

MINUTES City of Stamping Ground

Date: September 21st, 2021 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

Place: 3374 Main Street in City Hall

Mayor: Keith Murphy
Police Commissioner: Rob Jones
Economic Development Commissioner: David Clark
Parks Commissioner: Jessie Zagaruyka
Streets' / Public Works' 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: Jessie Zagaruyka

Opening: Call – to – Order *Pledge: Keith Murphy ; Prayer: David Clark *

Agenda: **1-** Citizen Concerns, **2-** New Business, **3-** Unfinished Business,
4- Department Reports, **5-** Approval of September 7th Minutes,
6- Executive Session, **7-** Mayor’s Comments, **8-** Meeting Adjourns

Agenda Item	<u>Discussion/Concerns (All Motions in BOLD)</u>	Action item Follow-up
Citizen Concerns	None at this time...	
Royce Dearinger	Mayor Murphy wanted to discuss Royce Dearinger and the snow removal for this year. Royce Dearinger said that the city is out of salt and that we will need to order more. He said that we usually get about 18 to 20 thousand pounds of salt and that we used every bit of it up last year. Royce suggested that we order 10 to 12 pallets right now before the price goes up even more. He said to get the amount of salt we need right now it could cost from \$2,500 to \$3,000. Mayor Murphy asked if Royce Dearinger could send us an updated contract and they will talk about it more and possibly make a motion about it at the next meeting. Royce said his wife will send us the updated contract.	
Chris Lockard: COVID-19	Chris Lockard discussed about Apex Labs and how they provide COVID-19 tests to rural areas. He said that their company will come in and set everything up and then they will collect mouth swabs of the people who want to participate and send them in and then pack everything up and leave. He said that the tests could take from 24-36 hours to see the results and they are more accurate than the rapid testing. The people who test negative will get an email back saying that they are negative and the people that are positive will get a phone call and further steps on what to do. Mayor Murphy suggested that if we do it then to have it at the Buffalo Square park. Dale Perry said that they could come to Buffalo Daze and would get in contact with them. Chris said that we do not need to decide right now but to call him if we would like it.	

Charlie Hoffman & Robert Howe: Johnson Easement / Alley

Attorney Joe Hoffman looked up the plat that Charlie Hoffman owns as well as the ones that Robert Howe and Harrold Tate owns. **Robert Howe** wants “Johnson Street” to stay opened so he can move his stuff out of his buildings and house. He uses Johnson Street to go on to Calvert Street because it is easier for him to get in and out of his property. **Harrold Tate** wants Johnson Street closed because his property that he rents out is right on the corner of Calvert and Johnson Street. He said that the people living there have small children that go out and play and he is worried about their safety with Robert Howe hauling big trailer loads of stuff from Johnson Street on to Calvert Street. **Dale Perry** said it would probably be in the best interest of the city to close Johnson Street if it is a safety issue. **Rob Jones** said that the previous commission had talked about Johnson Street once before and he believes that they decided to close it but never got it done. **Joe Hoffman** said that there are 3 options that the city could do close the street if everyone is in agreeance to it that is connected to Johnson Street, do nothing about the matter and leave it how it is, or file a lawsuit, meaning that they could close it but if there are property owners that do not want it closed the city would then have to compensate them. **Mayor Murphy** said that he would like to invite all of the property owners that is connected to Johnson Street and get their views about it and see if they want to keep it or not. **Joe Hoffman** said that he would like an idea about how much it would cost the city to compensate each owner that doesn’t want it gone, just to see how much it would be. The commission will talk about this more at the next meeting.

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-NEW BUSINESS-

Roger Barkley: Website FD

Emily Helton explained to the commission that when Roger Barkley was in City Hall training her and Reda Conn on the website he asked Mayor Murphy about the fire department website. Mayor Murphy called Josh Cook and asked him if he still wanted the website or not and he said no. Then Mayor Murphy told Roger Barkley that Josh Cook did not want the website anymore. Then on September 21st Roger Barkley sent a cancelation conformation email to the city. **Mayor Murphy** said that the fire department could be a part of the city’s website.

Food Baskets

The commissioners looked back at last year’s motion to see how much they spent on the food baskets, and it was \$2000. They decided to go ahead and approve the budget for the food baskets now instead of closer to time. **Mayor Murphy** said that there is no set date as of now, but we usually do the food baskets in between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Motion by Mayor Murphy, 2nd by Rob Jones to allocate \$2000 for the food baskets this year.

**Motion:
Passed
4-0**

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-UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Chicken Swap

Dale Perry just wanted to tell the commission that the AG person called him back said not to have it at the park because of the many health risks and said that the Commonwealth area would be a better place to have it.

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-DEPARTMENT REPORTS-

<p>POLICE DEPARTMENT Police Chief Roger Nowakowski</p>	<p>None at this time...</p>
<p>FIRE DEPARTMENT Fire Chief Josh Cook</p>	<p>Mayor Murphy said that him, Dale Perry, and Robert Hendricks went to give a presentation to the fire commission. They are one of 7 finalists going after a \$29,000 Training Facility Grant. Mayor Murphy said that the commission really liked that our city was backing up our firefighters. Dale Perry suggested if we get the grant then maybe putting the training facility on the old distillery property. Rob Jones said that he would like a future plan for the distillery property for the park and it would be dangerous to have the training facility next to it. Mayor Murphy said that they would know by November if they received the grant or not. Dale Perry said that they found the leak at the water meter at the fire station. GMWSS is going to come to look at it and see if the leak is on their end or on ours. If it is on our end then we will need to hire a plumber to go to the fire station and fix the leak. Rob Jones suggested that we get Bill Bill to go up there and fix the water leak since he is local. Dale Perry said he would call him tomorrow and see if he could do it for us.</p>
<p>ECONOMIC DEV. David Clark</p>	<p>David Clark said that he has been working with Barbara Sallin about getting the city's business directory in the newspaper. He said that there will be 2 issues in the News Graphic and 1 issue in the Scott Shopper, they will all be half of a page. Both of the News Graphic ones will be \$1,302.86 and the one Scott Shopper will be \$250 for a total of \$1,552.86.</p> <p>Motion by <u>David Clark</u>, 2nd by <u>Mayor Murphy</u> to approve the 2 News Graphic Ads and the 1 Scott Shopper Ad for \$1,552.86.</p>
<p>PARKS Jessie Zagaruyka</p>	<p>Mayor Murphy said that the mulch was put in at the parks this past week by Steven Popp and his crew and that the playgrounds looks so much better. Rob Jones wants to get the land by the park and Police Department surveyed and settle that property. Dale Perry suggested that the fountain center be changed so people can't unplug it and stuff things down it and next spring it needs to be dredged again. Mayor Murphy said that maybe on Buffalo Daze we open up city hall and have something go on in here or maybe just set up a city hall both at Buffalo Daze.</p>
<p>STREETS / PUBLIC WORKS Dale Perry</p>	<p>Mayor Murphy said that the trash on the corner of Calvert and Riley still has not been picked up and they have bagged it. He said that he would call Frances tomorrow about it. The commission discussed about how some properties around town are getting to be overgrown with grass and thought about paying Code Enforcement and getting them to come here and help. David Clark said if they do come down here that we insist they actually do stuff for us. The commission still has not received a budget from Code Enforcement and that is why they are still hesitant about paying them. They said that they will discuss more about this matter at the next meeting and in the meantime Mayor Murphy will call Code Enforcement.</p>

Motion:
Passed
4-0

<p>-5- Approval of September 7th 2021 Minutes</p>	<p>Motion by <u>Rob Jones</u>, 2nd by <u>Dale Perry</u> to approve of September 7th, 2021 Minutes. Corrections: None...</p>	<p>Motion: Passed 4-0</p>
<p>-6- Executive Session</p>	<p>Motion by <u>Mayor Murphy</u>, 2nd by <u>Rob Jones</u> to go into executive session in pursue of <u>KRS 61.810 (1B) & KRS 61.810 (1F)</u>. Motion by <u>Rob Jones</u>, 2nd by <u>Dale Perry</u> to leave Executive Session.</p>	<p>Motion: Passed 4-0 Motion: Passed 4-0</p>
<p>-7- Mayor's Comments</p>	<p>None at this time...</p>	
<p>-8- Meeting Adjourned at <u>9:15</u> p.m.</p>	<p>Motion by <u>Rob Jones</u>, 2nd by <u>Dale Perry</u> to adjourn.</p>	<p>Motion: Passed 4-0</p>

Meeting Minutes will be approved October 5th, 2021.

Mayor

City Clerk