

President of Council Tom Vanover called Council to order on January 15, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

The governmental body and those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

Mrs. McNear took roll call. Present were Council members Diehl, Emerson, Harlow, Hawkins, Knox, Squires and Vanover.

#### Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission – Mr. Higgins stated they met January 9, 2014. Mr. Higgins was voted chairman, vice-chair Mr. Coleman and secretary, Mrs. Nienaber. Interviews are being conducted for the administrative assistant position in the Health Department. A new list of candidates was submitted during December for the Tax Department account clerk. An exam for patrol officer is scheduled for February 22, 2014.

Rules and Laws	-	no report
Finance Committee	-	no report

Planning Commission – Mrs. Harlow said they met January 14, 2014. The Waffle House PUD Transition District Development Plan was tabled. Minor improvements for an exterior color change at Beef O’Brady’s was also tabled because the applicant did not come to the meeting. We have a piece of property on Northland Boulevard in the SS District. A company is looking at it for future use and Planning Commission has recommended to Council a text change in Section 153.014 of the Zoning Code which would be for food preparation, a business that prepares food and beverages for off-site consumption including delivery services. Planning Commission has asked that Council review this. The next item is automotive repair services in the General Business District. We currently have a vacant building on Northland Boulevard that was an automobile repair shop. Our current zoning states that if the building sits vacant for six months, then it can no longer be used as an automobile repair shop because it was non-conforming. Someone would have to have deep pockets to change that building to be anything other than an automobile repair shop. Planning Commission is recommending to Council for a zoning text amendment change to Section 153.218 as follows: minor automotive service and repair limited to sale, servicing and installation of lubrication, tires, brakes, steering and suspension components, batteries, exhaust systems, ignition systems, cooling systems, fuel systems, and electrical systems conducted within enclosed buildings.

Mayor Webster said the latter piece of property is the old Tuffy Muffler Shop. It’s just sitting there and it would be a prohibitive amount of money for someone to retrofit that building for some other retail establishment. We’d like to get that change made. The first one is the facility that was used by Heater Meals. The proposed redefinition is not all that different than what was taking place there before. There would be no retail involved with this. Eventually it could be a bakery. We’d like to advertise for a public hearing on both of those.

Mr. Parham said you have not received the correspondence yet because they are waiting to get the signature from the secretary of Planning Commission. The March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting would be most appropriate to have those public hearings.

Mr. Hawkins said obviously the applicant didn’t come from Beef O’Brady’s. Were they referencing any color changes to the lighting around the top?

Mrs. Harlow replied they were referencing a color change to the exterior of the building to add some beige or earth-tone color to it. Lighting wasn’t brought up.

Mr. Hawkins asked is Planning recommending that we change the definition for allowances in General Business?

Mrs. Harlow said for the automotive repair that would still be an SS district.

Mr. Parham said right now automotive services is not permitted in our GB district. You will be asked to consider it as a conditional permitted use under GB.

Mrs. Harlow said I think what confused me so bad is on our memo from the Building Department, it says currently there are no automotive repair facilities in the motor service district. Then they went on to talk about Glensprings and I never recalled a car dealership or repair shop or anything to do with motor services on Glensprings. Mr. McErlane said it is an ambiguous description because it can also be restaurants, any car rental place, car repair place, dealership, hotels, etc. so it's a very broad range.

Mr. Hawkins said I know the Administration recalls the issue with the gentleman who made the administrative appeal coming from Mayor's Court so I didn't know if us making any kind of change impacts anything with that situation based on zoning.

Mr. Parham stated I don't believe it has an impact on that issue. We are still dealing with that individual. We are in court trying to resolve the matter. We were not successful in keeping automotive services from being a permitted use in that area. The judge indicated that he could perform those services in that district. However, although he received the authority under our zoning code, there are still Building Code requirements in which he must comply. His attorney's interpretation is because the judge awarded him the ability to provide those services in this particular district, he does not have to comply with the Building Code. Those are two separate issues. If we can get him in compliance with the Building Code we could resolve that issue but I don't think this would have an impact on it.

Mr. Forbes said that was exactly what I was going to say. The zoning issue with that property is resolved through the courts. What are outstanding now are Building Code issues.

Mrs. Harlow said Mr. Diehl and I and the other people on Planning Commission were invited to an all day session for planning and zoning on January 31. I plan to attend and I believe Mr. Diehl does also.

Board of Zoning Appeals - no report

Board of Health – Mr. Squires reported they met January 9<sup>th</sup>. The Infectious Disease Program has chosen its logo and is working on a brochure. The site and hours of operation have been picked. The 2014 food license fees have been approved. The first reading for the new public swimming pool/spa license fees was held. The Healthy U Diabetes Workshop will be held February 20 to March 27, 2014. The mammography van will be at the Community Center March 18. Call 686-3300 for an appointment.

Mayor Webster said Dr. Feinberg will be before Council on February 5<sup>th</sup> and the tentative opening date for the program would be the following Tuesday.

Public Utilities - no report

Public Relations - no report

Capital Improvements - no report

Public Welfare, Safety & Education - no report

Housing Board - no report

Public Works - no report

O-K-I – Mrs. Harlow said they met January 9<sup>th</sup> and had orientation for new members before the regular meeting. Mr. Portune was elected president again. There was a presentation of the people and perspective tasks at OKI and how we can contact them. Two items were discussed. The Brent Spence Bridge is going to be a new

bridge and a refurbished bridge. There is legislation before the Kentucky session that is for a pre-planning financial model. A legislator in Jefferson County has a bill asking that Kentucky residents who use the bridge be reimbursed.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Webster said the budget called for us to do 54 nuptials in 2013. We met that goal mid day on New Year's Eve. We had two other couples who tied the knot that day and those numbers will be reflected in 2014 revenues. Seven couples have booked their dates for January.

Mayor Webster said for the SOS Christmas program we helped 67 families with over 186 children. Twenty-seven Thanksgiving meals were donated by Calvary and the Vineyard Churches. John Morrell donated 17 turkeys. We had twelve food donation boxes throughout the City and we collected enough food to feed half the families. We're going to try to get back to 100 percent next year. Thanks to the Princeton Closet we were able to acquire 31 coats for needy children. We contacted 125 new businesses this year and were successful in recruiting 15 new sponsors. Ten children were invited to shop with a community helper which formerly was Shop with a Cop. That was sponsored by Chick-Fil-A, SOS, Target, Fire Union, Police Association and a couple of private donors. Instead of having a night here where we honor the businesses, we've designed a thank you card for everyone who participated, individuals and businesses. I'd like to thank all you for your donations.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director – Mrs. McNear said I'd like to provide the update for the financial picture for the end of the year. For the revenue at the end of the year we had collected \$16.032 million, 107 percent of our budget. The top five sources were earnings tax, \$13.321 million; real estate tax, \$937,000; estate tax, \$729,000; paramedic services, \$493,000 and local government funds, \$249,000. As you know, we will have either next to nothing or nothing for both the local government and the estate taxes this year. Our ending General Fund balance is \$4.387 million. On the expenditure side based on a budget of \$18.975 million, we actually expended \$16,900,000 which is 92 percent of our anticipated expenses.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Parham said we have been contacted by Maple Knoll Village. Over the last couple of years Council has assisted them with a number of their refinancing and refunding projects. They have indicated that they have plans to renovate The Meadows at their facility and they will be coming to ask the City's support and assistance with that process. I'm not sure if it will be part of a refinancing process or simply provide a support letter for their application process. Once we determine what assistance they are seeking, we will make arrangements for them to be before Council.

Mr. Parham said the 2014 Budget has \$132,000 for the purchase of a new dump truck. The dump trucks are particularly handy for us this time of year with snow removal. We used to have seven routes and now we are down to six routes. We have talked during the budget process about our aging vehicles and equipment. As a result, we made preparation to purchase a new dump truck this year for \$132,000. The funding for this purchase would come out of the 061 – Street Maintenance account. In my monthly meeting with Mr. Agricola sometimes I inquire about the vehicles and I asked which one are we going to trade in when the new one is purchased. In the past, he would identify one unit or another. Nowadays, Mr. Agricola will say it depends which vehicle is in the worst condition on the day we receive the new vehicle. 2014 is the last year that we will pay \$68,752 for the purchase of the street sweeper. We financed that over a three-year period and this would be the last of those three payments. We inquired about rates through a number of financial institutions in case we were to do something similar with dump trucks. The price of the bigger dump truck is \$132,000. If we borrowed \$270,000 over a three-year period the rates we received today from three financial institutions ranged from 1.388 to as high as 1.952 percent. If we were to borrow \$270,000 at 1.388 percent, then our payments over the next three years would be \$95,000. We have in the budget to pay for the street sweeper and \$132,000 to buy a new vehicle this year. If we choose to finance the purchase of two new dump trucks over the next three years instead of spending the \$132,000 this year on trucks, we would spend \$95,000, saving \$37,000. If we assume that next year we would purchase a second vehicle, you have the \$37,000 from the savings of this year. We no longer are paying the \$68,752 so we're up to \$105,000. The additional cost for

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2015 would only be \$26,000. We will then have our third and final payment in 2016. At that point we would have had the two new vehicles for two years. As I said to the Mayor, when I sit down with the department directors I'm hearing concerns from the Parks Department about their vehicles. We also use their vehicles during snow removal but their vehicle is aging and will need to be replaced. One of the newer units in the Public Works Department may be transferred over to Parks Department as opposed to purchasing a new one. We cannot use the 061 account to purchase equipment for the Parks Department. Those dollars are to be used for improvements and commitment to the streets themselves. We can purchase the units from 061 for the Public Works or Street Maintenance Department. Units that we have previously purchased were not purchased out of that account; hence the opportunity to transfer a vehicle to the Parks Department. If Council is in concurrence we would like to shift what we presented to you as part of the 2014 budget and begin moving in the direction to replace two of these vehicles. It will take about nine months so for this winter season we will have to get through with what we have right now. Of the two vehicles we are debating which to get rid of, one we are investigating for a potential head gasket that has burst and the second, as described by the department director, if it is carrying a full load of salt and plowing up Ray Norrish, the driver could probably get out of the vehicle and make it to the top of the hill faster than the vehicle can because it is lacking power. We have tried a couple of things to boost the power. The units are 1997 and 1998 vehicles and finding parts is a challenge.

Mayor Webster said the more we looked at it the more it made sense. It's a way of replacing both those trucks without putting a strain on the budget. We get instantaneous relief in the Street Maintenance Department which we certainly need so we ask your support to go ahead.

Mr. Hawkins asked do you know what trade-in value we might get for those trucks?

Mr. Parham said we've had some of our vehicles for so long we have problems with their beds deteriorating as well as engine and chassis problems. It just depends on who is willing to pay something for the vehicles and whether the market will accept a trade-in.

Council concurred with the Administration's plan to purchase two new dump trucks in 2014.

Law Director's Report - no report

Engineer's Report – Mr. Madl said the new window assembly has been re-installed in the Municipal Building basement.

COMMUNICATIONS - none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE - none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2 -2014

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO AMEND THE CONTRACT OF CDS ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Squires made a motion to adopt and Mr. Knox seconded.

Mrs. Harlow said I don't typically have a problem with how I'm going to vote on an issue. I usually will come down pretty strong one way or the other but on this ordinance I have been questioning myself over the last couple of days. Right now I'm still not sure. I do want to bring up the fact that I would like to see any and all requests from our partners regarding fee increases to be submitted by October 1 so this can be part of our budgeting process and can also go before the Finance Committee.

Mr. Squires asked when was the last fee adjustment for CDS?

Mr. Parham replied the last time we provided an increase was for 2.65% in 2013 effective February 1. Prior to that, in 2012, 2011 and 2010 there were no increases to their rates. In 2009, there was a 3.5% increase. Since the City partnered with CDS there has typically been an annual rate increase provided. When I started my employment in 1993, there was sort of an agreement that they (CDS) would charge us their rates that were two years in arrears. However, I know once we got into 2010 when the City was facing very challenging financial times, they agreed as well as the Law Director's office to not request a pay increase.

Mr. Squires said 2 percent sounds reasonable. CDS has done an outstanding job for the City and I am more than happy to support this ordinance for them.

Mr. Knox said if you take the numbers Mr. Parham just talked about on average, the rise in their enumeration is 1.5 percent which is below the inflation we had during that period of time so I think this is reasonable. However, I do agree with Mrs. Harlow that we really need that information early in October so we can put it in the budget.

Ordinance 2-2014 passed with seven affirmative votes.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Vanover said I was at the Neighborhood Watch meeting last night and a couple of residents asked if we were going to pick up the leaves that have wintered through. I said I would bring that to Council tonight.

Mr. Parham said in 2010 we were hit with an early snowstorm while the guys were out picking up the leaves. It's very challenging when they are frozen and wet. As soon as we get a little dry season they will collect those. I'm sure not everyone's leaves were set out prior to the deadline but we'll collect them.

Mr. Squires said they were out today in Royal Oaks and I think they finished that. Kudos to the Public Works Department. It's been a real challenge.

Mayor Webster said as Derrick indicates, as time permits they are going to get them. But we are not back on schedule so I'd like to make a public announcement: don't put anymore leaves out until we get back on schedule in the spring. We'll try to get the ones that are out there the best we can but please don't put anymore out there.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Knox stated Mrs. Harlow will be unable to attend the OKI meeting in February and she has asked me to take her place. I would like a consensus of Council to be appointed for that day.

#### MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Commission	-	Feb 11
Spring sports registration	-	thru Jan 31
Annual travel expo	-	Jan 23, 1 pm
SYB cinema horse race	-	Feb 22

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Vanover said welcome to the scouts in the audience. I see they are doing their due diligence. Thank you parents for cooperating.

Mr. Parham said I think we are going to need legislation at the next meeting to authorize the financing for the purchase of the vehicles. We have not put the

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specifications together yet and currently there are no specs on the State bid process, but to lock in this rate we will need legislation at the next meeting.

UPDATE ON LEGISLATION STILL IN DEVELOPMENT

Amending the Zoning Map for 135 Northland - Feb 5

RECAP OF LEGISLATIVE ITEMS REQUESTED

Legislation to purchase dump trucks - Feb 5  
Zoning Code text amendments (2) - Feb 19

Dr Judith Feinberg will make a presentation on the Infectious Disease Program at the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Council adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear  
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:

Tom Vanover, President of Council

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