

November 13, 2007  
SPECIAL JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING

The City of Cynthiana Board of Commissioners and Harrison County Fiscal Court met in a special session on November 13, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the Harrison County Extension Office on 668 New Lair Road.

JOINT  
CITY/COUNTY  
MEETING

Present were:

City: Mayor James A. Brown  
Commissioner Wm. C. Doan  
Commissioner John M. Keith, Jr.  
Commissioner James H. Martin  
Commissioner James R. New  
Attorney John Lair

County: Judge-Executive Alex Barnett  
Magistrate Jerry Dawson  
Magistrate Bradley Copes  
Magistrate Stan Lemons  
Magistrate Steve Moses  
Magistrate Brad Marshall  
Magistrate Jeff Brunker  
Magistrate Wm. Fritz  
Magistrate Dwayne Florence  
Attorney Bill Kuster

Judge-Executive Barnett called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of this meeting was the discussion of joint City/County ventures.

Miranda and Elizabeth Barnes were the Honorary Sergeant at Arms and led the pledge to the flag.

The first item to be discussed is the consideration of hiring Brandstetter-Carroll to do a feasibility study for a pool at the Handy Farm.

FEASIBILITY STUDY  
FOR POOL @  
HANDY FARM  
PARK

This study should answer a lot of questions:

- 1.) What is best: pool, aquatic center, slides, lazy river, beaches, etc.?
- 2.) How many people from surrounding communities will utilize the pool?
- 3.) What quantity of chemicals and staff will it take to operate?
- 4.) What is the monthly cost to operate such a facility?

The second area of the Handy Farm to be discussed was the lower one-third of the park. Gravel needs to be placed just inside of walking trail in the bottom. The County plans to use their equipment with the help of the City staff to grade the lower 1/3 of the park. Plans are to place a concession stand near the bathrooms and move playground equipment over to this area. Funds to purchase the playground equipment will be sought through grants.

ROCK,  
CONCESSION  
STAND,  
PLAYGROUND  
EQUIPMENT

Mayor Brown said the gravel needs to be put down soon. There are lots of cars in this area since the soccer fields are being utilized in this area. It is a problem when it is raining.

Judge-Executive Barnett stated the County still had several projects to finish up before work could commence with the gravel. Parents are pleased to see soccer fields all in one location and not scattered all over town.

Commissioner Martin inquired if PeeWee Football will be located to the park. He was informed that PeeWee Football is not part of the Recreation Department system. They have a separate Board that governs them.

Magistrate Copes questioned how many tons of rock would it take to rock this lower area. Judge Barnett responded that it is not known at this time.

Mayor Brown emphasized that the park is just not for kids; senior citizens will also use the park. A large picnic shelter is being planned. Judge Barnett said the first estimate on the shelter was much higher than anticipated.

Judge-Executive Barnett advised that Area Development Funds are available to City/County for a joint project. This money could be used for preparing the park. Magistrate Fritz asked if an area of the pool could be enclosed in order for seniors to use year around. Mayor Brown responded that an indoor/outdoor pool was too expensive to operate. Judge-Executive Barnett stated the feasibility study would answer all of these questions.

Judge-Executive Barnett recognized James Carl Gray, representative of Ducks Unlimited. This group is interested in helping with a piece of land located in the front lower area to become a "wetland area". It could be utilized as an outdoor classroom. Mr. Gray has been working with Tom Biebighauser who is an expert on wetlands in this area. He has helped design over 800 wetlands in Eastern Ky. He works to keep maintenance costs down and control erosion. Ducks Unlimited feel that this wetlands area would enhance the walking trail.

DUCKS UNLIMITED  
PROPOSAL FOR  
WETLANDS AREA  
@ HANDY FARM  
PARK

Mr. Biebighauser previously worked on the Ducks Unlimited project at Cave Run Lake. Cynthiana native Steve Morris was closely associated with this project.

The area suggested for the Wetlands Project is located to the right of the main bridge. The proposed area will be a "tear" shaped area and will not impact the existing creek bed. He also has a suggestion for the area under the bridge that is affected by runoff from the Grandview area. The "Wetlands Project" will not impact the pond nor redirect the stream.

Mr. Gray has been to the Handy Farm Park Committee with his plan, and hopes to have this project approved at the next meeting. However, Mayor Brown felt that Brandstetter-Carroll should be involved in this project. Judge-Executive Barnett stated that he had spoken with both parties, and this project fits in well with the plan.

Mr. Gray invited all members to attend the Ducks Unlimited banquet on November 17, 2007 at the National Guard Armory. Mr. Biebighauser and

others will be glad to answer any questions concerning this project.

The next order of business was the discussion of the Planning & Zoning's Goals and Objectives. Mr. Linden Smith thanked the group who has worked on this project since the spring of 2006.

PLANNING &  
ZONING'S GOALS  
AND OBJECTIVES

Mr. Smith stated the Urban Service Area was a concern for both City/County. Mr. Smith stated he was aware that the City did not provide utility line service if not in City limits. He indicated that this boundary was needed for developers in order for them to see where the water and sewer lines are and where they can develop. Mr. Smith stated he hopes P & Z can work out with City this issue with Urban Service, so goals and objectives can be passed. Mr. Smith advised he has had input from people from several walks of life on updating this Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Smith showed a map of the Urban Service Area. Mayor Brown questioned if the circle on the map as presented is land he wants the City to annex now. Mr. Smith replied that no, it is just targeted as land that could be developed in the future. The Comprehensive Plan only deals with areas that could be developed. It is up to the City if they want to annex; the Comprehensive Plan does not say the City has to annex.

The next joint item to be addressed is the development of the upstream Flood Control project. This is a great project and is included in the City's budget. He advised that if the Corp of Engineers doesn't receive federal funds, there would be no match. Mayor Brown emphasized that the City needs to floodproof the water treatment plant.

FLOOD CONTROL  
PROJECT

Magistrate Dwayne Florence asked how high floodwall has to be at the water treatment plant. Mayor Brown responded that during the flood of 1997, the Ladish plant had 16" of water in it and the road was covered by 18" of water. Wall will need to be slightly higher than road.

Magistrate Copes asked about WTP. Mayor Brown advised that the plant just received an excellent report. Mayor Brown urged Magistrate Copes to visit the plant. He stated he was very proud of the plant and the work that has been accomplished there.

Mayor Brown thanked everyone for attending. He advised this is the second time the City/County has met this year, and expressed his hope that they will meet more often. He suggested Judge-Executive Barnett be thinking about a mission statement so together they can make Cynthiana, Harrison County a better community.

Judge-Executive Barnett reminded the Magistrates that they are meeting at the Extension Office on November 19, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

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Charleen McIlvain, City Clerk

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James A. Brown, Mayor

