

MINUTES City of Stamping Ground

Date: December 15th, 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: Jessie Zagaruyka

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

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

Agenda Item	Discussion/Concerns (All Motions in BOLD)	Action Item Follow-up
-1- Citizen Concerns	None at this time	
-2-	NEW BUSINESS	
Presentation	Mayor Murphy presented Robert Duncan with a plaque for his service as the Police Commissioner.	
Second Reading of Ordinance Abandoned Urban Property	Attorney Hoffman read aloud the Ordinance pertaining to Abandoned urban property. Dale Perry said that we already have a Public Nuisance ordinance and that is basically the same thing as the Abandoned Urban Property ordinance. He does not know why the commission would need another ordinance for the same thing. David Clark said that it is a good thing that we have both of these sources / ordinances just as a cross reference. Dale Perry said that some citizens have asked who could report a property. Rob Jones said that anyone could report a property as a nuisance within city limits, not just the city officials.	

	<p>Motion by Robert Duncan, 2nd David Clark to pass the Abandoned Urban Property Ordinance.</p>	<p>Motion Passed 4 to 0</p>
<p>Park Money</p>	<p>Mayor Murphy explained that the CD for the Parks Account money from Commonwealth for the bathrooms would be available to open on December 20th, 2020. They could either take all of it out of the CD or take some out and leave a little extra. The next time we could reopen it would be June 20th, 2020. Rob Jones suggested that we just take all of it out of the CD and put it into the parks account just in case we need more stuff for the bathrooms they would not have to wait till June to do it.</p> <p>Motion by Rob Jones, 2nd Robert Duncan to transfer the whole \$10,000 from the CD to the Parks Account.</p>	<p>Motion Passed 4 to 0</p>
<p>Hazardous Duty Pay</p>	<p>Mayor Murphy said that we would need to pay Officer James Fetty back pay for his hazardous pay. He was just letting the commission know to keep it on their radar. Attorney Hoffman said that we should table this subject for the January 5th, 2021 meeting to talk more about it. Robert Duncan said that since we are on the subject of pay, he wanted to talk about pay raises for the city employees. He made a proposal for the assistant clerk Emily Helton to make \$13.00 per hour and clerk Reda Conn to make \$16.50. Chief Roger Nowakowski a 3% COL based on his pay now and officer James Fetty to make \$18.50 and also take off court pay and think about letting him take the car home.</p>	
<p>CARES Money</p>	<p>Mayor Murphy explained that the city will receive an extra \$18,057 for the CARES act money. The people in charge of the CARES act did not notify the city and tell us that we were eligible for more money. Dale Perry wanted to know if some of that money could go back to the businesses in Stamping Ground. Mayor Murphy explained that it would have to go into payroll just like the other CARES money we received in the past.</p>	
<p>CRF Resolution</p>	<p>Attorney Hoffman read aloud the CRF Resolution.</p> <p>Motion by Rob Jones, 2nd David Clark to accept the CRF Resolution.</p>	<p>Motion Passed 4 to 0</p>
<p>-3-</p>	<p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</p>	
<p>Stamping Out Hunger Update</p>	<p>Mayor Murphy said that we ordered 50 Hams and some other food items from Kroger for the food baskets since we have a pretty good sized budget for it all.</p>	

-4-	DEPARTMENT REPORTS	
POLICE DEPT. Chief Roger Nowakowski	None at this time	
FIRE DEPT. Chief Josh Cook & Lt Andrew Tackett	<p>Josh Cook explained the Fire Department’s year statistics are as follows: there was 96% certification level, 8 new recruits, and 195 Calls. He also said that there has been a lot of hours put in by the Fire Department this year in the station and at the new property. Andrew Tackett said that all 46 hydrants have been tested and from what his diagram showed, you could tell from 2017/2018 the pressure has gone down a lot. Josh Cook said that the Commonwealth area is the most concerning with the water pressure around them. David Clark wanted to know if there is a plan on what to do with the bad hydrants and Tackett explained that there is not enough in the budget this year to fix them or remove them. Robert Duncan wanted to know if there was any grants possible for helping us get the water lines more pressure. Rob Jones suggested that two commissioners go to a water board meeting with Tackett so talk about the water pressure in Stamping Ground. Him and David Clark said that they would go with Tackett to one of the next meetings.</p>	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Commissioner David Clark	<p>David Clark said that there are some business interest here in the city. There may be some potential expansion in some existing businesses. He said that we need to look forward to the business directory in January.</p>	
PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS Commissioner Jessie Zagaruyka	<p>Mayor Murphy said that the Christmas Parade was a huge success and wanted to thank everyone for coming out. Also, there is a sawed off pole in the park that needs to be dug up before someone gets hurt.</p>	
STREETS Commissioner Rob Jones	<p>Rob Jones wanted to get the Fire Department to get the banners down a week after New Years and put some of the regular ones up afterwards.</p>	
-5- FINANCIAL	<p>Report will be given at January’s first meeting on January 5, 2021.</p>	
-6- Approval of December 1, 2020 minutes	<p>Motion by Robert Duncan, 2nd David Clark to approve December 1, 2020 Minutes.</p>	<p>Motion Passed 4 to 0</p>

<p align="center">-7- EXECUTIVE SESSION</p>	<p align="center">None at this time.</p>	
<p align="center">-8- Mayor's Closing Remarks</p>	<p>Mayor Murphy read off some highlights the city commission had accomplished throughout the year and wanted to thank everyone for such a great year.</p>	
<p align="center">-9- Meeting adjourned at <u>7:17</u> p.m.</p>	<p>Motion by <u>Robert Duncan, 2nd David Clark</u> to adjourn meeting.</p>	<p align="center">Motion Passed 4 to 0</p>

Mayor

City Clerk

Minutes approved January 5th, 2020