioner Blankenship made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve payment of the auctioneer's fees as requested and directed the City Manager to withhold the fee for lots 2 & 3 until the purchaser closes the sale. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously. City Manager Johnson reported that the proceeds from the auction had been placed in a certificate of deposit.

AGENDA ITEM VI.

# OLD BUSINESS

A. CITY ENGINEER'S REPORTS: Shawn Combs representing Summit Engineering, Inc., City Engineers, gave a verbal status report for ongoing projects as follows:

- 1. Thompson Road: This sanitary sewage extension is approximately 91% complete. Progress has been slowed due to the weather. Engineer Combs reported that he expects contract completion within two weeks after the weather breaks.
- 2. Police Station: The police station construction is 89% complete. The contractor expects substantial completion, subject to the weather, on February 24th.
- 3. Poor Farm Pump Station: Due to the pump manufacturer not shipping the pump until January 19th, the contractor, East KY Water, has requested a 30 day time extension of their contract. The Engineer concurred with the request. Mayor Combs made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blankenship to grant the time extension as requested. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried 5-0.
- 4. Pikeville Pond: Engineer Combs expanded on City Manager's explanation of the utility extension to all unsewered areas of Pikeville. He presented the Commission with a cost breakdown. First phase of the project was identified as the sewage extension to Harolds Branch, Layne Hollow, Chloe Creek and Ferguson Creek. Second phase of the project will be the replacement of the 18 inch line trunkline. Third phase of the project is the pond clean up. The engineer explained that the lift station over flows due to the 30 inch line dumping into the 18 inch line. To make matters worse, the Division of Water will not allow the operation of more than one pump in the lift station. The engineer further advised that the loan application to KIA is due on April 1st.

B. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS: Russell H. Davis, Jr., City Attorney, presented the following items for the Commission's consideration:

- 1. Use Agreement with Pikeville Independent School Board: City Attorney Davis advised that he was not ready to present this item for adoption, however he wanted to make the Commission aware of the agreement. The agreement has been forwarded to the School Board's attorney, Phil Stalnaker, for review, however Mr. Davis reported he had not had any correspondence with Mr. Stalnaker on the matter. The City Attorney advised the Commission that no provision had been included in the agreement for compensation. Mayor Combs suggested that the City Attorney negotiate with Superintendent Waddell to see what funds the school would be willing to pay to defray the cost of employees and equipment used in the upkeep and maintenance of the field. Mr. Davis advised that the school pays the electric bill during football season and reimburses the City for labor used in clean up. The Mayor directed the Finance Department to prepare a list to identify the costs in the upkeep of the facility. The Mayor advised that the school may want to work in conjunction with the Aquatics Club and the YMCA to reopen the pool to winter use. The motion was made by Mayor Combs and seconded by Commissioner Blankenship to table final approval of the use agreement until other options can be explored. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried 4 - 0 -1 with Commissioner Davis abstaining from the vote.
- 2. Mayor's Parking: City Attorney Davis presented and gave first reading to an Ordinance entitled as follows:

ORDINANCE ELIMINATING PRESERVED PARKING FOR THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND DESIGNATING THE SAME AS GENERAL PARKING

The Ordinance will be on file in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection.

3. Tax Ordinance: The City Attorney advised the Commission and those present that the following ordinance adopts the property tax rate for the 1993-94 fiscal year and in addition, establishes dates when a discount can be taken and when a penalty will be assessed. The Ordinance does not provide for an increase in the tax rate nor does it provide for any new taxes. Second reading was given to the Ordinance captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING A TAX LEVY ON REAL AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, FRANCHISES, BANK SHARES, ALL FOR THE GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSE PURPOSES AND PROVIDING FOR A DISCOUNT ON ALL TAXES, IF PAID ON OR BEFORE MARCH 8, 1994, AND A PENALTY IF NOT PAID BY APRIL 19, 1994

Commissioner Blankenship made the motion to adopt the Ordinance. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried by the following votes:

YES STEVEN D. COMBS MAYOR: KENNY BLACKBURN YES COMMISSIONER WALTER BLANKENSHIP YES YES SHARON C. CLARK EUGENE W. DAVIS YES

- C. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS: John Johnson, City Manager, presented the following items for the Commission's consideration:
- 1. Personnel Matters: The City Manager asked the Commission to consider personnel matters in executive session. At 9:10 p.m., Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blankenship to adjourn to an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.
- At 10:10 p.m., Commissioner Blankenship made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn to reconvene to regular session. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Johnson reported that no official action was necessary.

Mr. Johnson requested the Commission to consider adopting a resolution to designate Finance Director, Jan Hunt, as a third signatory on the city's bank accounts. A resolution was prepared as follows:

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JAN HUNT, FINANCE DIRECTOR, AS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CHECKS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PIKEVILLE R-94-001

WHEREAS, the Pikeville City Commission desires to authorize its Finance Director, Jan Hunt, to replace Karen Gibson, Controller, as a signatory for checks drawn on the City of Pikeville's numerous checking accounts with the Pikeville National Bank and Trust Company, Bank One and Trans Financial Bank.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF PIKEVILLE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Finance Director, Jan Hunt, is hereby authorized to sign checks on all accounts of the City of Pikeville. In every instance, all checks drawn on

accounts of the City of Pikeville are to be signed by two persons, being the City Finance Director, City Clerk or City Manager.

- 2. That all prior resolutions granting John Johnson as City Manager and Karen Harris as City Clerk, authority to withdraw and sign checks on the accounts of the City of Pikeville are hereby reaffirmed, and; the City Manager, Johnson Johnson, is hereby authorized to sign checks on all of the accounts of the City of Pikeville in the absence of the City Finance Director or the City Clerk.
- 3. The Pikeville National Bank and Trust Company, Bank One and Trans Financial Bank are each authorized to pay and charge to the accounts of the City of Pikeville checks signed by Jan Hunt as City Finance Director and Karen Harris as City Clerk; or Jan Hunt as City Finance Director and John B. Johnson as City Manager; or John B. Johnson as City Manager and Karen Harris as City Clerk.
- 4. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to deliver for and on behalf of the City of Pikeville a certification of this resolution to the Pikeville National Bank and Trust Company, Bank One and Trans Financial Bank. The City Manager John Johnson is authorized to execute any documents necessary to enforce this resolution which are consistent with the authority granted herein.
- 5. That the Pikeville National Bank and Trust Company, Bank One and Trans Financial Bank are authorized to rely upon this resolution until they have received written notice of any amendments or revisions of this resolution.
- 6. That signature stamps shall not be used for signing checks drawn on accounts of the City of Pikeville.

Passed this 24th day of January, 1994.

Commissioner Walter Blankenship moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. Commissioner Kenny Blackburn seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, the votes were as follows:

STEVEN D. COMBS, MAYOR

GENE DAVIS, COMMISSIONER
SHARON CLARK, COMMISSIONER
WALTER BLANKENSHIP, COMMISSIONER
KENNY BLACKBURN, COMMISSIONER
YES

The Mayor declared the within resolution adopted.

/s/ Steven D. Combs STEVEN D. COMBS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen Harris KAREN HARRIS, CITY CLERK

- 2. Travel: City Manager Johnson presented a request from Building/Codes Inspector, Mike Honaker, for permission to attend an electrical seminar on February 9 11. Mr. Johnson advised the Commission that current electrical inspector, Chester Smith, has indicated that he will be retiring in the near future. It was Mr. Johnson's recommendation that Mr. Honaker be allowed to attend the seminar to enable the City to provide electrical inspections after Mr. Smith's retirement. Mr. Honaker requested a travel advance of \$183.00 which includes mileage, registration, and meals. After discussion, it was decided to allow Mr. Honaker \$25.00 per day for expenses, but he was instructed to bring back receipts. Commissioner Blackburn made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blankenship to allow Mr. Honaker to attend the seminar and to approve a \$211.00 travel advance. Commissioner Clark stated that Mr. Honaker should be allowed to take the city's credit card. Mayor Combs stated he was against allowing use of the credit card. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried 4 0 1 with Commissioner Clark abstaining from the vote.
- 3. Financial Statements: Financial Statements for quarter ending December 31, 1993 were given to each Commission Member for their review.
- D. PSG REPORTS: PSG Manager, Tom Bacon, delivered a report on the following items:
- 1. Snow Removal Plan: Mr. Bacon advised that the snow removal plan previously reviewed by the Commission is in the process of being modified. Some streets were added at the request of the Fire Chief. It is expected the plan will be completed in time for review by the Commission at their next meeting.
- 2. Equipment: Mr. Bacon gave each Commission Member a listing of city owned equipment for which he is requesting replacement. Particularly discussed was the equipment needed for snow removal (grader, salt spreader). Mayor Combs commended PSG and stated their personnel did a good job during the recent snow emergency, but they didn't have any equipment with which to work. The Mayor stressed to Mr. Bacon that it is PSG's responsibility to lease the appropriate equipment or hire contractors during emergency situations. The City Manager was directed to work with Mr. Bacon on the development of

specifications for the needed equipment and was authorized to advertise for bids.

3. Activity Report: Commissioner Blackburn called attention to the memorandum from Tom Bacon to City Manager Johnson with regard to the turbidity problem at the Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Bacon explained that due to the single disposal point at Chaparral Mines being virtually inaccessible during wet weather, there was a sludge overload at the plant which caused the Water Treatment Plant to be out of compliance on turbidity in both November and December. Mr. Bacon explained that the plant is not yet in compliance, however 150,000 gallons of sludge have been removed from the plant. Discussed was the need to locate another dump site which would be accessible during inclement weather. Mr. Bacon reported that non-compliance does not present a health problem, however all customers served by the facility will be notified. Additionally, Mr. Bacon was directed to prepare an indepth report on the water loss.

AGENDA ITEM VII.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. CREDIT CARDS: City Manager Johnson reported that the credit cards had not and were not being utilized. Mr. Johnson advised that he hopes to present the proposed travel policy to the Commission at the next meeting.
- B. BIDDING OF ENGINEERING SERVICES: Discussion relative to bidding out engineering services was deferred to the next meeting to allow input from City Engineer, Jack Sykes.
- C. TOURISM COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: The Clerk was directed to ask Ann Charles, Executive Director of the Pikeville/Pike County Tourism Commission, to attend the next meeting to discuss appointments to that Board.
- D. PUBLISHING OF SALARIES: Mayor Combs reported that he had talked with the newspaper editor who has agreed to publish salaries of city employees at no charge. The Mayor advised that since the salaries are a matter of public record, the editor could request the information.

AGENDA ITEM VIII.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. PSG CONTRACT: Mayor Combs announced he would be meeting with PSG Regional Manager, Bob Dohoney, and Tom Bacon on January 25, 1994 to discuss their contract. The Mayor advised he would report the outcome to the Commission at the next meeting.
- B. THANK-YOU: Special thank-you's were extended to Bruce Walters Ford for the loan of a 4 wheel drive to the Police Department during the snow emergency; to Gary Justice of J. W. Call & Son who loaned a 4 wheel drive to the Fire Department; to Kentucky Power Company; to the contractors who assisted in snow removal; and to the Public Works Employees, Police Department Employees and Fire Department Employees.
- C. MEETING CANCELLATION: Mayor Combs announced the U.D.A.G. Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled for January 25, 1994 has been cancelled.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blankenship to adjourn. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously. (Adjournment Time: 11:05)

APPROVED\_

STEVEN D. COMBS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KAREN HARRIS, CITY CLERK