

**MINUTES City of Stamping Ground**

**Date:** May 5, 2020      **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** City Hall

**Attending:** Mayor Keith Murphy  
 Commissioner of Police Robert Duncan  
 Commissioner of Economic Development David Clark  
 Commissioner of Parks & Public Works Jessica Zagaruyka  
 Chief of Police Roger Nowakowski  
 Fire Chief Josh Cook  
 Attorney Joe Hoffman  
 Financial Consultant Melissa Bayer  
 City Clerk (minute taker)

**Absent:**

**Opening**      \*Call to Order   \*Prayer   \*Pledge

**Agenda:**      **1- Citizen Concerns, 2- Townsend Memorial, 3-Rumpke/GMWSS Difference**  
**4- Opening city hall to the public, 5-Purchase masks, 6-Flags for 2020**  
**Graduating Seniors, 7- Executive Session: Tentative, 8- Department**  
**Reports, 9- Financials, 10- Approve April 21, 2020 Minutes, 11-Mayor’s**  
**Comments 12- Meeting Adjourned**

Agenda Item	Discussion/Concerns (All Motions in <b>BOLD</b> )	Action Item Follow-up
<b>1- Citizen Concerns</b>	<p>Due to COVID-19, only department heads, Attorney Hoffman, the Mayor and commissioners, and city clerk were allowed to attend this meeting. It was on Facebook live by Dale Perry. Citizens could post their questions. Anne Waller stated on facebook that there are new stipulations for the Farmers’ Market this year. Only food can be sold, no crafts. She will be having a meeting via ZOOM Thursday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. to share the information and discuss opening day of Farmers” Market on June 5.</p>	
<b>2- Townsend Memorial</b>	<p>Mayor Keith Murphy thanked everyone for their attendance at Officer Bobby Townsend’s memorial service. He further stated the family requests in lieu of flowers donations be made to Kentucky Sheriff’s Ranch. Prior to Officer Townsend’s passing, he was made honorary Sargent by Chief Nowakowski. Mayor Murphy and the commission was planning to make this formal.</p> <p><b>Motion by Robert Duncan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Murphy to promote Officer Bobby Townsend to Sergeant.</b></p> <p>Mayor Murphy further stated that the Dollar Store wants to donate a food basket to Wanda Townsend. Officer Bobby Townsend will be greatly missed by this community.</p>	<p><b>Motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0</b></p>
<b>3- Rumpke/GMWSS Difference</b>	<p>City Clerk Reda Conn spoke about the difference in the amount of payment received from GMWSS for trash service and the amount paid to Rumpke monthly. From July 1, 2019 through the end of April the difference is \$4,944.08. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning this. Yesterday Mayor Murphy had a conference call with Francis &amp; Stacey from Rumpke concerning their contract, which ends July 1. Attorney Hoffman presented a bid form to be published in the local paper at a later</p>	

	<p>date. Rob Jones suggested we only pay Rumpke what GMWSS sends to us. The question was asked, "How does Rumpke know who to charge?" Reda reminded everyone of the list she and Emily worked on comparing these names and amounts a few months ago. Representatives of the two companies were present at a meeting and agreed to communicate. Attorney Hoffman stated that Rumpke may need to reimburse or give credit the city for any amount we overpaid. Hoffman said that he would add a few lines to the bid to include only those in city limits will be charged. He further stated the list from both companies should match our property tax records.</p>	
<p><b>4- Opening city hall to the public</b></p>	<p>Mayor Murphy said he'd like to open city hall to the public next week. Rob Jones stated that he had not realized it had been closed. The Mayor said we were following protocol based on the Governor's recommendation. He continued by saying that citizens continued to call and make payments, and some even made appointments to come in and pay tax bills. Rob Jones didn't agree with being closed at all, and to get things back to normal.</p> <p><b>Motion by Rob Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessie Zagarauyka to open Stamping Ground City Hall to the public.</b></p>	<p>Motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1</p>
<p><b>5-Purchase masks</b></p>	<p>Should the city purchase masks and make available to anyone that enters city hall? Attorney Hoffman asked if other business, such as COSCO, provided masks. They do not, but every citizen must be wearing a mask before entering. It was decided that the city will not purchase masks. Rob Jones said as long as the clerks were safe, was his concern. Reda said she and Emily could wear a mask when citizens enter city hall. Fire Chief Josh Cook gave Reda a 30 pack of masks for her and Emily.</p>	<p>No motion was made for this decision.</p>
<p><b>6- UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b></p>		
<p><b>Flags for 2020 Graduating Seniors</b></p>	<p>Twelve banners have been requested as of today. The parents will pay for these with the deadline for orders being May 15. Reda said she or Emily would call those who've ordered and give them the necessary information. The cost for the large banner is \$32.</p>	
<p><b>8- Department Reports</b></p>		
<p><b>Police Dept. Chief Roger Nowakowski</b></p>	<p><b>There were 77 calls in April and 109 in March. Also, 11 citations were given in March and 20 in April.</b> Roger said he'd contact ADT and have a rep attend the next meeting to speak about the cameras for the park. Mayor Murphy ask to hold off a bit until the budget is confirmed. The Ford Explorer was repaired for the gas smell, but still has a slight gas odor. The Dodge Durango has not been fitted due to a delay in the parts. Roger said the front brakes and tires should be replaced on the Taurus.</p> <p><b>Motion by Robert Duncan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mayor Murphy to have the brakes and tires replaced on the Ford Taurus and not to exceed \$800.</b></p>	<p>Motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0</p>
<p><b>Fire Dept. Chief Josh Cook</b></p>	<p>___ There were <b>22</b> calls for the month of April. A total of <b>161 training hours</b> occurred online due to limited face-to-face training. Rob Jones asked how far SGFD responds. Fire Chief Cook said that it is a five-mile radius and to the county line.</p>	
<p><b>Economic Dev. Commissioner David Clark</b></p>	<p>Commissioner Clark stated that a prospective business has been in contact with him, and he will give an update at a later date. He showed the commission a business directory Melissa Bayer had designed. He suggested a few minor changes and further stated that this will eventually</p>	

	be mailed to all Stamping Ground addresses. It will be sent to Roger Barkley to post on the webpage once changes are made.	
<b>Parks and Public Work Commissioner Jessie Zagauryka</b>	Commissioner Zagauryka suggested that all the playground equipment be sanitized. Steven Popp has that as part of his plans. Also, the bridge needs to be removed and maybe replaced with rock. Mayor Murphy stated that the green bulbs had arrived to light up the Christmas tree to honor those who lost their lives due to COVID 19. Commissioner Duncan said that a BMX biker club (bicycles) is interested in building a BMX Bike Track at the park at no cost to the city; they want to promote their product. This would be a great way to get the area behind the Dollar Store developed and open to the public. Commissioners Duncan and Jones said that we need to have that property surveyed and take bids for dozer work. However, the original stone from the distillery needs to be reserved. Next, Commissioner Jones stated that the two green lamp poles at Buffalo Square should be removed. Finally, Commissioner Zagauryka stated that she wants to move forward on building the covering on the port-a-potty at the park, and possibly build one at Buffalo Square, as well. It was suggested we find a local builder instead of a contracting company. This will definitely save money and allow the one at Buffalo Square to be added.	
<b>Streets Commissioner Rob Jones</b>	Commissioner Zagaruyka stated that the sidewalks in Edgewood are a mess. One citizen was trying to remove the orange mesh that had dried into the concrete. Also, Mike Bradley, who had the subdivision built, said that he wasn't responsible for the sidewalks, only the lots. Commissioner Jones said that he is working on this with P&Z. P&Z contracted this work, so they're responsible. There was a discussion of purchasing memorial flags to honor Stamping Ground Veterans. Lastly, The final code has been made on the properties for Edgewood Subdivision and the subdivision behind the grocery store (we could not remember the name). Once a sidewalk or street has been in place a year, the city is responsible to maintain it. Attorney Hoffman said that he wasn't aware of that. Commissioner Jones said that he'd talk to Joe Cane about these issues. <b>Motion by Mayor Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Duncan to purchase 20 Veterans memorial flags at a cost of not more than \$1,500.</b>	<b>Motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0</b>
<b>9- April Financial Reports</b>	<b>Motion by Robert Duncan, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Zagarauyka to accept April Financials.</b>	<b>Motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0</b>
<b>10- Approval of April 21, 2020 Minutes</b>	<b>Motion by David Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rob Jones to accept April 21, 2020</b>	<b>Motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>- Mayor's Closing Comments: NONE AT THIS TIME</b>	
<b>12- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Motion by Mayor Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Duncan to adjourn meeting.</b> The next regular meeting will be May 19, 2020	<b>Motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0</b>

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Mayor Keith Murphy

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City Clerk

Minutes approved on May 19, 2020