

May 12, 2009

The City of Cynthiana Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 12, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. Present were Mayor pro tem John M. Keith, Jr., Attorney Lair, Commissioners Mattmiller, Moore, and New.

Mayor pro tem Keith called the meeting to order.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The first item on the agenda was the recognition of Shannon Howard. Shannon is a freshman at Harrison County High School who has performed 80 hours of community service at the Water Treatment Plant in order to earn extra credit. She has painted murals on several walls at the plant. Mayor pro tem Keith on behalf of the City of Cynthiana presented Shannon with a gift bag and a new digital camera plus a certificate of recognition. Operator Trainee Dusty Florence praised Shannon for her work and reported that the WTP personnel will certainly enjoy her work for many years to come. Mrs. Florence advised that Shannon has certainly endeared herself to the staff, and had praise for her teacher, Ms. Collette Sing.

RECOGNITION OF SHANNON HOWARD

Next, Mayor pro tem Keith, recognized Rob Williams of HDR/Quest Engineers, Inc.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR REPAIRS ON WESTSIDE WATER TOWER

Mr. Williams commented that both the Water Treatment Plant and the Wastewater Treatment Plant both look great. Mr. Williams explained that the Water Tower on the Westside of Cynthiana, aka the Bundy Tower, is in need of repairs. The interior coating that was applied in 1999-2000 has failed. The interior will have to be blasted and recoated. However, in certain areas the wall thickness is very thin; there is a danger that while blasting the wall will be penetrated. The specifications for this repair include 500 square feet of plating. It is hoped that this repair will extend the life of the tower for another twenty years.

Commissioner New made a motion to authorize the advertisement of bids to repair the Bundy Water Tower. Commissioner Moore seconded. In favor: Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Moore: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Mayor pro tem Keith recognized Rick Van Meter who is the new field representative for Congressman Geoff Davis. Mr. Van Meter is located in Williamstown, Kentucky. He advised that Mr. Davis' agenda is posted each day and the availability of grant monies are posted on e-mail. Mayor pro tem Keith expressed his appreciation for the information and advised the City of Cynthiana was definitely interested in grants.

GEOFF DAVIS' FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Charles and Sue Wohlwinder and Rosemary and Bill Turner appeared before the Board to discuss the City of Cynthiana passing an ordinance allowing golf carts on City Streets. Mr. Wohlwinder advised the state legislature passed a law in 2008 that allows individual cities to make it legal to ride golf carts on their streets. He also reported that golf carts are safe: they have turn signals, brakes, seat belts, etc. Mr. Wohlwinder advised the carts have the capacity to run 35 MPH or less which would result in gas savings, etc

REQUEST TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS

Police Chief Ray Johnson reported that Battle Grove Cemetery Board prohibits the riding of golf carts on cemetery grounds. The only cart allowed is the one that is used for their own purposes. Commissioner Moore advised the City would take this request under advisement, however, there are safety concerns that need to be discussed and explored. Mr. Wohlwinder advised that there is only 10 to 15 operators in Cynthiana, but he would certainly appreciate the Board looking into the matter.

Mayor pro tem Keith advised the April 28 minutes have been presented for approval. Commissioner Mattmiller made a motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2009 as presented. Commissioner New seconded. In favor: Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Moore: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
4/28/2009 MINUTES

Mayor pro tem requested Attorney John Lair address the legal issues before the Board.

LEGAL ISSUES

Attorney John Lair advised that on this afternoon he had received correspondence from Mayor James A. Brown. Mayor Brown suffered a stroke in December 2008. He has made considerable progress, however, each improvement has been a hard fought battle. Attorney Lair read a letter of resignation from Mayor Brown effective May 12, 2009. A copy is hereto attached and made a part hereof.

RESIGNATION OF
MAYOR JAMES A.
BROWN EFFECTIVE
MAY 12, 2009.

Mayor pro tem Keith acknowledged the receipt of this letter of resignation. The Board of Commissioners will act upon this issue at the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on May 26, 2009. Action must be taken with 30 days of the receipt of the resignation.

Attorney Lair reported that he has filed papers to demolish 206 W. Pearl Street and 413 N. Poplar Street. Gary Royalty is handling the inspection of 215 South Main Street.

REPORT ON
PROPERTIES

Mayor pro tem Keith congratulated Commissioner of Public Safety Amanda Moore upon her graduation from the University of Kentucky on May 2, 2009 with a BA in Marketing and Political Science.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO COMMISSIONER
MOORE

Commissioner Moore made a motion to hire Kathleen Jackson as a full time certified E-911 Telecommunicator effective 5/4/2009. Commissioner Mattmiller seconded. In favor: Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Moore: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

MOTION TO HIRE
KATHLEEN JACKSON
AS FULL TIME
CERTIFIED E-911
TELECOMMUNICATOR

Commissioner Moore made a motion to hire Ray Johnson, Jr. as a part-time certified firefighter effective 5/13/2009. Commissioner Mattmiller seconded. In favor: Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Moore: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

MOTION TO HIRE
RAY JOHNSON, JR. AS
PT CERTIFIED FIRE-
FIGHTER

Commissioner New questioned if the Fire Dept. was at capacity and if not, why not hire Mr. Johnson as full-time. Commissioner Moore advised that at this point, Mr. Johnson is needed only as a part-time Firefighter. However, she will look at the situation later.

Commissioner Moore thanked E. D. Bullard Co. for providing six day passes for Cynthiana firefighters to attend FDIC training opportunities in Indianapolis. E. D. Bullard Co. is a good corporate sponsor in our

THANKS TO E. D.
BULLARD

community.

Commissioner Moore reporting that no parking on sidewalks ordinance applies to everyone in the City. There will be no exceptions.

NO PARKING ON
SIDEWALKS

Mayor pro tem Keith acknowledged Commissioner of Public Property and Finance Mark Mattmiller.

PUBLIC PROPERTY
AND FINANCE
REPORT

Commissioner Mattmiller made a motion to pay the following bills:

BILLS

General Fund	\$123,065.17
Water & Sewer Fund	\$115,525.00
Cash-in-Bank General Fund	\$655,618.66
Cash-in-Bank Water & Sewer Fund	\$251,463.38

Commissioner Moore seconded. In favor: Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Moore: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mattmiller expressed his appreciation for the cooperative spirit in which individuals have received notices of violation from Code Enforcement. Cynthiana is looking much better and the improvement is noticeable.

APPRECIATION
EXPRESSED FOR
COOPERATIVE SPIRIT
RE: CODE
ENFORCEMENT

Commissioner Mattmiller advised Dave Kennedy reported that he has surveyed Webster Avenue and Bridge Street: 3000 Linear feet. He has also composed a letter of Consent to Enter that will go to each property owner.

UPDATE FROM DAVE
KENNEDY ON SAFE
ROUTES TO SCHOOL
PROJECT

The TEA-21 Streetscape Improvement Project has received a price of \$41,942.00 from the Neal Co. in order to install new sidewalks on the Westside of South Main Street. They have also revised a new entry in front of the jewelry store that has an elevation problem.

TEA-21 STREETSCAPE
UPDATE

Commissioner Mattmiller advised the City of Cynthiana did not receive the Trails Grant. Only thirty projects were selected.

TRAILS GRANT NOT
AWARDED TO
CYNTHIANA

Mayor pro tem Keith requested Wayland Quesenberry report on the demolition of the old liquor store on the corner of W. Pleasant and Locust Street owned by Roger Gasser. Mr. Gasser was not aware that he had to seek permits in order to tear this building down. However, he has now received permits and this building should be down within a few days.

DEMOLITION OF OLD
LIQUOR STORE

Mayor pro tem Keith made a motion to give Joe Pike, Jr. a \$.25/hour raise due to his receipt of his Class II Water Distribution designation. Commissioner Moore seconded. In favor: Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Moore: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

MOTION TO AWARD
PAY RAISE TO JOE
PIKE, JR.

Mayor pro tem Keith recognized Commissioner of Public Works James R. New.

PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT

Commissioner New congratulated Alan Moody Swinford, Supervisor of Public Works, upon the receipt of his Class II Water Distribution certification.

SUPERVISOR
SWINFORD – CLASS
II WATER
DISTRIBUTION

DESIGNATION

Legacy Carting picked up 71,540# of recycling in April 2009. However, the poundage has consistently dropped in recent months. Citizens are encouraged to recycle. Recycling is every other Thursday.

RECYCLING REPORT

Commissioner New reminded everyone that the City has an ordinance that requires the removal of trash containers from the front of your residence after pickup.

TRASH CAN REMOVAL

Mayor pro tem Keith recognized Squire Steve Moses. Squire Moses reported that the Harrison County School Board of Education has an unused tennis court that perhaps could be converted to a skateboard park with a minimum of \$8,000.00 expenditure for blacktopping. He advised there is already a chain-link fence. Squire Moses suggested that the Recreation Department and the City should talk to Mr. Dotson and let him make a proposal to the Board of Education. Commissioner Mattmiller expressed concern that it would be late in May before the Board of Education would meet. He felt this skateboard park should be operational as soon as possible. Mayor pro tem Keith suggested that two Commissioners, two Magistrates, and a representative of the Recreation Dept. go to Mr. Dotson with a complete set of rules and regulations to be followed.

SKATEBOARD PARK
OPTION

Mayor pro tem Keith advised that Cynthiana will host the District tournament for the Little League State Championships. This means that 29 teams and their families will be in Cynthiana for this tournament. This will bring a lot of people and revenue to our City. There is a need for new scoreboards at the park. The Recreation Department has \$3,000 to apply toward this purchase, however, the Recreation Board is requesting \$3,000 from the City and \$3,000 from the County.

REQUEST TO FUND
PURCHASE OF
SCOREBOARD -\$3,000

Commissioner Mattmiller made a motion to authorize \$3,000.00 for the purchase of scoreboards for the Recreation Department. Commissioner Moore seconded. In favor: Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Moore: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Opposed: none. Motion carried.

MOTION TO
AUTHORIZE FUNDS
FOR PURCHASE OF
SCOREBOARDS

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Moore made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mattmiller seconded. In favor: Commissioner Keith: yes; Commissioner Mattmiller: yes; Commissioner Moore: yes; Commissioner New: yes; Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Charleen McIlvain, City Clerk

John M. Keith, Jr., Mayor pro tem