

**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, May 23, 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
Tom Byerly, Public Works Director
Bridgette Lester, Code Enforcement Dir
Pam Wright, Advocate Messenger
Jennifer Kirchner
Janet Hamner
Lydia Graham
Niki Kinkade
Gavin Pflug
Jane Brantley
J.P. Brantley
Wilma Brown
James Hunn
Others

Mayor Perros announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order the time being 5:36 p.m.

Commissioner Caudill presented a prayer and John Bradshaw led the Commission in the pledge of allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the minutes of 05/09/2016 as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caudill and unanimously approved upon voice vote.

2. PROCLAMATION – LYDIA GRAHAM:

Mayor Perros read a proclamation honoring Lydia Graham, acknowledging her accomplishments and recent honor of being named a Presidential Scholar in the arts. The proclamation also applauded her acceptance to The Juilliard School in New York City. The Commission thanked her for being such a positive role model for the youth of Danville. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the proclamation as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Atkins and unanimously approved by voice vote.

3. BANNER REQUEST – BRASS BAND FESTIVAL:

Commissioner Caudill made a motion to approve the banner request of the Great American brass band festival as presented by Niki Kinkade. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Atkins and unanimously approved upon voice vote.

4. RESOLUTION #2016-05-23-01 – CERTIFIED LOCAL GRANT AWARD:

Commissioner Atkins made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-05-23-01 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caudill and unanimously approved upon voice vote. This resolution approves the acceptance of the certified local grant in the amount of \$18,000 – with the match from the City being \$7,200.00.

5. RESOLUTION #2016-05-23-04 – ELECTRIC FRANCHISE BID AWARD:

Commissioner Caudill made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-05-23-04 –Electric franchise bid award as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry and unanimously approved upon voice vote. The electric franchise was awarded to Kentucky Utilities.

6. 2ND READING – ORDINANCE #1881 – DOG ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Commissioner Caudill made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #1881 – dog ordinance amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Atkins and unanimously approved upon roll call. “An Ordinance amending chapter 3 (animals) article III (dogs) of the code of ordinances for the City of Danville, Kentucky.”

7. 2ND READING – ORDINANCE #1882 – AMENDMENT TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE:

Commissioner Atkins made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #1882 – amendment to the occupational licenses ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Serres and unanimously approved upon roll call. “An Ordinance amending chapter 16 (taxation) article II (occupational licenses) of the code of ordinances for the City of Danville, Kentucky, creating an exemption for special event permittees from having an occupational license and the requirements associated with same and creating a requirement for special event permit fees to be paid for businesses leasing, renting or otherwise being provided booths, stalls or other space at festivals and special events.”

8. FY 16-17 PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Ron Scott, City Manager, addressed the Commission and presented the FY 16-17 proposed budget. Within the budget, Mr. Scott noted that proposed employee raises in the budget are currently set at 1% COLA and a 1.5% merit, for a total of 2.5% as the potential raise for each employee. The Commission discussed the proposed budget. After much discussion, including community agency funding, Grace Café and comments by Commissioner Serres and Terry that the proposed raises for employees are too low, Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the proposed community agency funding allocations and not include funding for Grace Café. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caudill and was approved upon voice vote. Commissioner Atkins voted no.

Mayor Perros stated that the City will have to reduce somewhere if we don't have the revenue in the future to sustain the budget and further said that EDP needed to concentrate on marketing Danville and attracting business. Zero percent growth as reported by Planning & Zoning is not acceptable to the City Commission or City staff. Mayor Perros also said that he believes the City staff has absorbed the lack of revenue over several years. Lastly stating, that everyone gets what they expect in this life and zero growth is just not acceptable.

Commissioner Terry also added that the agencies need to become more self-sufficient and not rely on the City so much in the future. We need to take care of our employees.

Mayor Perros stated that he feels the Commission has to set up at the stand and feel the pressure to make sure the budget is passed by July 1st and added that those who should be feeling the pressure aren't feeling any pressure. Mayor Perros said in essence the City subcontracts economic development out and feels they should be feeling the pressure to deliver.

9. RESOLUTION #2016-05-23-02 – FUNDING AGREEMENTS (3):

Commissioner Serres made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-05-23-02 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry and unanimously approved upon voice vote.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Ron Scott gave his City Manager report. He mentioned the brass band festival and the picnic that will be attended by approximately 40 individuals as guests of the City. He also mentioned that on Wed May 18th the FCC approved the Charter-Time Warner Cable merger. No action needed at this time.

HEAR THE PUBLIC:

John Bradshaw addressed the Commission and announced the Memorial Day ceremony for Veterans that will be held on Saturday, May 28th at 1 P.M. at Veterans Memorial park in Danville. Mr. Bradshaw urged everyone to attend and honor our veterans.

Niki Kinkade addressed the Commission and gave a big thank you to the City of Danville on the progress of Weisiger Park and for all of the support given to the festival.

Mr. Bradshaw made a presentation to the City of Danville. He presented a replica of the seal of the City of Danville that was made by the students at KSD from the walnut tree that was taken down in Weisiger Park.

Jane Singleton addressed the Commission in regards to the dog ordinance and asked that the Commission take another look at the leash requirements in the ordinance.

Jane Brantley addressed the Commission and discussed the grant proposal for historic rules for public art. Mrs. Brantley said, "I do know the Arts commission and Wilma Brown brought a policy that I believe was passed several years ago by the Commission. I would ask that the city look back at the policy that was passed."

J.P. Brantley addressed the Commission and told them that if the Commission wanted to see the document Mrs. Brantley mentioned, then he could probably provide it.

Jeff Peek addressed the Commission and made several comments. He thanked the Commission for all that they do for the City of Danville as a citizen and an employee of the City for over 33 years. He thanked Ron Scott for all he has done to help the Commission try to move the City forward and progress things. He said that he was speaking on behalf of the employees, because employees can't – and that public safety has and always will be close to his heart. He stated that he feels that the 1% proposed increase for employees is not enough and would like for the Commission to consider a larger raise.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mayor Perros said, "I have had a conversation with Mr. Scott and we have discussed the revenue stream of the City – we as a Commission need a target number to give EDP. Economic development is going to have to deliver."

Commissioner Terry thanked Mr. Scott for his patience with the Commission and added, "I appreciate your time and effort in presenting this budget. You certainly make our jobs easier and I appreciate that."

Mayor Perros said, "Talent is taking a complicated subject and making others understand it. Thank you Mr. Scott."

Mayor Perros announced a ceremony that will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at 2 P.M. at the KY. Governor's mansion where Bernie and Susan Hunstad will be receiving an award for preservation. He stated that he plans on attending and encouraged others to attend if they can.

Commissioner Atkins thanked Mr. Peek for his comments regarding the raises on behalf of the employees and for breaking down the proposed increase in such a manner that really opened his eyes. Commissioner Atkins challenged the City to find an additional \$350,000 in the budget for more raises.

Mayor Perros added that his point all along has been that the City has to have the revenue coming in the front door in order to do accomplish goals.

Mayor Perros also added that there is a new terminal train master at the train station in Danville. His name is Mr. John Mills. The Mayor encouraged each of the Commissioners to meet him if given the chance.

Commissioner Serres mentioned the Great American Brass Band festival and all of the events that will be taking place in Danville. He encouraged the Mayor and fellow Commissioners to participate in the Brass 5K run.

11. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$233,715.99 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Serres and unanimously approved upon voice vote. A breakdown of departments is as follows: General fund - \$65,661.86; Utility Fund - \$90,237.42; Parking fund - \$1,223.56; Capital - \$7,737.89; Cemetery fund - \$344.00; Stormwater fund - \$16,069.31; garbage fund - \$9,450.00 and Streetscape in the amount of \$42,991.95.

12. RESOLUTION #2016-05-23-03- OPEN GOV CONTRACT:

Commissioner Serres made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-05-23-03 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caudill and unanimously approved upon voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Serres made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 1(f) for the purpose of a personnel matter, particularly an employee grievance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Caudill and unanimously approved upon voice vote. The time was 8:25 p.m.

BACK IN SESSION:

Commissioner Caudill made a motion to move back into regular session at 9:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Atkins and unanimously approved upon voice vote.

ACTION:

Commissioner Serres made a motion to deny the grievance submitted by Josh Smith, a public works employee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry and unanimously approved upon voice vote.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Caudill made a motion to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry and unanimously approved upon voice vote.

APPROVED:

MAYOR G. MICHAEL PERROS

ATTEST:

DONNA PEEK, CITY CLERK