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**CITY OF PIKEVILLE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2000**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Pikeville met in regular session on Monday, January 24, 2000. The meeting was held in the regular meeting location in the City Hall Public Meeting Room, 117 College Street, Pikeville, Kentucky.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Frank M. Morris called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Commission Members present at roll call were as follows:

MAYOR:	FRANK M. MORRIS
COMMISSIONER:	BILL R. BLACKBURN
	EUGENE W. DAVIS
	WANDA V. WILSON
	SHARON C. CLARK

AGENDA ITEM II.

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 20, 1999 Special Meeting 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 submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM III.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

A. AUDIT: J. Donald Wallen, of Wallen & Cornett, submitted the audit, for year ending June 30, 1999, to the City Commission for review. Mr. Wallen reported that the city's financial condition is good, ending the year with a \$2.4 million surplus. This figure compares to a \$2.6 million surplus for year ending June, 1998. The Commission was advised that the city incurred approximately \$152,000 more in expenditures than was received in revenues during this past fiscal year. Mr. Wallen will return at the next meeting to answer any questions the Commission may have concerning the audit report.

B. ELLIS MORRELL LANE: Louise Estep renewed her request that the street, known as Ellis Morrell Lane, be renamed. City Attorney Russell Davis confirmed that court documents refer to the street as Sam Blackburn road, however there is no record showing that the city assigned a name to the roadway, until 1998, when it was named Ellis Morrell Lane. Ms. Estep requested that the Commission rename the street in honor of her father. According to Ms. Estep, the Morrell family no longer owns any property in this area of Chloe Creek. Ms. Estep's father was Ransom Ratliff. Because of the number of Ratliff Streets, Branches, Roads, and Drives, within the city and county, 911 Coordinator, Paul Maynard, suggested assigning a neutral street name. Ms. Estep requested the street be

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named Ransom Drive. The Commission directed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to change the name of Ellis Morrell Lane to Ransom Drive.

C. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Kitty White, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, appeared before the Commission to request permission to use the city streets and downtown park for food and craft vendors during the Hillbilly Days Festival - April 13-15, 2000. Ms. White advised that the Chamber is trying to restrict the city park to arts and crafts and stated that other vendor types will be relocated to Watson Street (between former city hall building and *News-Express* office). In an effort to improve traffic flow, the booth space will be eliminated in front of the Post Office and at the corner of Huffman Avenue. Leslie Combs, Chamber of Commerce President, requested permission to use the parking lot between the Hall of Justice and the River Fill 10 Cinemas for the Hillbilly Days carnival. Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve use of the streets and parking area as requested by the Chamber of Commerce officials, subject to coordinating the details with the Police and Fire Departments. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Combs invited the Commission to contact her or Ms. White if they have suggestions to improve the event's coordination or operation.

D. MCCOY REUNION: Bo & Ron McCoy, McCoy 2000 Reunion organizers, requested the City's assistance in locating parking spaces close to the city park for large trucks, press truck, and motor homes during their reunion/festival, June 9-11, 2000. Also requested was an area to set up inflatable carnival equipment. The McCoys are expecting around 1500 out-of-town visitors during the event. Previously, the Commission granted permission to the reunion committee to use the city park and a portion of the city streets for vendors and entertainment on June 10th. Other activities include a softball tournament between the Hatfields & McCoys on the evening of June 10th, and a theater production of "The Last Hanging in Pikeville". Abner Justice, a descendent of Ellison Hatfield, spoke in opposition to the display. Mr. McCoy explained the event is actually a play, with no disrespect intended, and sees it as a vital part of the Hatfield/McCoy history. No action was taken with regard to the request for parking spaces and designation of an area for the inflatable slide.

E. 911 ADDRESS CHANGE: Martha Ridenour, Ruby Scott, Brenda Rohrer, Jeanette Anderson and Lucille Smith were present to voice their objection to 911 re-addressing. The focal points of their opposition centered around the costs associated with changing addresses - e.g. letterhead, signage, checks, etc.; inconvenience associated with giving notification of address change; and the fact that all addresses within the city limits are changing instead of modifying areas with numbering problems or that have conflicting street names. The ladies argued that delivery personnel and those unfamiliar with the street locations would have a difficult time locating their residences since the numbering system would no longer be based on the block system.

Terry Anderson of Summit Engineering and Paul Maynard, 911 Coordinator for the city of Pikeville, explained the concept of the new addressing system. The Frontage Interval

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Addressing System was utilized pursuant to information provided by the National Emergency Number Association. From the beginning of any given street, the city of Pikeville numbering system is distance based. Every 26.4 feet yields a new set of numbers throughout the street's length. All numbering begins at 100/101. Even numbers are placed on the right side of the street from its beginning and odd numbers are on the left. Since most lots have at least 26.4 feet of frontage, there are no problems with houses falling in the same designated number location.

Mr. Anderson and Maynard, along with Commission members, explained that the main goal for renumbering is to assist emergency service personnel in locating addresses as quickly and efficiently as possible in an effort to save lives. One uniform system is needed throughout the city limits so that emergency response services can learn one system.

Ms. Ridenour asked the Commission to consider delaying the change until it can be further studied and suggested checking to see if other cities comparable to Pikeville's size have implemented this system. She added that she did not think the Commission realized the long range impact the change would impose on business and property owners.

Commissioner Davis agreed that he thought it would be a good idea to contact other cities that have implemented this system to see how well it is working and how it is operated.

F. CROSS-COUNTRY TRAIL BOARD: The Cross Country Trail Board conducted its first meeting and elected Johnny Rasnick to serve as chairman; Doug Justice as vice-chairman; and Delores Adkins as secretary. Other members of the Board include: Ken Trivette, Mark Martin, Ron Damron, and John Biery. The cross country trail was developed on property owned by the city of Pikeville and the Bowles Heirs. The trail is suitable for a 6 mile run and begins at the upper level of Bob Amos Park. The city lacks a formal agreement with the Bowles Heirs for use of the property. City Attorney Davis advised that he is in the process of preparing an agreement. Provisions include keeping the area free of litter; no motorized vehicles; and indemnification of the Bowles Heirs in the event of injury. It is estimated that 30 schools can participate in each event. The Board expects the trail to be an economic opportunity for the city, with about 1500 spectators per event. Most of the work on the trail has been completed with donated labor and supplies. Mr. Rasnick requested formal letters of appreciation to be sent to Lyle Blackburn, Magistrate District 1; Dennis Rohrer of Interstate Natural Gas; Rusty Justice of J & H Enterprises; Columbia Natural Resources; Kentucky/Virginia Gas; City Manager Kenny Blackburn, and Park Director Doug Justice, for their contributions to the project. Mr. Rasnick told the Commission that grass needs to be sown along the trail, however he thinks he can get donations to cover this expense. Discussed was the future acquisition of fitness centers to be placed at one mile intervals along the trail.

AGENDA ITEM IV.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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A. CITY BILLS: A list of City Bills totaling \$435,565.22 was presented to the Commission for approval of payment. Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn to approve payment of the bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. UDAG REIMBURSEMENT: Presented for approval was a reimbursement request from Pikeville Methodist Hospital in the amount of \$1,000,000. Project Coordinator, Sue Smallwood, explained that the request is for one piece of equipment for the hospital's new facility. The cost of the equipment will be reimbursed to the hospital from UDAG proceeds. Ms. Smallwood reported there is approximately \$800,000 remaining in the hospital's UDAG allotment. Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve reimbursement of \$1,000,000 to Pikeville Methodist Hospital from UDAG funds. The motion carried 5 - 0.

AGENDA ITEM V.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MAIN STREET PROGRAM: Board Member, Sara George reported that the city of Pikeville, through the Main Street Program, has received a grant from Renaissance KY. for the preparation of a housing market study for the downtown area. The study will address the potential for construction of housing units in the downtown commercial district. Amount of the grant is \$7,000.00 and does not require a match from the city. The Main Street Program plans to work with Will Linder & Associates to combine this study with the High Street/KY Avenue Redevelopment Project. The Main Street Program will advertise for bids for the completion of the housing market study. Ms. George requested approval of the grant agreement. Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Mayor Morris to approve the grant agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Since Pikeville has received the distinction as a Renaissance KY. Gold Community, the city is now eligible for an increase in its designation of funds for facade improvements. As a silver level city, Pikeville received funds totaling \$35,000.00 that could be loaned to businesses to improve their building facades. At its gold level ranking, Pikeville is now eligible for \$80,000.00. The Main Street Program has not been officially notified of receipt of the additional grant funds, however it has received a waiver to allow grant funds to be awarded to businesses performing less than \$5,000.00 of renovation work. This waiver only applies to the current year's funding.

Included with the Commission's agenda was an example of the signage being provided by the Department of Transportation in recognition of the city's designation as a Renaissance KY gold city. Two signs will be provided and are required to be placed along the major thoroughfare in the renaissance area. Ms. George pointed out that the Main Street Board is working the Summit Engineering for the design of gateway elements that will be placed at entrances into Pikeville, which are in addition to the signs being provided by D.O.T. The Main Street Board requested the opportunity to present a recommendation where each of the free signs should be placed. Summit Engineering has

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prepared bid documents to advertise for the construction of two of the gateway elements. Bids will be presented by the next meeting.

The Main Street Board has received notification of award of the first phase of funding for the downtown underground utility relocation project. Main Street applied for a \$500,000.00 ARC grant but was awarded \$350,000.00. The relocation project can not begin until all funding is in place. The Main Street Board should know by March, 2000, how much money will be awarded in the Renaissance KY T21 funding. This phase of the project is estimated to cost \$1.7 million.

As discussed during the previous Commission meeting, Mr. Sykes presented a drawing depicting the proposed configuration of the parking, access points, landscaping, and lighting for the river fill parking area (from the Hall of Justice to the River Fill 10 property). A walkway is proposed for both sides of Division Street and Pike Street. During the previous meeting, concern was expressed for the loss of parking spaces. The plan provides for 285 parking spaces, which is an overall loss of 45 parking spaces from what is currently available. Mr. Sykes explained that 27 parking spaces will be lost along Division Street, which is necessary to have enough room to construct the walkways. There are also parking spaces lost because of the enlargement of parking spaces. The standard parking space is 9' X 18'. Most of the parking spaces are between 8' to 8 1/2'. Mr. Sykes added that 10% of the proposed parking spaces can be downsized to 8' in width and designated as compact vehicle parking, but this will only create five to six parking spaces. According to the parking/traffic study prepared by Wilbur Smith, there currently are 46 parking spaces not being utilized during the peak hours. This does not include the proposed parking garage. Ms. George opined that safety outweighs the need for parking. Also discussed was the possibility of filling in the ditchline and constructing parking spaces. Mr. Sykes estimated that 35 parking spaces could be created at a cost between \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00 per space. No action was taken with regard to filling in the ditchline.

Ms. George requested the Commission's permission to proceed with the plans for improvements to the river fill parking area. Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to proceed with the plans as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. CITY ENGINEER'S REPORTS: Jack Sykes, representing Summit Engineering City Engineers, presented a verbal status report of ongoing projects. Projects discussed were:

1. Sewer Line and Bore: Presented for consideration was a request from Pikeville Car Wash and Community Trust Bank to have sewer service extended to their facilities. Mr. Sykes explained that both businesses operate and maintain lift stations that pump sewage to a manhole in the Bowles Addition. By constructing a line, a bore underneath the roadway, and installing a new manhole, both businesses could be tied into a line located across the Bypass and gravity flow into the sewer. The cost, using contract labor, is estimated at \$15,275.00. Should the city elect to do some of the work in

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house, the cost would be reduced. City Manager Blackburn advised that money is available to proceed with the project. Commissioner Blackburn made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis to proceed with the project. The motion carried unanimously.

2. High Street Redevelopment Project: Summit Engineering has completed the housing surveys for the Sycamore Street phase of the project.

3. Water Improvement Project: The water improvement project is divided into three segments - telemetry; water storage tank construction; and intake improvements. Design and specifications for telemetry has been completed and sent to Rural Development for review. The city will advertise for bids then begin construction in April. Summit Engineering has negotiated the rights-of-entry for all three tanks sites. There is some concern as to whether there will be sufficient funds to construct all three water storage tanks. Plans for improvements to the intake will be delivered to PSG for review and comments on January 25th. Plans and specifications will be forwarded to the Division of Water for their review by mid February. Intake improvements are expected to begin in July.

4. 911 Re-addressing: Summit Engineering has delivered about 75% of the new address changes. Of the address changes delivered, approximately 80% of the residents have responded to the notification. Pike County is in the process of changing/updating their 911 system. There is an addressing conflict on South Mayo Trail. The city began numbering at Baird Avenue, beginning with 100 and extending up to 2300, assigning an address at every 26.4 feet. The county started their addressing at Indian Hills beginning with 1100 South Mayo Trail. There are approximately 50 properties that have an address overlap. There are two options - 1 - assign addresses on a different frequency - i.e. - assign a number for every 100 feet; or 2 - begin numbering at 10,000. It was also suggested to change the name of South Mayo Trail up to Indian Hills, to Mayo Trail Boulevard. Mayor Morris suggested speaking with county officials to change the street name from Indian Hills to Shalbiana. The Commission directed City Engineer Sykes to work out the problem in a manner that proves to be best for the addressing system.

Commissioner Davis complimented Terry Anderson and Paul Maynard on their 911 presentation and for the manner in which they responded to the public.

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

1. High Street Redevelopment Project: Presented for approval were the following items dealing with the High Street/KY Avenue/Sycamore Street Redevelopment Project:

a. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: The City has received a grant in the amount of \$55,000.00 and has received notice that a loan has been approved in the

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amount of \$60,000.00. The funds will be used to pay for appraisals, title searches, review appraisals and other project start-up costs. The loan is repayable at 1% interest over a 15 year period. Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn to approve the loan agreement and authorizing the Mayor to execute said agreement. The motion carried 4 - 0 (Commissioner Davis not present at the time of the vote).

b. Community Development Block Grant Funds: A \$1 million grant has been awarded. Commissioner Blackburn made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to authorize the Mayor to execute the grant agreement and to designate Sue Smallwood and Karen Harris as signatories to draw down funds. The motion carried 4 - 0 (Commissioner Davis not present at the time of the vote).

c. Appalachian Regional Commission Funds: A \$500,000.00 grant has been awarded for the High Street Redevelopment Project. Commissioner Blackburn made the motion to accept the grant, to authorize the Mayor to execute the grant agreement, and to designate Sue Smallwood and Karen Harris as signatories to draw down funds. The motion carried 4 - 0 (Commissioner Davis not present at the time of the vote).

d. Budget Amendment: Because of the grant and loan funds awarded for the High Street Redevelopment Project, it is necessary to amend the city's operating budget to reflect the increase in revenues and expenditures associated with the project. The ordinance was presented and read entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE 1999-2000 FISCAL YEAR

Commissioner Clark made the motion to declare an emergency and adopt the ordinance. Said emergency being that certain evidentiary materials, which include this ordinance, must be submitted to the various funding agencies to secure release of the grant and loan funds. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following votes:

COMMISSIONER:	BILL BLACKBURN	YES
	GENE DAVIS	YES
	WANDA WILSON	YES
	SHARON CLARK	YES
MAYOR:	FRANK MORRIS	YES

2. Budget Amendments: Second reading was given to an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE 1999-2000 FISCAL YEAR

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Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adopt the Ordinance as presented and read. The motion carried by the following votes:

COMMISSIONER:	BILL BLACKBURN	YES
	GENE DAVIS	YES
	WANDA WILSON	YES
	SHARON CLARK	YES
MAYOR:	FRANK MORRIS	YES

3. Adams Construction Keyser Heights Project: Presented for approval was an amended agreement with Adams Construction Company for the UDAG funds. City Attorney Davis explained that the original agreement has the company's name listed as Adams Corporation. The actual name of the company is Adams Construction Company. The amendment also includes a time extension until July, 2001. The extension was granted due largely to problems in getting water service to the building site. Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve the amended agreement and to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Morris asked if the engineers were going to ensure that the development is constructed pursuant to building regulations. It was explained that subdivision plans have been approved by the Pikeville/Pike County/Elkhorn City Joint Planning Commission. The utilities were submitted and approved by the appropriate state and local officials. Project Coordinator, Sue Smallwood, reported that David Adams has indicated that Adams Construction Company will be performing all work associated with installing utilities and constructing the 30 homes. The Commission agreed that it would be appropriate to perform periodic quality control inspections. The City Engineer cautioned that the periodic inspections would be limited to the work that can be checked at the time of each visit. Commissioner Blackburn made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Clark to authorize the City Manager, Building Inspector, PSG and the City Engineer to perform spot checks throughout the construction of the Keyser II development. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Municipal Road Aid Agreement: Presented for approval was the annual agreement between the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the City of Pikeville for the award of Municipal Road Aid Funds for street repairs. The 2000/01 allotment is \$81,913.00. The resolution was presented entitled:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE INCORPORATED AREA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AND MUNICIPAL AID, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2000, AS PROVIDED IN THE KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTES AND ACCEPTING ALL STREETS REFERRED

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TO THEREIN AS BEING STREETS WHICH ARE A PART OF THE INCORPORATED AREA.

Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Street Name: Presented and given first reading was an Ordinance changing the name of Ellis Morrell Lane to Ransom Drive. The Ordinance will be given second reading at the next meeting.

D. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS: City Manager, R. Kenneth Blackburn, presented the following items for the Commission's consideration:

1. Two-Wheel Drive Truck Bids: Two bids were received in answer to the advertisement for a two-wheel drive truck and utility bed. The new truck will replace a vehicle that is 20+ years old. The low bid was submitted by Fletcher & Hall in the amount of \$26,643.18. City Manager Blackburn reported that this expenditure had been budgeted. Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis to award the bid for the purchase of a two-wheel drive truck to the low bidder, Fletcher & Hall in the amount of \$26,643.18. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Employment/Dispatcher: City Manager Blackburn advised the Commission of a vacancy in the communications department. He and 911 coordinator, Paul Maynard, recommended the employment of Tracy Gill, a certified and licensed dispatcher. Commissioner Wilson made the motion, seconded by Mayor Morris to employ Tracy Gill as a dispatcher. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Surplus Fire Truck: Previously, the 1967 surplus fire pumper truck was advertised for sale. No bids were received. Since that time, the Kimper Fire Department has submitted a written proposal to purchase the vehicle for \$4,000.00. Commissioner Blackburn made the motion, seconded by Mayor Morris to approve the sale of the 1967 surplus fire pumper truck to the Kimper Volunteer Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Garbage Packer: City Manager Blackburn explained that he had planned to budget for the purchase of a garbage truck in the 2000/2001 budget. He has become concerned, that should the mandatory garbage bill passes the legislature, there will be a shortage of vehicles and the purchase price will escalate. Estimated purchase price is \$70,000.00, and is available in savings. Mr. Blackburn recommended advertising for bids at this time. Commissioner Davis made the motion to authorize the City Manager to advertise for bids for the purchase of a new garbage packer. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:50 p.m., Commissioner Clark made the motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a legal matter concerning the acquisition of property involved

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in the High Street Redevelopment project area. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 9:03 p.m., Commissioner Davis made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to reconvene to regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Blackburn reported that he had advised the Commission of a potential property purchase in the High Street Redevelopment project area. Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to authorize the City Manager to contact the property owner and make an offer to purchase the property. The motion carried unanimously.

Presented and given first reading was an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 38.21(A) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHANGING THE TIME OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF PIKEVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO 1:00 P.M.

The ordinance will be on file in the office of the city clerk for public inspection. Second reading was scheduled for the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Clark made the motion, seconded by Mayor Morris to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. (Adjournment Time: 9:09 p.m.)

APPROVED

Frank M. Morris
FRANK M. MORRIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen W. Harris
KAREN W. HARRIS, CITY CLERK