

December 12, 2006

The City of Cynthiana Board of Commissioners met on December 12, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Room at City Hall. Present were Mayor Wells, Attorney Lair, Commissioners Clayton, Doan, Martin, and New.

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order.

MEETING CALLED  
TO ORDER

The first order of business was the recognition of Perry Thomas Rose and his son.

Mr. Rose is a resident in the Woodland Terrace Subdivision. Mr. Rose had been approached by City personnel seeking an easement for the new water line project. This project is designed to improve the water pressure in the Grandview, Country Club Estates, and Woodland Terrace areas by installing a new larger line, looping the dead-end line with the 1 MG water tower located behind the Harrison County Middle School. This project has been bid out, and a recommendation for a contractor has been made by City engineers.

OBJECTION TO  
WATER PROJECT –  
WOODLAND  
TERRACE SUB-  
DIVISION

Mr. Rose is objecting to the project stating that he does not believe this project is necessary. He stated he lives at the end of Rose Bay Lane, and his water pressure is satisfactory. In addition, he does not believe that it will improve water pressure for anyone. He stated he had discussed this with an engineer, and this engineer agreed that he did not believe the project would work.

Commissioner Doan stated that he also lives in Woodland Terrace. In order to improve the water pressure in his residence, he had to do some work that was entirely his responsibility.

Commissioner Clayton stated that Quest Engineers, Inc. has made this recommendation, bids have been opened, and this project will proceed as planned.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes. The minutes of November 28, 2006 have been distributed. Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of November 28, 2006 as printed. Commissioner Clayton seconded. In favor: Commissioner Clayton: yes; Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Wells: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF  
11/28/2006  
APPROVED

Mayor Wells reported on the following:

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Wells ordered a new flag for the Handy Farm. The Fire Dept. and the Recreation Dept. have been making sure the flag is lowered, raised, and removed in inclement weather.
- Mayor Wells has ordered signs to be posted at the Handy Farm: "Keep Dog on Leash" and "Clean Up After Dog".
- Sign for "Hero's Park" has been ordered.
- Mayor Wells stated she was working on signs for the shelter at the S. O. Ross Park and the shelter at Handy Farm.
- New Christmas trees have been purchased and placed in front of City Hall.
- Cherry Grove Cemetery is increasing its size. They are requesting some dirt to help level out the new area.
- Larry Harney sent a "thank you" note to the City for his gift and reception.
- Joe Hutchison acknowledged the arrangement sent in memory of his mother, Gertrude Hutchison.
- There will be a public hearing on December 18, 2006 at the Sheriff's Office to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.
- The Library will host a working breakfast on January 9, 2007 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM to receive comments and suggestions in planning the next five years.
- BGADD will host a Homeland Security meeting on December 20, 2006 at 2:00 PM

- The City Clerk's office has forwarded an application to Wal-Mart for beer and liquor sales.
- Bluegrass Rape Crises Center has requested a donation.
- Mayor Wells compiled a history of the Handy Farm Park projects. Each Commissioner received a copy.
- A Change Order has been requested on the WWTP construction.

Mayor Wells advised she had written the following letters:

- Letter of congratulations to Larry Harney
- Letter of thanks to Jane Patterson Thomas for her assistance with the Farmer's Market and the flowerpots.
- Letter to the Handy House Committee commending them for their wonderful presentation at the Handy House Committee meeting.
- Letter to Bobbi Bruin regarding her letter concerning the Police Dept.
- Letter to Gary Riddell regarding a project involving the Vo-Tech School
- Letter to Principal Hodge of the Vo-Tech School and Superintendent Woodward concerning Riddell project.

Mayor Wells requested an opportunity to say a few words to the citizens of Cynthiana since she is ending a span of 25 years of public service:

MAYOR WELLS'  
FAREWELL

*"Thanks to Commissioner Clayton for 11 years of service to the City and its people.*

*I became interested in running for office when I was a student in "Pop" Stanfield's Civics Class at Cynthiana High School. I asked "Pop" about running for office. He assured me that I would be able to run for office. I believed "Pop" –everyone believed "Pop".*

*I was elected to office in 1980 and became the Commissioner of Public Property in 1981. I ran for re-election many times and won serving through 1993. In 1994, 1995, 1996 I served as Commissioner of Public Safety. I served as Commissioner of Public Finance in 1997-1998. In 1998, I was elected the first woman Mayor. I have served two terms.*

*As the Mayor, I brought a democratic government that was open to everyone regardless of economic standing and residency. The meetings were shown on Cable TV in hopes that the citizens who viewed the meetings would learn about local government, the issues and become involved in a helpful way. I believe in debate. I believe in participation by everyone. I fully realize that this causes anxiety for our counselor.*

*Possibly, one could be influenced as I was by a wonderful teacher named "Pop" Stanfield. So one might say I presented a government that was idealistic in nature.*

*I brought a government that was outside the power structure of the town. I have always opposed the political boss type of leader where one man rules. I always will.*

*I was very successful for 8 years of leadership. Many times people ask: "How do you stand this?" My answer is God's grace, my acceptance of people who show me love, I don't hold grudges, and I forgive and forget – just like God expects me to do. I listen to God – the Great Healer.*

*My slogan all of these 25 years has been vote Virgie Florence Wells – one who serves the people. I kept placing my name on the ballot in spite of the fact that people fought me – some almost everyday.*

*The job is not about the person who is Mayor – it is about the people. It's about*

*the power of the people and listening to the people. This year listening hurt a lot.*

*In my tenure as Mayor, I was successful in applying for and receiving grants for projects from Democrats and Republicans. I leave office with their goodwill wishes.*

*I received the funding with almost one half of the \$11,000,000.00 in grants for the new sewer plant – the largest project in the City’s history. I could list a number of accomplishments, but the City records will contain all of these good works for as long as the City is here. Kathy Brooks has typed my letters, proclamations, etc. so beautifully.*

*So, in over 600 City Commission meetings and 25 years of service, I leave this office with great pride. I am leaving the City in a much better shape than I found it when I took office. I thank those of you who have supported me, prayed for me, encouraged me, and voted for me. My dream came true! Thank you and God bless.”*

Mayor Wells recognized Attorney John Lair.

Attorney Lair read Ordinance #1430 amending the zoning classification for approximately 0.22 acres located at 201 East Bridge Street from B-1, Central Business District, to B-3, Highway Commercial. The purpose of this request is to expand an existing used car lot in the City of Cynthiana.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance #1430. Commissioner Doan seconded. In favor: Commissioner Clayton: yes; Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Wells: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Attorney Lair read Ordinance #1431 amending the Personnel and Policy and Procedures to replace the existing personnel policies and procedures, classification plan and compensation plan, and that the employment policies and procedures, compensation plan and classification plan may be waived, altered or suspended only by a change of municipal ordinance.

Commissioner Doan made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #1431. Commissioner Martin seconded. In favor: Commissioner Clayton: yes; Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Wells: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Wells needs authorization from the Board to sign an amendment to the Kentucky Utilities Contract to install a light at 326 South Church Street.

Commissioner New made the motion to authorize Mayor Wells to sign the amended contract with Kentucky Utilities to install a light at 326 South Church St. Commissioner Clayton seconded. In favor: Commissioner Clayton: yes; Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Wells: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Tom Leith of Licking River Valley RC&D has informed Mayor Wells that grant funds are available for a skateboard park. Attorney Lair reported that the City has a policy to run any type of development at the park by the Handy Farm Park Committee. Mayor Wells advised she will take this matter before the Committee.

Mayor Wells recognized Fire Chief Terry Stinson.

Chief Stinson reported that he has been dealing with the abandoned vehicle issue. A vehicle must be operable in order to keep it parked on a city street, in a driveway, etc. He is trying to locate the owners of these vehicles so that they can

## LEGALS

ORDINANCE #1430 –  
AMENDMENT OF  
ZONING MAP –  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) –

DWAYNE  
BROWNING

ORDINANCE #1431 –  
AMENDING  
PERSONNEL  
POLICIES AND  
PROCEDURES  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

AUTHORIZATION TO  
SIGN AMENDED  
KU CONTRACT

GRANT MONEY  
AVAILABLE FOR  
SKATE BOARD  
PARK

CODE  
ENFORCEMENT  
REPORT  
ABANDONED  
VEHICLES

be removed.

Chief Stinson encouraged homeowners who have fencerows to clean them out at this time. The weather has been nice enough for this type of work to be accomplished. It will certainly help with the growing season starts.

Mayor Wells recognized Beth Hutchinson, Renaissance Director.

RENAISSANCE  
REPORT

Ms. Hutchinson advised that one bid was received on the demolition and construction for the TEA-21 project. However, the bid exceeded the budget. The Department of Transportation encouraged the review of the budget. Ms. Hutchinson and Mr. York were able to reduce some of the cost of the demolition plus the decorative lighting was cut back. The decorative lighting was not eliminated however. The Department of Transportation will require a copy of the budget revision. The main intersection can still be constructed, and perhaps some of the additional items cut from the budget can be accomplished with future grants.

Mayor Wells recognized Commissioner of Public Utilities Tommy L. Clayton.

PUBLIC UTILITIES  
REPORT  
MOTON TO AWARD  
PAY INCREASE TO  
RONNIE SLADE

Commissioner Clayton made a motion to award Ronnie Slade a 25-cent per hour increase in pay due to his certification as a Class II Distribution Operator. Commissioner Martin seconded. In favor: Commissioner Clayton: yes; Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Wells: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Clayton reported that the filter media at the water treatment plant needs to be replaced. Commissioner Clayton made a motion to advertise for bids for filter media replacement including labor and materials. Commissioner Doan seconded. In favor: Commissioner Clayton: yes; Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Wells: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

MOTION TO  
ADVERTISE FOR  
FILTER MEDIA,  
LABOR AND  
MATERIALS AT WTP

Mayor Wells recognized Commissioner of Public Works James R. New.

PUBLIC WORKS  
REPORT

Commissioner New reported that December 15<sup>th</sup> will be the last day for leaf pickup.

Mayor Wells recognized Commissioner of Public Finance and Property Wm. C. Doan.

PUBLIC FINANCE  
REPORT

Commissioner Doan made a motion to pay the following bills:

BILLS

General Fund	\$ 85,405.80
Water Fund	\$121,455.38
Cash-in-Bank General Fund	\$1,042,460.05
Cash-in-Bank Water Fund	\$ 112,769.61
Municipal Aid Road Fund	\$ 26,057.75

Commissioner New seconded. In favor: Commissioner Clayton: yes; Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Wells: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Doan reported that he and Finance Officer McIlvain have been seeking quotations for short-term investments. The last transfer for the 1992 Debt Service reserve Fund was made this date. This leaves \$582,000.00 that has been designated to pay for some of the water improvements projects. This money has been invested as follows in increments and in staggered time frames in order to leave the funds available for projects:

SHORT TERM  
INVESTMENTS

\$282,000.00	5.2591% - 12 months – Farmers Natl. Bank
\$100,000.00	4.6% - 90 days – Harrison Deposit Bank

\$100,000.00 5.07% - 120 days – 5/3 Bank  
\$100,000.00 5.0862% - 210 Days – Farmers Natl. Bank

Commissioner Doan announced that he, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner New would be hosting a reception for Mayor Wells and Commissioner Clayton on December 28, 2006 from 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. in the Commissioner’s Room. The public is invited.

RECEPTION  
HONORING MAYOR  
WELLS AND  
COMMISSIONER  
CLAYTON 12/28/2006

Mayor Wells recognized Commissioner of Public Safety James H. Martin.

PUBLIC SAFETY  
REPORT  
GYM CAN BE USED  
FOR WALKERS

Commissioner Martin advised that Kenny Copes from Recreation has invited the public to walk in the gym at City Hall from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Monday through Friday.

Fire Chief Stinson announced the Fire Department has taken it upon themselves to refurbish bicycles to give away to children who are not fortunate to have one. The department has thoroughly enjoyed doing this project and are quite good at it. Chief Stinson stated the bikes look like new ones. The department has expressed an interest in making this an annual project.

BICYCLES  
REFURBISHED BY  
FIRE DEPT

Commissioner Martin expressed his appreciation to Mayor Wells and Commissioner Clayton for their many years of service to the people of Cynthiana.

Kenneth York, Public Works/Public Utilities Director, stated he had been researching street sweepers. He advised he had been on E-Bay and located a used piece of equipment that has a rebuilt engine. The City of Mt. Sterling also has a 93 model available, but it requires \$15,000 of work to it.

REPORT ON STREET  
SWEEPER

Mr. York feels that a pure vacuum machine with dual brooms could be purchased brand new for \$175,000.00. Holt has all used equipment. More information will be forthcoming.

Commissioner Doan thanked him for his research.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Clayton made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Doan seconded. . In favor: Commissioner Clayton: yes; Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Wells: yes; Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

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Charleen McIlvain, City Clerk

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James A. Brown, Mayor