

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG
OCTOBER 7, 2004

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners met in regular session. The following members were present: Commissioner Bid Lindsey, Commissioner Keith Durham, Commissioner Buford Goolsby and Commissioner Tim Dickey. Mayor Allen Chapman was absent.

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order. The meeting opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Lindsey announced the closing of city offices Monday, October 11th in observance of Columbus Day, and informed everyone that applications for the THDA Home Grant are available at the City Administration for residents to pick-up and return to us after completion.

Commissioner Dickey made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16th, with a second by Commissioner Goolsby. Motion passed unanimously.

Under Old Business: H.R. Director, Ken Hinson, gave a report on the Police and Fire Department salaries. His research of some 24 cities of similar size indicates that those departments' salaries are less in comparison. The Police Department has lost some 10 employees leaving us presently with 29 in the department. Training for these two departments is extensive and expensive.

Mr. Hinson was asked to continue his research on ways to alleviate the situation.

Under New Business: Commissioner Durham spoke concerning the light pole damaged at Flannigan Field during the storm this past Memorial Day. The estimated cost for replacement is somewhere between \$8,000 and \$10,000. Commissioner Goolsby made a motion to use up to \$5,000 of the funds derived from the sale of the Denver Trapp Field to assist the Kiwanis Club with replacing the light, a second was made by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Durham also spoke concerning the handicap parking on the square. The way it is presently designed, handicapped persons must venture into traffic in order to get on the square sidewalks. He would like to see the sidewalk modified to have handicap access next to the parking spaces. An estimated cost for 4 spaces would be around \$2,000 dollars. After other discussion on the matter Commissioner Durham made a motion to install new handicap access ramps on the square, with a second by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commission also asked for a report from Mike Weathers on the installation of the sidewalks approved at Coleman Memorial Church.

Attorney Betz presented four items for consideration:

Resolution #2004-7-10A – To enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Bureau of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant # 2004-LB-BX-0745. Grant funding in the amount of \$11,128 with local funding in the amount of \$1,236 to be used toward equipment upgrade for the Police Department. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Durham, with a second by Commissioner Goolsby. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #2004-7-10B – To enter into an agreement with the American Legion L.O. Crane Post #63. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Dickey, with a second by Commissioner Goolsby. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #2004-7-10C – To enter into an agreement with South Central Human Resource Agency. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Goolsby with a second by Commissioner Durham. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #978 was tabled on July 15th, 2004 and Attorney Betz informed the Commission that in order to address Ordinance #978, they must first vote to take it off the table. Motion to take Ordinance #978 from the table was made by Commissioner Dickey, with a second by Commissioner Goolsby. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Betz informed the Commission that certain sections of Ordinance #978 have been amended, and they would need to vote to approve those amendments.

A motion to amend Section 8 of Ordinance #978 to change the tax rate from \$1.80 to \$1.54 was made by Commissioner Goolsby, with a second by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to amend Section 2 of Ordinance #978 to read as follows was made by Commissioner Durham, with a second by Commissioner Goolsby. Motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL FUND	
Local Taxes	\$ 8,167,176
State and Federal Revenues	662,479
Fines & Fees	229,500
Recreational Revenues	111,400
Miscellaneous Revenues	666,976
Fund Balance	(-0-)
Total Available Funds – General Fund	\$9,837,531
STATE STREET AID	
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 263,500
Miscellaneous Revenues	500
Fund Balance	
Total Available Funds – State Street Aid Fund	\$ 264,000
DRUG FUND	
Court Fines and Costs	\$ 75,000
Fund Balance	
Total Available Funds – Drug Fund	\$ 75,000
SANITATION FUND	
Revenues	\$ 835,000
Estimated Available Cash	
Total Available Funds – Sanitation Fund	\$ 835,000
Total All Funds	\$ 11,011,531

A motion to amend Section 3 of Ordinance #978 as follows was made by Commissioner Durham, with a second by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL FUND	
Administration	\$ 816,964
Police	2,387,735
Fire	1,649,932
Streets	1,058,261
Parks and Recreation	1,135,764
Board of Mayor & Commissioners	125,768
City Attorney	35,755
Planning & Development	191,219
Emergency Management	84,198
Retirees	258,625
Annual Appropriations	833,603
HR/ Safety.....	16,700
Debt Expense	580,008
Operational Capital & Capital	147,600
Total General Fund	\$ 9,322,132
STATE STREET AID	
Streets	\$264,000
Total State Street Aid Fund	\$ 264,000
DRUG FUND	
Police	\$ 75,000
Total Drug Fund	\$ 75,000

SANITATION FUND

Expenses\$ 835,000
Total Sanitation Fund\$ 835,000

Upon all amendments being approved a motion was made by Commissioner Durham to pass Ordinance #978 as amended on second and final reading, with a second by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bud Hale and Mr. Les White CEO of ETC Communications of Middle Tennessee Inc. met with the Commission to inform them of their desire to purchase the property presently occupied by Kevin’s Music Shop. Their intent is to continue with the music business and in another portion of the building place the Channel 13 Television Station. The TV station will require a 100 foot tower be placed on the property, enabling them to broadcast local events, etc. They asked the Commission’s support in their endeavor to bring the TV station inside the City of Lawrenceburg. They will be appearing before the Planning Commission next Thursday to begin the process.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Goolsby to adjourn, with a second by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Attest: _____
Acting City Administrator