



# City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

## Employee Recognition for 20, 25, and 30 Years of Service

To recognize years of service with the City, City Manager Jeff Pederson initiated in 2015 a program to provide service pins and an appreciation certificate to employees. At this meeting, employees with 20, 25, and 30 years of service were recognized. Those with 5, 10, and 15 years of service are recognized at the department level in staff meetings or other gatherings.

Employees receiving 20-year service pins and certificates are as follows:

- Engineering-Public Works Department: Gregory McIntosh and Chris Yarber
- Finance Department: Cathy Graham and Beverly Scruggs
- Parks Department: Richard Holland
- Police Department: John Tolliver

Employees receiving 25-year service pins and certificates are as follows:

- Engineering-Public Works Department: Brenda Johnson and Richard Krosop
- Fire Department: Philip Weeks
- Planning Department: Steve Ervin

Employees receiving 30-year service pins and certificates are as follows:

- Engineering-Public Works Department: Angela Weeks
- Fire Department: Scott Brian and Gary Leneave

## 432 Broadway Demolition Project Updates

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved two ordinances relating to the demolition project at 432 Broadway. The first ordinance is for change order #1 with Darnell Steel and Construction, LLC. Darnell Steel is reinforcing the steel columns under the steel beam that supports the building adjacent to 432 Broadway. The change order is to increase the contract by \$600 due to the removal of a portion of the wood platform in the front of the building that is conflicting with a steel brace location. This change order brings the contract with Darnell Steel up to \$20,350. The Board also approved an ordinance for a \$158,725 contract with Artisan Contractors of KY, LLC for the construction of a masonry wall. This 18 by 114-foot wall will be constructed on the exterior of 430 Broadway once the structure at 432 Broadway is demolished which is expected to be by the end of February. The bid opening for this contract was held December 18. Regarding the demolition project, Mayor Gayle Kaler says, "This is not anything we wanted to do, but we approached it the right way."

In December 2015, the Department for Local Government (DLG) notified Mayor Gayle Kaler that the City will receive federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$500,000 for the demolition project. A match of \$125,000 is required from the City. The City had to own the building in order to submit the grant application.

Background: In July 2015, the City of Paducah purchased the condemned building at 432 Broadway for \$1 from a limited liability company. The building's owner indicated he did not have the financial means to stabilize the building or bring it up to code. The City had been working with the building's owner since 2010 on correction measures. Also in July, the City approved a contract with Environmental Abatement, Inc. (EAI) in an amount of \$458,685 for the building's demolition. After EAI began the project, it was discovered that the existing steel column supporting 432 Broadway (O'Leary Building) also supports the adjacent building at 430 Broadway (Varney Building). Demolition was halted until an engineer could design the temporary and permanent shoring of the Varney Building. In December, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for a change order with EAI to extend the contract time and account for equipment and remobilization fees, a property survey, and the cost for the study to determine the permanent shoring method. The total contract with EAI is \$479,618. The end date for the contract is February 26, 2016. Before the decision to demolish the building was made, the City worked with Sullivan Cozart out of Louisville, Kentucky to get demolition and stabilization cost estimates. Preliminary estimates to only stabilize (not rehabilitate) the building were between \$1.9 and \$2.0 million.



### **Contract for Solid Waste and Recycling Services**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Freedom Waste Service, LLC for a ten year contract for the transfer, transport, and disposal of municipal solid waste for the City. The contract also has two five-year renewal clauses. The City's agreement with Republic Services expired December 31, 2015. In October 2015, the City accepted proposals from companies interested in providing solid waste services for Paducah. The City received proposals from Freedom and Republic. After reviewing the proposals, the recommendation is to award the contract to Freedom at a comparative annual cost savings of \$200,000. The City will pay Freedom a base fee of \$34.95 per ton for solid waste and \$40 per ton for recyclable materials. Freedom will be constructing a transfer station in the Paducah area off Potter Lane which will incorporate a drop-off area for citizens to dispose of recyclables. The completion date for the transfer station as outlined in the contract is June 30, 2016. Regarding the prospect of offering curbside recycling, City Manager Jeff Pederson says, "We required the company to spatially have the capacity to handle larger volumes of recyclables should the city decide to go into curbside recycling."

### **Quick Highlights**

- Mayor Kaler presented Duke and Duchess awards to Clark Elementary School writing teacher Jane Ruggles and fifth-graders Khiland Moss, Aneza Ali, and Anais Garcia. The students received first, second, and third place awards in the state-wide Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest.
- Ordinance approved updating Section 106-2 and 106-213 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the due date, penalty, and interest for City taxes.
- Ordinance approved for change order #1 to the contract with Bluegrass Uniforms for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) for the Fire Department. The change order adjusts the contract to include the purchase of new technology to track personnel and improve communications. The change order increases the price per unit from \$7150 to \$7505.
- Ordinance introduced (vote January 26) for change order #5 with Bluegrass Uniforms for the Paducah Fire Department. This change order adds clothing items that were not previously incorporated into the contract or have been changed due to product discontinuations.

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