

MINUTES City of Stamping Ground

Date: September 1, 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 Dept. Lieutenant Tackett
 Attorney Joe Hoffman
 Financial Consultant Melissa Bayer
 City Clerk Reda Conn (minutes)

Absent:

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

Agenda: **1- Citizen Concerns, 2- New Business 3- Unfinished Business, 4- Executive Session, 5- Department Reports, 6- Financials, 7- Approval Aug 18, 2020 Minutes, 8- Mayor’s Comments, 9- Meeting Adjourns**

Agenda Item	Discussion/Concerns (All Motions in BOLD)	Action Item Follow-up
1-Citizen Concerns	<p>Two ladies voiced their concern regarding the dumping of mattresses and trash behind the grocery store (formerly Bradley’s). David Clark explained his recent conversation with Bob Watson at Community Trust Bank which presently own the property. They were unaware of the trash and were surprised when Mr. Clark showed them pictures of the trash behind the store. Also, there is interest in the building from some individuals, but this cannot be discussed at this time. The ladies also voiced their displeasure with the tall grass, sofas, appliances, etc. in the yards on Poe Court. They had contacted code enforcement. The citizens did mow the grass after their visit, but the same issues still continue. Rob Jones said code enforcement should be contacted for these types of issues, and they will send out the letters to the owners. David Clark added that we need to go farther with this and identify the properties. Robert Duncan said that we need to get code enforcement to step in with visits and take care of the issue. The ladies also told the commission that the construction workers (working in the new subdivision) are driving way too fast in and out of Springview St. These ladies are greatly concerned about the children’s safety. Robert Duncan asked Police Chief Nowakowski to monitor traffic in the mornings and afternoons, to which the chief replied that he would take care of it.</p>	

-2-	NEW BUSINESS	
Property Tax Ordinance First Reading	<p>Attorney Hoffman read aloud the ordinance pertaining to the property taxes for the year 2020. Attorney Hoffman stated that the tax rate has remained at \$14.80 per \$100.00 assessed value for years.</p> <p>Motion by Rob Jones, 2nd Jessie Zagaruyka to keep the tax rate the same.</p>	<p>No action necessary</p> <p>Motion passed 5-0</p>
Cares Act	<p>The commission and attorney were given a handout showing the CARES Act money the city will be receiving. Reda explained the steps taken to obtain this money. The Attorney Hoffman read the resolution accepting the CARES Act money.</p> <p>Motion by Rob Jones, 2nd David Clark to accept said resolution.</p>	<p>Motion passed 5-0</p>
AT&T Proposal	<p>Mayor Murphy explained a proposal that allows Scott County students to purchase a hot spot from the city. The bill for the hot spots will be send to the city and we, in turn, collect payment from the citizens. Sadieville is purchasing ten on a trial basis. The mayor asked the commission to be thinking about this and be ready to vote on it at our next regular meeting. However, he does want to purchase these for the Stamping Ground Fire Department.</p>	<p>No motion needed at this time.</p>
-3-	UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
Savings Account	<p>Mayor Murphy discussed the amount of money in our savings account and the fact that we transferred a significant amount toward the end of the fiscal year. He asked they be ready to make a motion at the next regular meeting to replenish the savings account.</p>	<p>No motion needed at this time.</p>
Fetty's Police Cruiser	<p>Police Officer Fetty has been making several court appearances in Scott Co. Court related to arrests he had made. This requires him to make several trips to pick up the cruiser. He had previously asked if he could take the cruiser home. Rob Jones said he was concerned about the cruiser being taken out of the county. David Clark suggested he is given a stipend on the days he has to appear for court. Robert Duncan said he drives approximately 22 miles per day when he has court appearances. He said that he was okay with either being paid mileage or take the cruiser home. It was decided to pay him \$30 per day on the days he makes court appearances.</p> <p>Motion by Robert Duncan, 2nd Rob Jones to pay Officer Fetty a stipend of \$30 per day peridium for the days he makes court appearances.</p>	<p>Motion passed 5-0</p>
-4- Executive Session	<p>Motion by Mayor Murphy, 2nd Rob Jones to go into Executive Session in Pursuit of KRS 61.810 (1f)</p> <p>Motion by Robert Duncan, 2nd Rob Jones to leave Executive Session.</p>	<p>Motion passed 5-0</p> <p>Motion passed 5-0</p>

-5-	DEPARTMENT REPORTS	
<p>Police Dept Chief Nowakowski</p>	<p>There were <u>145 calls</u> and <u>18 citations</u> in the month of August.</p> <p>Motion by Robert Duncan, 2nd Mayor Murphy to pay approve a cap of \$10,000 to upgrade electronics on police cruisers and lights on the Taurus police cruiser.</p> <p>A citizen had contacted city hall about large construction trucks speeding on Main St. and Sebree. Robert Duncan contacted Police Chief Nowakowski concerning the situation. Chief Nowakowski said he clocked the speed, but they were actually under the speed limit by a mile or two. Robert Duncan said he relayed this information to the concerned citizen.</p>	<p>Motion passed 5-0</p>
<p>Fire Dept. Lieutenant Tackett</p>	<p>Lt. Tackett responded to the hotspot issue earlier. He stated that they use Spectrum, but it's slow. A hotspot would be great if it is faster. He also informed the commission about 10 surplus air packs they can purchase from Crescent City ILL Fire Dept for a cost of \$150 each.</p> <p>Motion by Robert Duncan, 2nd Mayor Murphy to set a ceiling of \$2,000 to purchase the 10 air packs.</p> <p>Lt. Tackett also thanked the commission for allowing the FD to use the property behind the Dollar Store for training. He stated that they'd had great hands-on training. They also cleared out much of the brush/trees on the property. He also inquired about the layout of the grocery store in order to update the FD records. David Clark told him all inventory had been removed and a wall had been constructed in the middle of the store because at one point, a previous owner, was going to make it a store and a restaurant.</p>	<p>Motion passed 5-0</p>
<p>Economic Development David Clark</p>	<p>David Clark reported that he had been talking to people around town to keep in touch and for good communication. He said that the manager of the Dollar Store is making changes/remodeling and it will look much like the one in Frankfort. Clark also stated that he was waiting to hear from people concerning other buildings in Stamping Ground. Furthermore, Planning and Zoning were contacted concerning our business area.</p>	
<p>Parks/Public Works Jessie Zagaruyka</p>	<p>Jessie Zagaruyka said the dead tree in Buffalo Spring Park needed to be removed. Mayor Murphy also said signs were made to post in the pavilion concerning trash, clean up, and power switches.</p>	
<p>Streets Rob Jones</p>	<p>Nothing at this time</p>	
<p>-6- \$\$-FINANCIALS Melissa Bayer</p>	<p>The commission was given handouts pertaining the financials for the year. Melissa went over each detail and asked if there were any questions.</p> <p>Motion by Rob Jones, 2nd Mayor Murphy to accept the yearly financial report.</p>	<p>Motion passed 5-0</p>

	<p>Melissa also mentioned the outstanding checks for payroll and the importance of reconciling monthly. She suggested all city employees have direct deposit. It will prevent overdrafts and unnecessary expense.</p> <p>Motion by <u>Robert Duncan, 2nd Jessie Zagaruyka</u> to require all city employees must use direct deposit.</p> <p>Motion by <u>Rob Jones, 2nd Mayor Murphy</u> to have savings account tied to all checking accounts to cover any overdraft fees.</p> <p>Melissa also presented her contract for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.</p> <p>Motion by <u>Rob Jones, 2nd Mayor Murphy</u> to accept Melissa Bayer's 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Contract.</p>	<p>Motion passed 5-0</p> <p>Motion passed 5-0</p> <p>Motion passed 5-0</p>
<p>-7- Aug. 18, 2020 Minutes</p>	<p>Motion by <u>David Clark, 2nd Jessie Zagaruyka</u> to approve Aug 18, 2020 Minutes with corrections. (Rob Jones abstained due to absence of the Aug. 18, 2020 meeting)</p>	<p>Motion passed 4-0</p>
<p>-8- Mayor's Comments Closing Remarks</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>	
<p>-9- Meeting adjourned at <u>9:27</u> p.m.</p>	<p>Motion by <u>Mayor Murphy, 2nd Jessie Zagaruyka</u> to adjourn. Next meeting is September 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Motion passed 5-0</p>

Mayor

City Clerk

Signed/approved September 15, 2020