



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Note: Commissioner Carol Gault was unable to attend this meeting.

Authorize Change Order #2 for 432 Broadway Demolition Project (vote in March)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for Change Order #2 with Environmental Abatement, Inc. (EAI) for the 432 Broadway Demolition Project. This change order would increase the project amount by \$10,830 and increase the contract time by 30 calendar days for a completion date of March 27. The additional time and costs result from the need to stop the demolition work while the steel reinforcement work, which was completed by a separate contractor (Darnell Steel & Construction), was being finished. For safety reasons, EAI did not want to continue with the demolition work until Darnell's crews were finished which led to increased costs for the rental of equipment and the need to extend the contract deadline. This change order brings the total cost with EAI to \$490,448.

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 that 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 last July, the City approved a contract with Environmental Abatement, Inc. (EAI) for the building's demolition. After EAI began the project, it was discovered that the existing steel column that supports 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. The shoring work has been completed by Darnell Steel & Construction. Once the demolition project is complete, the barricades will be removed from Broadway and 5th Street and an 18-foot masonry wall adjacent to the Varney Building will be constructed.

The City will receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$500,000 for the 432 Broadway 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. 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.

Quick Highlights

- Boards and Commissions: John Gill reappointed to the Paducah Golf Commission.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the 2016 Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Protection Program grant in the amount of \$59,401.60 for the purchase of tasers to replace existing equipment no longer supported by the manufacturer. No matching funds are required for this grant.
- Municipal order approved to transfer the north half of the lot at 1020 Lincoln Avenue to Thomas Humphrey for \$500. The city-owned surplus property was advertised for bid with Humphrey, who lives adjacent to the lot, providing the only bid.
- Municipal order approved the transfer the city-owned property at 1116 Oscar Cross to Aaron Prather for \$5. The property was advertised for bid with Prather, who lives adjacent to the lot, providing the only bid.
- Ordinance approved for a two-year contract with up to three one-year renewals with Kinsey Landscaping for the mowing and upkeep of city-owned lots. The City currently owns more than 130 lots. They will be mowed on an as-needed basis for the price of \$17 per lot.
- Floodwall rehabilitation will be the topic of discussion for the March 15 City Commission meeting.

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