

# COMMON COUNCIL

January 18, 2017

6:32 P.M.

The City of Lawrenceburg Common Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kelly Mollaun, Deputy Clerk- Treasurer Suzanne Orndorff read roll call. Present were Board members Anthony Abbott, Mel Davis, Aaron Cook, Randy Abner and Paul Seymour JR, City Attorney Del Weldon, Utility Director Olin Clawson, Police Chief Donnie Combs, EMS Director Bobby Mills, Fire Chief Johnnie Tremain, Mayor Kelly Mollaun and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Suzanne Orndorff.

Clerk-Treasurer Tyler Rainey was absent.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion to approve minutes from the 1/4/17 Work Session.

Motion: Anthony Abbott

Second: Aaron Cook

Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion: Mel Davis

Second: Randy Abner

Motion carried.

## Board Reports

Streets, Alleys, Curbs—Aaron Cook stated that he had no report.

Finance—Anthony Abbott stated that everything looks good.

Parks and Playgrounds— Paul Seymour JR stated that he had met with Mrs. Holdcraft in regards to her request for a plaque at the Dog Park. He stated that she wanted a bronze plaque for the park that showed the day the park opened. Mayor Mollaun stated that they can come up with some ideas for a plaque and bring the options back up to the board.

Fire—Randy Abner said that the ice guards at the firehouse have been installed and the doors are complete.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mario Todd asked the Board for approval to purchase 2 Billy Goats from Zimmer Tractor. Mayor Mollaun stated that one of the Billy Goats would be placed permanently at the parking garage and the other would be for the streets, sidewalks and other areas that will need it.

Motion to purchase Billy Goats for \$2,735.00 each.

Motion: Anthony Abbott

Second: Randy Abner

Motion carried.

Council Member Aaron Cook asked about two vacant houses on Main Street (518 & 522 Main Street). Mayor Mollaun said that the first floor of both residences have been boarded up. He also mentioned that 522 Main Street is in the process of an Unsafe Building Court Hearing to get the issue resolved. Council Member Aaron Cook also asked about the status on 440 Walnut Street. Mike Clark informed the Board that the project for 440 Walnut will be in the paper tomorrow for demolition. He stated that the bids will be opened on February 6<sup>th</sup>. City Attorney Del Weldon stated that all costs will result in a lien on the property to recoup the funds.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Fire:** Fire Chief Johnnie Tremain said that each Council Member should have a copy of the year-end report.

**Police:** Police Chief Donnie Combs stated that Tom Cochran's memorial service will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned that he is sending all 3 of his K-9 units to Tennessee in March for a competition. He stated that the K-9 units have been heavily involved with the police efforts in narcotic searches, building searches and K-9 demos.

Mayor Mollaun asked about the amount of overdoses that have happened since the beginning of the year. Donnie Combs stated that he will get the numbers and present them at the next meeting. He stated that they have already had 2-3 Narcan saves.

**EMS:** EMS Director Bobby Mills stated that he had no further report. He mentioned that he, too, can get numbers for the overdoses that have happened in the area since the beginning of the year. He said that he can get information from the hospital that would have Dearborn County totals.

**Building Department:** No report.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Vicki Reiter

### Quilt Expo at Event Center

Mayor Mollaun stated that a few months ago a couple of local merchants approached him regarding the Event Center. He said that the Event Center pricing is high and that some groups are asking for assistance in hosting their events.

Vicki Reiter approached the podium and stated that her first event drew in over 2,000 people in town for the Quilt Expo. She stated that the cost to put this event on goes up every year. She is asking for assistance to host the event.

(Lengthy discussion on cost of event and assistance with cost)

Paul Seymour JR stated that he would like to deal with every merchant individually for assistance from the City for the event.

Motion to pay 50% of the rent for the Event Center (or \$6,150.00) as well as a charge of \$1 a person at the gate and \$5 per room per night at the Lawrenceburg Hotels.

Motion: Paul Seymour Jr                      Second: None

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Mayor Mollaun asked what the initial cost is to start-up the event.

Vicki stated that she needs \$12,500 just for the rent at the Event Center.

Motion to approve \$12,500 for the rent at the Event Center., and provide a report to Council of all expenses and earnings once the event is over.

Motion: Mel Davis                              Second: Aaron Cook

#### Roll Call:

Paul Seymour JR: No

Randy Abner: Yes

Tony Abbott: Yes

Aaron Cook: Yes

Mel Davis: Yes

Motion carried.

*Although not on the agenda the following was discussed:*



### **3. Mayor Mollaun**

### **Intern**

Mayor Mollaun stated that he would like to table this item.

### **4. Del Weldon**

### **BF Mess Loan Payoff Proposal**

City Attorney Del Weldon said that the loan for BF Mess in the amount of \$1.5 Million dollars was not paid off and has gone into foreclosure. He stated that the tax value for this is \$844,000.00 against the \$1.39 Million that is owed. Mr. Weldon said that an offer of \$850,000.00 in cash along with 2 parcels of land at a total of 3.87 acres located on Rudolph Way that had been appraised at \$195,000 has been offered for a total of \$1,045,000 in value. City Attorney Weldon also stated that there are no liens on the properties and that they can settle. Mr. Weldon stated that he would advise the Board to accept this proposal.

Council member Paul Seymour JR said that he would like to point out that this borrower was not behind on his payments. He stated that the issue was that the borrower could not make his balloon payment at the end. City Attorney Weldon concurred.

Motion to accept proposal on loan payoff amount as proposed.

Motion: Aaron Cook

Second: Randy Abner

Motion carried.

Next, in regards to the New Horizon Lawsuit, Mr. Weldon advised the Board to settle.

Motion to move forward with the settlement.

Motion: Paul Seymour JR

Second: Randy Abner

#### Roll Call:

Tony Abbott: Yes

Aaron Cook: No

Mel Davis: Not Present

Randy Abner: Yes

Paul Seymour JR: Yes

Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*(Although not on the agenda the following was discussed.)*

### **1. Mayor Mollaun**

### **Posting of Laborer Positions**

Carried over from the BOW, Mayor Mollaun asked Council for approval to post the 2 laborer positions.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Aaron Cook

Second: Randy Abner

Motion carried.

\*In other Old Business, the following comments were made:

Paul Seymour JR asked if the City was going to hire lobbyists this year. Mayor Mollaun said that they would get a representative to meet with the Board to discuss this topic.

Mayor Mollaun stated that the Executive that was going to be held earlier in the evening has been postponed to January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4 p.m.

Tony Abbott asked about the stop signs on Walnut Street. He said that they are constantly swinging back and forth and some folks are running through them. Mike Clark stated that they are working on a solution for that.

Council Member Aaron Cook asked about the City of Lawrenceburg's noise ordinance and asked if this could be changed to a later time (past 11 p.m.) for the entertainment district.

### **Comments from the Audience**

Dennis Hutchins commented on the following:

- He stated that the Billy Goat purchase was a great idea. He said that he would be willing to volunteer to do a trash pick-up on the trail. He stated that he utilizes the trail a lot and would be willing to use the Billy Goat to keep it clean. He asked the Board to consider a volunteer program to use the Billy Goat on the trail.
- Mr. Hutchins commented on the Mark Bansbach BF Mess loan. He said that he thought what the Council agreed upon was a good choice.
- He also commented on the Event Center and the City's attempts to help with conventions. He stated that the Event Center should be putting more efforts into promoting the event center. He stated that the City is spending money on events and that the convention center should be doing this, not the City. Basically, he said that the City of Lawrenceburg is doing the Event Center's job for them.

**Review and discussion of claims for Board approval.**

Motion: Anthony Abbott

Second: Aaron Cook

Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Anthony Abbott

Second: Aaron Cook

Motion carried.