

## MINUTES City of Stamping Ground

**Date:** September 15, 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  
 Commissioner of Streets Rob Jones  
 Chief of Police Roger Nowakowski  
 Fire Chief Josh Cook  
 Attorney Joe Hoffman  
 Financial Consultant Melissa Bayer  
 City Clerk Emily Helton (minutes)

**Absent:**

**Opening**      \*Call to Order    \*Prayer: David Clark    \*Pledge: Mayor Murphy

**Agenda:**      **1-** Citizen Concerns, **2-** New Business **3-** Unfinished Business,  
**4-** Department Reports, **5-** Executive Session, **6-** Financials,  
**7-** Approval Sept 1, 2020 Minutes, & Sept 10, 2020 Minutes,  
**8-** Mayor’s Comments, **9-** Meeting Adjourns

Agenda Item	Discussion/Concerns (All Motions in <b>BOLD</b> )	Action Item Follow-up
<b>1-Citizen Concerns</b>	<b>Mayor Murphy</b> suggested that the commission should start thinking about Halloween and how to approach it this year, him and Rob Jones both have been asked about it. They decided to wait and see if Georgetown goes through with it, but the times will still be the same as last year, 6:00pm to 8:00pm. They tabled this topic for more discussion on the October 6 <sup>th</sup> meeting.	
<b>-2-</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>COVID-19 Relief Fund Contract (Cares Act)</b>	<b>Mayor Murphy</b> told the commission that the city was awarded with the full amount of \$56,000 from the Cares Act. Mayor Murphy and Attorney Joe Hoffman signed the COVID-19 Relief Fund Contract and it was emailed out.	
<b>Property Tax (payment dates for citizens)</b>	<b>Mayor Murphy</b> said that he would like to extend the due dates for the 2020 property taxes. Attorney <b>Joe Hoffman</b> said that they would have to amend their ordinance to change the due dates. The commission agreed that it would be more trouble than its worth to change it, so they are going to leave it as is.	

<p><b>Abatement Cost Budget</b></p>	<p><b>Rob Jones</b> didn't understand why the city is paying so much for Abatements and Code Enforcements. <b>David Clark</b> said that it is worth paying the amount we are because it helps the city. Attorney <b>Joe Hoffman</b> explained that we pay 5% of the administration part and Georgetown pays for our abatements and then bills us for it afterwards. <b>Rob Jones</b> considered that one of our commissioners be a representative for Code Enforcement so they could report on the meetings to let everyone know what's going on around town.</p>	
<p><b>Water Pressure</b></p>	<p><b>Mayor Murphy</b> said that the Fire Department has been doing hydrant testing here recently and noticed pressure issues for fire purposes. The water company said that the pressure is good for domestic use but not so good for fire flow. The solution would be to connect the line from Locust Fork to the line in front of the Dollar General. <b>Robert Duncan</b> suggested that we make a list of problems and send them to GMWSS and ask how long it would take to fix and how much it would cost. <b>Rob Jones</b> said that he would like Mr. Azevedo to come in and answer some of their questions at the next meeting if possible. He also said if our meeting dates do not work for him then someone could go to one of their meetings. Both <b>Robert Duncan</b> and <b>Rob Jones</b> thinks it would be a good idea that one person from the commission should be a representative on the GMWSS board.</p>	
<p><b>PD Tasers</b></p>	<p><b>Roger Nowakowski</b> said that he went for the least expensive tasers they are P26. He said that for 3 tasers it would cost \$5150 and Homeland Security has a grant that he could fill out and it would take off a lump sum. The deadline to turn the paperwork in is March of 2021. Attorney <b>Joe Hoffman</b> said that we would need a resolution to have roger to fill out the grant paperwork. <b>Roger</b> said that we really need upgrades and the new tasers would have a 4 year warranty and also come with 2 cartridges each.</p> <p><b>Motion by <u>Rob Jones</u>, 2<sup>nd</sup> <u>Keith Murphy</u> to cap \$5500 on buying new tasers for the Police Department and more back up cartridges.</b></p>	<p><b>Motion Passed</b> <b><u>5</u> to <u>0</u></b></p>
<p><b>Commission Pay Raise</b></p>	<p><b>Mayor Murphy</b> said that the raise wouldn't be in effect till May of 2022. He also said that he would like our city clerks Reda Conn and Emily Helton to receive raises here soon, Reda for completing her certificate for municipal clerk and Emily for her annual coming up. <b>Rob Jones</b> and <b>Robert Duncan</b> were discussing that we should have it in the budget for them to receive raises this year.</p>	

<b>-3-</b>	<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	
<b>Speed Signs</b>	<b>Mayor Murphy</b> suggested to extend the 35 mph sign to Switzer Road and the 45 mph sign another 2/10 of a mile down if KDOT approves. He also said that we should extend the 35 mph sign to White Oak Road and the 45 mph sign another 2/10 of a mile down also if approved by KDOT. He thought it would be a good idea to get another mile monitor sign on the other side of town. KDOT is going to have a traffic flow report for the commission. It is also recommended that we file an encroachment permit.	
<b>Hot Spots</b>	<b>Robert Duncan</b> does not think that we need the Hot Spots in Stamping Ground. <b>Ian Tesley</b> said that Sadieville has tested their Hot Spots and really liked them and at their last meeting they decided to order up to 100 more to sell. <b>Robert Duncan</b> suggested that we see how Sadieville goes and if it turns out successfully then we should try it out.	
<b>-4-</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT REPORTS</b>	
<b>Police Dept</b>	<b>Roger Nowakowski</b> said that he would have his full report next month, but he did say that he has not seen any big trucks or Riggs speeding through town.	
<b>Fire Dept.</b>	<b>Mayor Murphy</b> said that the fire department has been making a lot of improvements at the new property by cleaning it up. They have been doing a lot more training since getting permission to be up there. The Fire Department is going to get a dumpster up there so they can get finished up with the cleaning. <b>Rob Jones</b> said that they could use his bobcat to help clear out brush and stuff up there. <b>Jessie Zagaruyka</b> is going to call KU and see if we can get some lights put up on the property.	
<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>David Clark</b> said that a lot of the junk that was behind the old store has been cleaned up but there still is a little more. He talked to the Code Enforcement and thought that there was some violations going on in the city. He suggested having October be October Pride Month, a month of cleaning and taking pride in our city. He would like to mail out a flyer just to let everyone know what is going on.	
<b>Parks &amp; Public Works</b>	<b>Jessie Zagaruyka</b> wanted to add some things to our city website for the children. She already added it to her commissioner Facebook page and as well as her Telegram page on Facebook.	

Streets	<b>Rob Jones</b> suggested that we start thinking about the snow. They decided to have Royce Dearinger do the snow removal again this year if he would like the position. <b>Rob Jones</b> said that we need dedicate some streets / subdivisions (Edgewood and Elk Drive Area) into the city. He is also going to call someone about streetlights for those areas.	
<b>-5- Executive Session</b>	<p><b>Motion by <u>Robert Duncan</u>, 2<sup>nd</sup> <u>Rob Jones</u> to go into Executive Session in Pursuit of KRS 61.810 1F.</b></p> <p><b>Motion by <u>David Clark</u>, 2<sup>nd</sup> <u>Keith Murphy</u> to leave Executive Session.</b></p>	<p><b>Motion Passed</b> <b><u>5</u> to <u>0</u></b></p> <p><b>Motion Passed</b> <b><u>5</u> to <u>0</u></b></p>
<b>-6- Financials</b>	Full Report at Oct 6 Regular Meeting	
<p><b>-7-</b></p> <p>Sept 1, 2020 Minutes</p> <p>Sept 10, 2020 Minutes</p>	<p><b>Motion by <u>Robert Duncan</u>, 2<sup>nd</sup> <u>Jessie Zagaruyka</u> to approve/accept Sept 1, 2020 Minutes .</b></p> <p><b>Motion by <u>Robert Duncan</u>, 2<sup>nd</sup> <u>David Clark</u> to approve/accept Sept 10, 2020 Minutes .</b></p>	<p><b>Motion Passed</b> <b><u>5</u> to <u>0</u></b></p> <p><b>Motion Passed</b> <b><u>5</u> to <u>0</u></b></p>
<p><b>-8-</b></p> <p>Mayor's Comments Closing Remarks</p>	<p>{Special Meeting}</p> <p><b>Motion by <u>David Clark</u>, 2<sup>nd</sup> <u>Keith Murphy</u> to have a special meeting September 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm to discuss KRS 61810 1F in Executive Session.</b></p>	
<p><b>-9-</b></p> <p>Meeting adjourned at <u>9:00</u> p.m.</p>	<p><b>Motion by <u>Rob Jones</u>, 2<sup>nd</sup> <u>Jessie Zagaruyka</u> to adjourn. Next meeting is October 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Motion Passed</b> <b><u>5</u> to <u>0</u></b></p>

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Signed/approved October 6, 2020