

**MINUTES City of Stamping Ground**

**Date:** April 6, 2021      **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** City Hall 3374 Main St.

**Mayor:** Keith Murphy  
**Police Commissioner:** Rob Jones  
**Economic Dev. Commissioner:** David Clark  
**Parks/Public Works' Commissioner:** Jessie Zagaruyka  
**Streets' Commissioner:** Dale Perry  
**Chief of Police:** Roger Nowakowski  
**Fire Chief:** Josh Cook; **Asst. Fire Chief:** Robert Hendricks  
**Attorney:** Joe Hoffman  
**Financial Consultant:** Melissa Bayer  
**City Clerk:** Emily Helton (minutes)  
**Absent:** Josh Cook/FD

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

**Agenda:** **1-** Citizen Concerns, **2-** New Business, **3-** Unfinished Business, **4-** Department Reports, **5-** Approval Feb 2 & 9, 2021 Minutes / Financial Review, **6- Executive Session**, **7-** Mayor's Comments, **8-** Meeting Adjourns

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Discussion/Concerns (All Motions in <b>BOLD</b>)</u>	<u>Action item Follow-up</u>
<b>-1- Citizen Concerns</b>	Mayor <b>Murphy</b> spoke on behalf of a few citizens who had concerns. *There has been an issue with large trucks (semi) blocking driveways when unloading. The driver will be asked to move to another location. * Another citizen asked to be added to an easement so he can clean up some debris on his property. Attorney Hoffman said that he would check on this easement.	
<b>-2- Resolution</b>	<u><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></u> Attorney Hoffman read aloud the Resolution proclaiming April Child Abuse Prevention Month. <b>Motion by Rob Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Clark to approve the Resolution proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.</b>	<u><b>Motion Passed 5 to 0</b></u>
<b>VFIS Ins.</b>	The Commission received a copy of the 2021-2022 VFIS Ins. to be signed by the mayor for renewal. (*A motion was not needed. The purpose was to share this information with the Commission, only.)	
<b>Horsey Hundred</b>	Mayor <b>Murphy</b> lead the discussion for the Horsey Hundred which will occur Sunday May 31, 2021. The Pavilion has been reserved for this event. The Mayor stated that the participants were excited to return to the COSG. <b>Rob Jones</b> said that it would be a friendly gesture to have water and snacks set up at the Pavilion for them. The city provided these when the Horsey Hundred first started. The Commission agreed with Rob. Rob added that we need to make sure the bicycle tire pump is working at the park. He will check with Georgetown about providing some of the refreshments.	

Savings' Transfer	The Commission received a copy of the transfer sheet showing the \$20,000 transferred from savings to the General Fund Acct. <b>Mayor Murphy</b> explained that this process is used for every transfer made between accounts. It is signed by the mayor and the clerk that made the transfer. This process ensures the mayor is aware of any transfers made.	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>-3-</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CODE ENFORCEMENT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOT SPOTS</b></p>	<p>The Commission received a copy to review of the Interlocal Agreement between Georgetown Code Enforcement and the Cities of Stamping Ground and Sadieville. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning payments to The City of Georgetown for Code Enforcement [C.E.] services. After reviewing the Interlocal Agreement, it was noted that a budget was supposed to have been given to the cities for approval by the second week in March. The city has never been given a budget to review. <b>The Mayor</b> said he had spoken to Sam Waite concerning this. Mr. Waite said he would get the budget to us as soon as it is completed. It was decided that the clerks were not to pay any further C.E. invoices until a budget is approved. Last year the COSG paid approximately \$12,000 for C.E. <b>Dale Perry</b> expressed concern about appearing to be unfriendly or his words twisted when discussing C.E. issues with people. <b>Jessie Zagarauyka</b> said that she is still learning when C.E. should be called. <i>The Mayor added that he prefers citizens come to him with any C.E. issues.</i> <b>James Scogins</b>, writer for the <i>Georgetown News-Graphic</i>, asked for a summary of the Interlocal Agreement, to which <b>Attorney Hoffman</b> explained.</p> <p>=====</p> <p><b>Mayor Murphy</b> said that he had spoken with Sadieville's Mayor Wagoner concerning the AT&amp;T Hot Spots. Mayor Wagoner said his city is making a nice profit from these. They cost \$40 each plus \$10 going to the city for a total of \$50 for the person buying one. <b>Dale Perry</b> asked if this would interfere with the AT&amp;T Franchise? This will have to be investigated further.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>-4-</b></p>	<p><b>DEPARTMENT REPORTS</b></p>	
<p><b>POLICE DEPT</b> <b>Nowakowski</b></p>	<p>There were <b>82</b> calls and <b>3</b> citations given in the month of March.</p> <p>Police Commissioner Rob Jones and Chief Nowakowski hope to hire one full time and one part time officer in the near future.</p>	
<p><b>FIRE DEPT</b> <b>Josh Cook</b></p>	<p><b>Mayor Murphy</b> spoke on behalf of the fire department; Josh could not attend tonight's meeting. *The Mayor showed a fired helmet worn by Neville Purvis, who recently passed away. His widow donated it. A badge will be placed on the front with his name and service to the City of Stamping Ground. It will be kept on display at the SGFD. *The Mayor reported that Rumpke removed the dumpster from the area behind the Dollar Store. *<b>Dale Perry</b> asked if the city could hire Donnie Sparks or Steven Popp to install posts and a chain across the entrance to that area, to which the Mayor replied that he so no reason to not do so. *<b>Dale Perry</b> also added that two grants are in the works to purchase headsets and backpacks for the FD. Trainings take place on this property every Monday at 6:00 p.m. <i>News-Graphic</i> reporter, James Scogins, said he will attend one of the training sessions.</p>	
<p><b>ECON DEV</b> <b>David Clark</b></p>	<p><b>David Clark</b> said he was excited about the 2021 Stamping Ground Business Directory. He further stated that he thinks the business directory has been helpful toward building new businesses in the city. The new directory should be in</p>	

	<p>citizens' hands within a few weeks. *He would like to place a large ad of the 2021 SG Business Directory in the <i>News-Graphic</i>.</p> <p>*A financial institute is interested in further discussion *<b>Rob Jones</b> asked if any of the commission had thought about switching to another bank. He said that he did not appreciate the way WesBanco treated us and all the citizens that did their banking with them. A few commissioners shook their heads in agreement. *<b>David Clark</b> said if anyone knows someone or a company that needs a business license, please let him know so he can handle it professionally. *On a positive note, the new Air B&amp;B, <i>The Chardonneigh House</i>, located on Mulberry St., will be open tomorrow.</p>	
<p><b>PARKS/P. WORKS</b> <b>Jessie Zagaruyka</b></p>	<p>*David Popp has made a bid of \$1,050 to remove all of a tree that is in danger of falling and hurting anyone under it. It is located on a neighbor's property, but the limbs are leaning on city park property. However, <b>Attorney Hoffman</b> said that the property owner should be contacted; the owner is responsible for the tree's removal. <b>Dale Perry</b> said there are grants that will pay to remove ash trees.</p> <p>*<b>Jessie</b> suggested the porta-a-potty at the park be unlocked so it is always accessible. We need to be "friendly" toward all those using our city park. She also added the park and around city hall looks great thanks to Steven Popp. *She is in the process of working on a grant to help improve the park, as well. *<b>Jessie</b> also has been in contact with Mrs. Rase about the essay contest for 5<sup>th</sup> graders at SGES. Students will write an essay with the topic being mayor or commissioner for a day. Mrs. Rase will select the top ten and present those to the city for their decision.</p> <p>*Lastly, Earth Day Events include a "Recycle Car Race" beginning at 7:00 p.m on April 22. A location has not been chosen at this time.</p>	
<p><b>STREETS</b> <b>Dale Perry</b></p>	<p><b>Dale Perry</b> discussed the road access to the water tower. He said Mike Butler sent a price to gravel the road. Dale said that he would like to eventually pave the road.</p> <p>* <b>Mayor Murphy</b> said that the water company, GMWSS, will be working on an upcoming project, so we need to hold off on graveling for now. *<b>Dale</b> reported that Janice Wise of the Buffalo Gals said she could only get six barrels for the city flower project. <b>Rob Jones</b> said he has a family member who works in the bourbon industry, so he can probably help get some of these barrels. * <b>Dale</b> said that our web page should be updated. He further stated that he would like to have permission to take care of a city facebook page. He shut the last one down when he was told he was not a city official. <b>Attorney Hoffman</b> said the City Commission should decide who should run a city facebook page. <b>David Clark</b> said he is opposed to the city being involved with facebook and that he will vote no for it.</p> <p><b>Motion by Rob Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Perry to not spend more than \$1,500 for barrels, liners, and potting soil.</b></p>	<p><u><b>Motion Passed</b></u> <u><b>5 to 0</b></u></p>
<p><b>-5-</b> <b>Approval of March 6, 2021 Minutes</b></p>	<p><b>Motion by Keith Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessie Zagaruyka to approve March 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 Minutes as written.</b></p>	<p><u><b>Motion Passed</b></u> <u><b>5 to 0</b></u></p>
<p><b>March 2021 Financial Review: Check Transactions &amp; Transfer Sheet</b></p>	<p>The commission looked over the check transaction and the recent Transfer Sheet.</p> <p><b>Motion by Rob Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessie Zagaruyka to approve the March 2021 financials.</b></p>	<p><u><b>Motion Passed</b></u> <u><b>5 to 0</b></u></p>

<p><b>-6-</b>  <b>Executive Session</b>  <b>-Tentative-</b></p>	<p><b>There is no Executive Session needed currently.</b></p>	
<p><b>-7-</b>  <b>MAYOR'S</b>  <b>COMMENTS</b></p>	<p><b>None currently.</b></p>	
<p><b>-8-</b>  <b>Meeting</b>  <b>Adjourned</b>  <b>at <u>8:30 p.m.</u></b></p>	<p><b>Motion by <u>Rob Jones</u>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by <u>Keith Murphy</u> to adjourn meeting.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Motion</u></b>  <b><u>Passed</u></b>  <b><u>5 to 0</u></b></p>

**Meeting Minutes approved April 20<sup>th</sup> , 2021**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**