

**MINUTES OF THE
DANVILLE CITY COMMISSION**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Danville, Kentucky convened in a Regular Commission Meeting in the Public Meeting room at City Hall/Police Station on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Perros
Commissioner Caudill
Commissioner Terry
Commissioner Serres
Commissioner Atkins

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ron Scott, City Manager
Donna Peek, City Clerk
Tony Gray, Police Chief
Ken Pflug, Fire Chief
Earl Coffey, City Engineer
Stephen Dexter, City Attorney
Michele Gosser, CFO
Tom Byerly, Public Works Director
Bridgette Lester, Code Enforcement Dir
Pam Wright, Advocate Messenger
Carla Goldsmith, KU
Mark Harmon, Brandstetter Carroll
Jerry Houck
Jennifer Kirchner
Tom Poland
Buck Rogers
Jane Brantley
J.P. Brantley
Arlen Finke
James Hunn Jr.
Wilma Brown
James Hunn
Randy Graham
Others

Mayor Perros announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order the time being 5:30 p.m.

Each member of the Commission read a portion of a prayer honoring retired City Attorney Ed Hays and Former City Commissioner John Forsyth who both passed away recently.

Kasey Lister led the Commission in the pledge of allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Commissioner Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes of 03/28/2016 as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caudill and unanimously approved upon voice vote.

2. PROCLAMATION – VOLUNTEER WEEK – APRIL 11-15, 2016:

Mayor Perros read the proclamation recognizing volunteer week into the record. Commissioner Caudill made a motion to approve the proclamation as read. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry and unanimously approved upon voice vote.

3. PROCLAMATION – EQUAL PAY DAY:

Mayor Perros read a proclamation regarding Equal Pay day into the record. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the proclamation as read. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Atkins and unanimously approved upon voice vote.

4. PROCLAMATION – EARTH DAY:

Mayor Perros read a proclamation recognizing Earth Day into the record. Commissioner Serres made a motion to approve the proclamation as read. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caudill and unanimously approved upon voice vote. Preston Miles addressed the Commission and announced that Earth Day in Danville will be Saturday, April 23rd. The Commission thanked Mr. Miles and everyone involved for their efforts on the Earth day celebration.

5. TREE CITY DESIGNATION:

Mayor Pro Tem Caudill read into the record the letter received announcing that Danville has been named a Tree City for 2015. No action needed.

6. 1st READING – ORDINANCE #1880 – ELECTRIC FRANCHISE:

After Ordinance #1880 was read into the record, Carla Goldsmith with Kentucky Utilities discussed the current electric franchise and noted that it expires on June 26th, 2016. Commissioner Atkins made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caudill and unanimously approved upon voice vote.

7. WEISIGER PARK DRAWINGS:

Brandstetter Carroll addressed the Commission and presented drawings of the completed plans for Weisiger Park. Citizens asked questions regarding the plan and Mark Harmon addressed the questions. No action needed at this time.

8. CVB APPOINTMENT & BRANDING UPDATE:

Jennifer Kirchner addressed the Commission and requested that Jerry Houck be appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of Gina Melton as presented. Commissioner Atkins made a motion to approve the appointment as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry and unanimously approved upon voice vote. Jerry's term will expire 8/30/2016, (the unexpired term of Ms. Melton).

Ms. Kirchner gave a brief update of the ongoing branding process in Danville. No action needed.

9. BRASS BAND PICNIC LETTER APPROVAL:

City Manager Ron Scott requested approval to send out a letter inviting individuals as a joint effort to the GABBF picnic. He asked that the letter be authorized and sent out to approximately 50 individuals. After discussion, Commissioner Atkins made a motion to approve the letter as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caudill and unanimously approved upon voice vote.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT:

City Manager Ron Scott addressed the Commission and gave his report. (Please see attached report)

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

Wilma Brown addressed the Commission and said that she wanted to give them a plan to help the traffic flow on Main Street for pedestrian safety. She said she would like to put out five ideas. 1. Place an empty police vehicle downtown (it really does work), 2. No right turn on red, 3. Reassess pedestrian times, 4. Regulate timing of traffic lights, and 5. If you have citizens and vehicles in the same area, there are going to be accidents. I would suggest rotation of the traffic lights.

Randy Graham addressed the Commission and asked that the commission look back at the will that regulates what can and cannot be placed in Weisiger Park. He also said in agreeing with the wisdom of Wilma, he visited Key West in Florida and said that rotating the traffic lights work. The last thing he asked was - how long it is going to take to complete Third Street.

Arlen Finke addressed the Commission and announced that the KSD pool will be open in the fall he wanted to thank the community for the fundraising efforts of everyone over the past several years to make this happen. Mr. Finke also invited everyone to come to the Youth art event at the Community arts center on Thursday, April 14th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. A student from KSD is participating in the event and their family is out of state and it would be nice to have some community support.

Jennifer Kirchner addressed the Commission and said she will donate the table that is given to the CVB as a sponsor and offered to pay for the meals at that table.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

No Commissioner comments

11. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$357,480.32 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Serres unanimously approved upon voice vote. A breakdown of departments is as follows: General fund - \$19,527.63; Utility Fund – \$42,200.15; Parking fund - \$1,192.36; Capital fund - \$10,109.72; Storm water fund - \$507.05; Cemetery fund - \$7,895.00; Debts and depreciation - \$275,789.32 and Water refunds in the amount of \$259.09. Mayor Perros asked about the payment to Springfield water that was on the bill list. Earl Coffey addressed the question and said that we relied on Springfield during a water event in Perryville and thanked them for their help.

12. RESOLUTION #2016-04-11-01 – WEISIGER PARK CHANGE ORDER:

Commissioner Serres made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-04-11-01 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caudill and unanimously approved upon voice vote. This resolution approves change order with Bluegrass contracting for the Weisiger Park project in the amount of \$22,114.90.

13. DOWNTOWN SAFETY UPDATE:

Earl Coffey addressed the Commission and discussed the downtown safety issue that was mentioned at the last commission meeting. He said that he and the Police Chief met with the Transportation department and discussed ideas of things that could possibly help with the pedestrian traffic downtown. Chief Gray also addressed the Commission and discussed the downtown traffic situation. No action taken.

14. 1st READING – ORDINANCE #1881 – CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCESS:

City Attorney Stephen Dexter addressed the Commission and began the discussion of the code enforcement ordinance. He noted that he needed several items answered by the Commission before he could move forward. 1. Do you want a board, 2. The level of fines need to be addressed – what would you like to do.

The commission discussed several items – Mayor Perros asked that properties that are not taken care of, he would personally like to see strong wording in the code that would encourage people to update their

properties and have them rented. If not, I would personally like to see fines that are higher. This is a problem that I have been discussing for a year.

Commissioner Terry said she believes the code officer on the street would know the owner of the abandoned property and or home owner and there could be discretion used in the process.

I do think with the property lords in town, we need to let them know we mean business. I think the ones that are never taken care of – the fines should be doubled.

City Manager Scott said that a lot of cities have taken advantage of the new law to form a code enforcement board. The current process is not effective and many cities are now moving to boards as it is a more effective approach and more timely.

City Attorney Stephen Dexter said the board can only enforce the ordinance so I do not want to add another layer that will just cost more and maybe have no different outcome.

Mayor Perros said to gear it towards those individuals that do not care that they have to appear before a board.

City Attorney Stephen Dexter – maybe stiffer penalties or possibly a distinction could be made to have different tiers. When you start dividing the classes it may have an undesired effect and to treat two persons differently you have to have a strong reason.

Mayor Perros said he would like for the City Attorney and City Manager to look at other cities and see what they do with abandoned properties.

Stephen Dexter said that he feels they have already done our due diligence with that.

Mayor Perros said we need to hold property owners accountable.

City Attorney Stephen Dexter said that if that is the objective, then I agree, don't have a board – it slows things down, is expensive and I am not sure that the outcome will accomplish what you are wanting.

At this point Mayor Perros asked for a motion on the 1st Reading of Ordinance #1881. No motion was made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Serres made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 1(f) for the purpose of personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caudill and unanimously approved upon voice vote. The time was 8:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION:

Commissioner Caudill made a motion to move back into regular session at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry and unanimously approved upon voice vote.

ACTION:

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve staffs' recommendation and hire James McClure to the position of IT Tech with the usual probationary measures. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Atkins and unanimously approved upon voice vote.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Serres made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caudill and unanimously approved upon voice vote.

APPROVED:

MAYOR G. MICHAEL PERROS

ATTEST:

DONNA PEEK, CITY CLERK