

September 11, 2007

The City of Cynthiana Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 11, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. Present were Mayor Brown, Attorney Lair, Commissioners Doan, Keith, Martin, and New.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order.

MEETING CALLED  
TO ORDER

Mayor Brown stated the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 29, 2007 have been presented for approval.

Commissioner Doan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 29, 2007 as presented. Commissioner Martin seconded. In favor: Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Brown: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF  
SPECIAL MEETING  
8/29/2007  
APPROVED

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

SAFETY REPORT

Commissioner Martin stated the Fire Dept. would like to address the Board with regards to Fire Prevention Week in October.

PLANS FOR FIRE  
PREVENTION WEEK

Firefighter Richard Swartz reported that several activities have been planned for this special week. The annual coloring contest will be held at all of the local elementary schools. The Fire Department personnel will judge the contest. Prizes will be smoke detectors, and E.D. Bullard will donate a helmet with a plaque for the grand prizewinner. All the winner's work will be displayed at Wal-Mart during the Field Day Muster planned for October 6, 2007. FF Swartz hopes to have surrounding Fire Departments on hand with extra activities, such as, a fire truck show, Fire Dept. team competitions, clowns, a smoke trailer, and a pie contest. He is hoping to auction the pies off and funnel that money back into the budget for Fire Prevention Week.

The winners of the coloring contests will also be allowed to ride in the parade through Cynthiana.

Mayor Brown recognized Mary Gim Norfleet and Judy Gloy . Mrs. Norfleet explained that they are ambassadors for a new church, Portable Church. This church would like to host a one-day Vacation Bible School at the Handy Farm Park on September 29, 2007. The subject of the VBS will be "Creation". They plan to have booths and activities for the children that will discuss the six days of the Genesis Creation. The times will be 10:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M., and 3:00 P.M. The Handy Farm Park Committee has approved the Church's use of the Park.

REQUEST FOR USE  
OF HANDY FARM  
PARK – REQUEST  
APPROVED WITH  
RESTRICTIONS

Mayor Brown expressed his concern about the parking situation if there would be rainy weather. He does not think it is a good idea to have a lot of vehicles in the park during inclement weather since it will disturb the sod, etc. Mrs. Norfleet stated that she felt they could not conduct their planned activities if it was rainy, so they respected that request.

Commissioner Keith made a motion to allow Portable Church to use the

Handy Farm Park for a one-day VBS on September 29, 2007 consistent with the Harrison County Fiscal Court approval and based upon weather conditions for that day. Commissioner Doan seconded. In favor: Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Brown: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Norfleet and Mrs. Gloy thanked the Board for their approval.

Mayor Brown recognized Mr. Matt Stevens who is the new Field Representative for Congressman Geoff Davis. Mr. Stevens' office is located in Williamstown, and he hopes to visit Cynthiana at least one day a week. He encouraged each Board member to call on him for assistance with grant projects, etc.

MATT STEVENS –  
FIELD  
REPRESENTATIVE  
FOR GEOFF DAVIS  
OFFICE

Mayor Brown recognized Commissioner of Public Finance and Property William C. Doan.

PROPERTY &  
FINANCE REPORT

Commissioner Doan made a motion to pay the following bills:

BILLS

General Fund	\$255,903.51
Water Fund	\$60,467.77
Cash-in-Bank General Fund	\$174,920.73
Cash-in-Bank Water Fund	\$380,750.48
Municipal Aid Road Fund	\$100.00

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

Commissioner Doan advised the General Fund payable included the bill from Hinkle Contracting for the recent paving.

Commissioner Doan reported that he and City Clerk McIlvain opened bids on quotations for short-term investments on four different CDs amounting to \$161,173.63. The bids were as follows:

BIDS ON CD'S  
AWARDED TO  
FARMERS  
NATIONAL BANK

Harrison Deposit Bank	\$83,240.15	@ 5.10%
	77,933.48	@ 4.51%
Kentucky Bank	No Bid	
Fifth/Third Bank	\$161,173.63	@ 4.97%
Farmers National Bank	\$161,173.63	@ 5.3785%

Commissioner Doan reported the total amount was placed at the Farmers National Bank.

Commissioner Doan made a motion to authorize Mayor Brown to sign the Business Park Guaranties consistent with the Harrison County Fiscal Court signing. Commissioner Martin seconded. In favor: Commissioner

AUTHORIZATION  
FOR MAYOR  
BROWN TO SIGN

Doan: yes; Commissioner Keith: abstained; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Brown: abstained; Opposed: none.  
Motion carried.

BUSINESS PARK  
GUARANTIES

Mayor Brown recognized Commissioner of Public Utilities John M. Keith, Jr.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Commissioner Keith advised that since the new WWTP is on-line, the old plant has about 12 RBC units that need to be declared surplus. He would like to advertise for bids on these units.

DISPOSAL OF  
RBC'S AT OLD  
WWTP

Commissioner Keith made a motion to declare the RBC's surplus property and advertise for bids on these units. Commissioner Martin seconded.

Mayor Brown stated that these RBCs have no value. Only five plants were ever built that used RBCs and only one of them is remaining. Mayor Brown stated he would like these RBCs be made available to this plant which is located in Indiana. Attorney Lair questioned if this plant in Indiana has promised to come and get the RBCs. Kenneth York stated that they had contacted him and indicated that they wanted these units.

Mayor Brown felt it would be very cost effective for the citizens of Cynthiana if these units were disposed of as soon as possible. He instructed Mr. York to contact this plant and have them removed.

Commissioner Keith withdrew his motion and Commissioner Martin withdrew his second.

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

PUBLIC WORKS  
REPORT

Commissioner New advised that a new contract has been received from the Morton Salt Co. for the City's salt needs for 2007-2008. The new price is \$49.37/Ton. Cynthiana has been allotted 225 Ton for this year.

Mayor Brown explained that the City does not have to buy 225 Ton, but that is our allowance based on last year's usage. Commissioner New stated the City of Cynthiana has approximately 15 Tons on hand.

Commissioner New made a motion to accept the Morton Salt Contract at a price of \$49.37/Ton. Allotment is 225 Ton. Commissioner Martin seconded. In favor: Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Brown: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF  
MORTON SALT  
CONTRACT

Commissioner New announced that the City will be running the brush and chipper service on the following dates:

BRUSH/CHIPPER  
SCHEDULE

9/17 – 9/21 - West of Main Street  
9/24 - 9/28 - East of Main Street  
10/1 – 10/5 - West of Main Street  
10/8 – 10/12 - East of Main Street

This service is not for commercial use. Copies of this service will be faxed

to the schools, Courthouse, Hospital, and other businesses.

The next order of business was the awarding of bids for the surplus Police Dept. vehicles. Attorney Lair read the following highest bids:

AWARD BIDS ON  
SURPLUS VEHICLES

1996 Jeep	#2408	Thomas Towing	\$635.00
1999 Jeep	#8504	Greg Vaught	\$600.00
1997 Crown Vic	#7941	Thomas Towing	\$535.00
2000 Crown Vic	#2049	Terry Moore	\$800.00
2000 Crown Vic	#3145	Wayne Wright	\$901.00
2000 Crown Vic	#0819	Wayne Wright	\$801.00

Commissioner Keith made a motion to award the vehicles to the highest bidders as read by Attorney Lair. Commissioner Doan seconded. In favor: Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Brown: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Doan suggested the collective revenue from these vehicles be placed on investment for the replacement of Police Department vehicles. Mayor Brown stated he wanted this amount (\$4,272.00) to become a line item in the 2008-2009 budget.

REVENUE TO BE  
INVESTED

Mayor Brown advised the next item on the agenda was the discussion regarding the speed limit in the 400 block of E. Pleasant Street. Mr. William Moore of 413 E. Pleasant has repeatedly complained about the speeding on this block of E. Pleasant to the Board. Mayor Brown had written a letter to Mr. Moore advising him that the Board would be discussing this issue at this meeting. Mr. Moore stated he never received this letter. He was furnished a copy of the letter.

DISCUSSION ON  
SPEED LIMIT ON  
400 BLOCK OF  
E. PLEASANT ST.

Mayor stated he wanted to hear from each Commissioner. Commissioner New stated he does not think 15 MPH would be consistent with rest of town and that it would be hard for the people to remember to slow down to 15 MPH for just one block on one street. He said this may lead to more accidents and confusion in this area. Commissioner New stated he thought the speed limit should be consistent all over the City.

Mr. Moore questioned Mayor Brown about the petition he submitted with seventeen names on it. Mayor Brown said not everyone on the petition lived on East Pleasant.

Commissioner Martin advised that he had done some research on the 15 MPH speed limit request made by Mr. Moore. Commissioner Martin advised that the Kentucky Revised Statutes stated the only place speed limit is 15 MPH is off-street parking. Then it is mandatory. He went further and checked nationwide. The only state where there is a 15 MPH is in North Dakota ,and it is in residential areas.

Mr. Moore responded that there is also four businesses in this block, as well as, a playground. Mr. Moore called for Commissioner Martin's resignation stating Commissioner Martin doesn't care about the safety of the people.

Police Chief Steve Muntz cited statistics from Police Department records from August 28 through September 5, 2007. Four citations were written for speeding, and some for disregarding STOP signs in this area. Mr. Moore countered that if the speed limit could not be changed, then the Police Department needed to enforce the speed limit they have. Mr. Moore went on to say that a certain officer would not write tickets because the offender worked for the officer's sister. He also stated he did not believe Chief Muntz was doing his job since we have the highest crime rate in four counties.

Commissioner Keith responded that Commissioner Martin is extremely conscientious about his job, and Commissioner Doan questioned that if the 25 MPH was enforced, could Mr. Moore live with that. Mr. Moore agreed. Commissioner Doan stated that he felt Commissioner New had a valid point about the speed limit dropping from 25 MPH to 15 MPH at the STOP sign on E. Pleasant/N. Miller intersection might cause one to be rear-ended.

Mr. Moore responded that he would write to every newspaper in the state until he got something done about this speeding on E. Pleasant Street.

Commissioner New made a motion to retain the 25 MPH speed limit on the 400 block of E. Pleasant Street. Commissioner Doan seconded. In favor: Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Brown: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

MOTION TO  
RETAIN 25 MPH  
SPEED LIMIT ON  
400 BLOCK OF E.  
PLEASANT ST.

Mr. Moore told Chief Muntz to enforce this speed limit. Chief Muntz responded that the Police Department will enforce what the Courts will enforce. The Police Department cannot send frivolous cases to Court.

Mayor Brown advised that the Harrison County Fiscal Court has requested bids on concrete work for the small shelter at the Handy Farm Park. Mike Sosbe was awarded the bid at a price of \$2750.60. However, this shelter may have to be moved. Mayor Brown and the Fiscal Court are scheduled to meet with Brandstetter-Carroll. At that time, he would like the Board's permission to raise the subject of this shelter. The Board agreed.

APPROVAL TO  
DISCUSS SMALL  
SHELTER AT  
HANDY FARM  
PARK

There being no more business to discuss, Commissioner Doan made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Doan seconded. In favor: Commissioner Doan: yes; Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Martin: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Mayor Brown: yes; Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

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Charleen McIlvain, City Clerk

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James A. Brown, Mayor