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PIKEVILLE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 28, 1999

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pikeville met in regular session on Monday, June 28, 1999 at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was held in the designated meeting place at City Hall, 117 College Street, Pikeville, Kentucky.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Frank M. Morris called the meeting to order. Commission Members present at roll call were as follows:

MAYOR: FRANK M. MORRIS
COMMISSIONER: BILL BLACKBURN
EUGENE DAVIS
WANDA WILSON
SHARON CLARK

AGENDA ITEM II. MINUTES

The minutes for the previous regular meeting of May 24, 1999 were included in each Commission Member's agenda package. There being no additions or corrections, Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM III. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Blackburn reported that he had received compliments from out-of-town visitors concerning the cleanliness of the city.

Mayor Morris reported on his efforts to assist with the McCoy family reunion scheduled for June 9, 2000, in Pikeville.

AGENDA ITEM IV. PAYMENT OF BILLS

A. CITY BILLS: A list of City bills totaling \$448,529.07 was presented to the Commission for approval of payment. The \$5,000.00 request from Galloway was questioned. City Manager Blackburn advised that the bill represents the cost for appraisals for the property adjacent to Lowe's. The City will be reimbursed for this amount by Concept Lodging, Inc. Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve payment of the bills totaling \$448,529.07. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. ACADEMY BUILDING/CITY HALL RENOVATION: Kevin Gilliam, representing Richardson & Associates Architects, presented an invoice from Commonwealth Building & Construction in the amount of \$81,719.80. Mr. Gilliam confirmed the bill to be due and payable. Mr. Gilliam advised that a retainage of \$14,000 is being withheld from the overall contract amount and told the Commission that this amount should be sufficient to cover any remaining work. A punch list has yet to be prepared by the architect, however, among the items to be completed are the installation of approximately 12 electrical outlets in the first floor area; installation of wallcovering in the meeting room; and landscaping at the front of the building with outside lighting. A budget amount of \$5,000 is allotted for landscaping. Discussion was had concerning the sign installation and its visibility from Hambley Boulevard. Mr. Gilliam explained that the sketch of the proposed sign was estimated to cost \$6,000. An allowance of \$2,500 had been included in the budget. The contractor was authorized by the architect to construct a sign within budget. Mr. Gilliam told the Commission that he thought the readability of the sign could be improved by cleaning the mold from the stone. Also presented for approval was change order #11, in the amount of \$5,641.00, which provides for sizing primer and wall preparation for the meeting room wall covering; additional stone work on caps for wall; an additional exterior light; and the construction of a stone planter next to the back entrance. Commissioner Blackburn made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve payment to Commonwealth Building & Construction in the amount of \$81,719.80 and approval of change order #11. The motion carried 5 - 0.

AGENDA ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS

A. MAIN STREET PROGRAM: Glendia Sawyers, Pikeville Main Street Program Executive Director, reported that Main Street officials and the City Engineer have met on two occasions with the utility companies with regard to the underground utility relocation plans and costs. The plans have been submitted to the Division of Water and to the State Clearinghouse for approval. The utility companies require a 25% payment upon execution of a relocation contract. Summit Engineering was retained to prepare a market study in an effort to upgrade Pikeville's rating from a Silver Renaissance KY City to Gold Renaissance KY City. The study will be presented for the Commission's review next month. The application is due in Frankfort on August 1st. Advertisements have been placed with the news media advising that applications are now available to property owners, within the Renaissance area, for facade improvements. Total grant funds available for this phase of the Renaissance project are \$37,500.00. No applications have been received at this time.

Ms. Sawyers reported that arrangements have been made to acquire a small carnival for the Fourth of July celebration. The carnival will supply three rides and a variety of games during 6 - 9 p.m. on July 3rd. The carnival rides are for children age 10 and younger and will be offered free of charge. The Pike County Fiscal Court and Tourism have each agreed to fund \$500.00 of the cost of the carnival. The Commission had agreed at the previous meeting to fund up to \$1,000.00 of the cost. Ms. Sawyers advised that the city's share would be \$500.00. Ms. Sawyers reported that she had been contacted by an individual requesting a small space to place a basketball game during the Fourth of July activities. She told the Commission the individual had informed her there would be no charge to participate in the basketball game.

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Commissioner Blackburn made the motion to leave approval to allow the basketball game to the City Manager's discretion, and further to approve the \$500.00 expenditure for the carnival. Mayor Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. CITY ENGINEER'S REPORTS: Charles Byers, representing Summit Engineering, City Engineers, presented a verbal status report for ongoing projects:

1. Ivy Court Storm Drainage: Mr. Byers advised that the storm drainage project, which encompassed cleaning out the Ivy Court/Danielle Street storm drain culvert, has been completed with the exception of cleanup. The contractor for the project is J & H Enterprises at a contract amount of \$17,025.00. Mr. Byers recommended withholding a retainage and to approve payment of \$15,525.00. The Commission questioned if the drainage problems have been remedied for the area. Mr. Byers advised that the Shockey's pool would not incur any further flooding damage, however one of the residents has placed a drain pipe at the back of their yard and they may have some drainage problems. To prevent future drain problems at Ivy Court, a weir is being constructed to keep silt and debris from clogging the drain. Mayor Morris made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve payment as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Thompson Road: Presented to the Commission for approval was an invoice totaling \$2,700.00 from J & H Enterprises for grade work on city-owned property located behind the Thompson Road Fire Station. Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve payment pending a letter from Summit Engineering confirming the work has been completed. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The City Manager will contact a contractor to perform the hydroseeding.

3. Bob Amos Park Storage Building: A poll of the Commission had been taken during the previous month to discern their judgment in changing the outer surface material for the storage building from block to brick. The majority of the Commission decided to change the material to brick at an added cost of \$16,875.00. Commissioner Wilson made the motion to approve a change order in the amount 16,875.00, contingent upon sufficient funds being available. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Commission directed Mr. Byers to obtain a price to change the roofing material to red tile.

4. Bowles Addition Subdivision Storm Drainage: Work is scheduled to begin on this project within the next two weeks.

5. Painting: Bids are now being solicited for the regular maintenance painting of the Peach Orchard and Smith Hill 2 water storage tanks and the Overlook. Bids are due on July 15th.

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

1. 1999 Emergency Shelter Grant: Presented for approval was the agreement between Kentucky Housing Corporation and the City of Pikeville for acceptance of a \$40,000.00 matching grant for operating the emergency shelter located in the former Perry Cline Building. Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve the grant agreement as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Sandy Valley Water District: Presented and approved at the previous meeting was an amended water purchase agreement between the City of Pikeville and Sandy Valley Water District, as prepared by the city's PSC attorney, Lindsey Ingram. Since the previous meeting, Sandy Valley Water District has been advised by the Rural Development Agency of the necessity to amend the water purchase agreement to provide for a 45 year contract period. Sandy Valley Water is applying for funds to do improvements to their system and the funding agency is requesting a longer term contract. The water rate remains \$1.69/1000 gallons. Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Mayor Morris to approve the amended contract as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. River Fill Drainage Ditch: Mayor Morris brought to the Commission's attention the need to clean out and maintain the concrete drainage ditch located in the river fill area adjacent to Park Street. City Manager Blackburn explained that City Engineer Sykes had reviewed the deeds and prepared a map which showed the drainage ditch located on property owned by Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Pike County Health Department; Carroll Cinnamond; Ed Anderson; and Flo Adams. PSG representative, Duane Hamilton, told the Commission there has been no drainage problem in the area. He advised the City does retain a water/sewer easement in the area which runs parallel with the concrete ditch. City Attorney Davis advised that it may be possible to acquire the drainage ditch property through legal avenues since the property has had a public use. Commissioner Blackburn made the motion to authorize the City Engineer and City Attorney to verify ownership and to propose alternatives to re-establish the ditch to ensure drainage. Mayor Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Project Director, Sue Smallwood, was asked to research the Urban Renewal Agency records for information concerning the drainage ditch and its location.

D. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS: Kenny Blackburn, City Manager, presented the following items to the Commission:

1. Concrete/Stone/Asphalt: Presented to the Commission were the bids received for the annual supply of concrete, stone, and asphalt. The City Manager recommended the bids be awarded to the following low bidders:

Concrete: MRC Materials: \$58.00 - 4000 psi; \$56.50 - 3500 psi; \$55.00 - 3000 psi.

Stone: Mountain Enterprises - \$9.50/ton delivered; \$8.75/ton pick up

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Asphalt: Mountain Enterprises: Supply only: \$28.45/ton base; \$29.00/ton surface
Supply & Placement: \$36.40/ton base; \$36.90/ton surface

Commissioner Davis made the motion to award the bids for the annual supplies for concrete, stone, and asphalt to the low bidders as recommended by the City Manager. Mayor Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Litter vacuum bids: One bid was received in answer to the advertisement for the purchase of a litter vacuum. The bid was received from Tennent in the amount of \$24,478.00. City Manager Blackburn advised that funds are available for the purchase of the equipment and recommended award of the bid to the low bidder. Commissioner Blackburn made the motion, seconded by Mayor Morris to authorize the purchase of a litter vacuum from Tennent in the amount of \$24,478.00. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Pikeville Little League: City Manager Blackburn presented a letter from Roland Case, of the Pikeville Little League, requesting that final payment (\$6,701.49) of a loan for ballfield lighting be paid from the city's ballfield lighting savings account. Mr. Blackburn explained that a grant was given to the City from the Pike County Fiscal Court in the amount of \$15,000.00. The grant proceeds were to be used for ballfield lighting and are to be expended by December 29, 2000, or the funds revert to the Fiscal Court. The City has placed \$13,000.00 in the account. The Commission was advised that a quote of \$50,000+ has been received by the Little League for the installation of lights on field located on the upper level of Bob Amos Park. It was questioned whether the Little League would be able to fund the remainder of the funds needed or if they would borrow the money. Mayor Morris reminded the Commission that the Little League State Tournament is to be held in Pikeville during the last week of July. He said he would like to see the graveled parking lot blacktopped before this event. Commission Members agreed that the City should blacktop the lot since the property is owned by the City, however it was questioned if the money could be appropriated for the project. The possibility of using the portion of the funds placed in the ballfield lighting account, by the City, was discussed. Commissioners expressed concern whether the Little League could proceed with the senior field lighting project. Commissioners decided to ask Little League officials which project they would like to see completed first. The Commission directed the City Manager to obtain a cost estimate for blacktopping the graveled lot. Commissioner Blackburn made the motion to postpone consideration to approve to pay the loan balance until a special meeting, and to schedule a special meeting for July 1, 1999, to review the cost estimate for blacktopping the graveled parking lot. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Radio Space: City Manager Blackburn advised the Commission that an agreement had been approved, during the previous meeting, with East Kentucky Broadcasting for a month to month lease of antenna space for the Fire Department's radio system. East Kentucky Broadcasting has submitted an amended agreement to change the lease term to a period of 1 year with a clause to provide a 90 day written notice of cancellation by either party. Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement contingent upon the City Attorney's satisfactory review of the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Job Description: Included in each Commission Member's agenda package was a copy of a proposed job description for the horticulturist's position. Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the job description as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Landscaping Employee: City Manager Blackburn reported that two seasonal employee positions had been included in the city's budget for the landscaping department. The employees will work six months out of the year. The unemployment office recommended the employment of Connie L. Holloway as a landscaping laborer. The City Manager asked the Commission to approve the employment of Connie L. Holloway as a seasonal employee at the wage rate of \$6.00/hr. Commissioner Wilson made the motion to authorize the employment of Connie L. Holloway as Landscaping Laborer. Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Financing Bids: Bids were solicited from the local financial institutions and the Kentucky League of Cities for a \$190,000 unsecured, fixed rate loan for a 5 year period. The low bid was received from Firststar for the interest amount of 5.02%. Commissioner Clark made the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the loan agreement with Firststar for an unsecured loan in the amount of \$190,000 to be used for the Bowles Addition Storm Drain Project - Phase I. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Marion's Branch Road: The City Manager reported that the Highway Department has negotiated an agreement to pave between 1.8 and 1.9 miles of roadway on Marion's Branch. The cost for 8" thick roadway is \$347,000.00. One mile of the roadway is within the City Limits. The City has been asked to participate in the project by funding \$25,000.00 of the cost. Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn to enter into an agreement with the Highway Department for the paving of Marion's Branch Road at a city cost of \$25,000.00. The motion carried 5 - 0. The project will be funded from the River Fill Savings Account.

AGENDA ITEM VI.

NEW BUSINESS

High Street Project: Project Coordinator, Sue Smallwood, reported that grant writer, Will Linder, has prepared two funding preapplications to the Appalachian Regional Commission. The applications, in the amounts of \$100,000 and \$150,000, are designated for acquisition/relocation expenses for the Sycamore Street and Kentucky Avenue portions of the project. Ms. Smallwood advised that \$500,000.00 had been placed in the project budget as the City's contribution toward the project. The monies will be funded over 6 fiscal years. Mr. Linder requested a work session to bring the Commission up to date on the project thus far, and to discuss the financing arrangements. A work session was scheduled for July 1, 1999 at 1:00 p.m.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. (Adjournment Time: 7:15 p.m.)

APPROVED: _____
FRANK MORRIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KAREN W. HARRIS, CITY CLERK