



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Approve City of Paducah's Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2016 City of Paducah Budget. The City's fiscal year begins July 1. Mayor Gayle Kaler thanked the City Manager and department directors for their work and resourcefulness to prepare a balanced budget without new taxes.

The City operates its finances through several funds including the general fund, investment fund, police and fire pension fund, solid waste fund, fleet lease trust fund, and health insurance trust fund. The majority of the City's budget is in the General Fund, the City's main operating fund. The four main sources of revenue for the General Fund are payroll tax, insurance premium tax, business license tax, and property tax. The City is projecting an increase in revenue for this upcoming fiscal year. General Fund revenue for Fiscal Year 2017 is projected at \$33.47 million. This is a 2.4 percent increase (nearly \$800,000) as compared to the current year's revenue. As discussed in the May 24 Budget Workshop, the additional revenue will be put toward an increase in the City's match for non-hazardous employees as required by the State and employee pay increases. The additional revenue also will be used to fund payments for an upcoming bond to pay for the rehabilitation of floodwall pump station #2. Projects of interest during this upcoming fiscal year will be the second phase of the Noble Park Bank Stabilization Project, the rehabilitation of floodwall pump stations, and the preparation of a Comprehensive Storm Water Master Plan. City Manager Jeff Pederson says a request of qualifications for the Storm Water Master Plan has been issued with six companies responding. Over the next few weeks, a committee will be conducting interviews.

Agreements for 911 Dispatching Services (votes in July)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced three ordinances for contracts for dispatching services between the City of Paducah 911 Communications Services Department and Concord Fire Protection District, West McCracken Fire Protection District, and McCracken County. In each of the contracts, the dispatching services begin July 1. The contracts with Concord and West McCracken have a term of four years with an additional four year renewal clause. Agreements are being discussed with the other three County fire departments. The contract with McCracken County is a temporary agreement that extends the current interlocal cooperation agreement through July 31, 2016. The City and County are discussing terms for the possibility of a longer-term agreement. Mayor Gayle Kaler says, "I'm glad to have the County on board with us. We hope to provide such good service that they want to continue with us."

City Commissioner Carol Gault commended the City Manager, Police Chief, and Fire Chief for their work over the past couple of years regarding 911. Gault says, "This is fiscally responsible; it will save money; and it will provide better services." Commissioner Sandra Wilson says, "I want people to understand the important message. When people call 911, you are going to respond."

The contracts with Concord and West McCracken include a Communications Service Fee based on the projected calls for service (called a call rate) and an Infrastructure Fee. The Infrastructure Fee is a fee per call based on the contracting entity's proportionate use of the city's telecommunications infrastructure (software and equipment).

Authorize Lease Payment for Temporary Emergency Pumps at Floodwall Pump Station #9

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance to authorize the payment to Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$33,064.10 for the lease of two emergency pumps that have been used at floodwall pump station #9 located at 1148 South 3rd Street. The pumps were used from December 2015 through May 2016 when the Ohio River was at higher levels. The need to lease emergency pumps arose when pump #2 located within pump station #9 became disabled. The leased pumps allowed the pump station to operate at full pumping capacity.

Quick Highlights



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- Municipal order approved to submit a grant application through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. The City is requesting funds in the amount of \$239,809 to purchase and install a new 911 communication/phone system for the 911 Communications Services Department. No match is required for this grant.
- Ordinance approved for the contract between the City of Paducah, WKCTC, and Paducah Junior College for the operation of the public (Paducah-2) and government access (Government 11) channels with the City providing \$85,000 annually for the television production services.
- Ordinance approved for change order #1 with Midstates Construction Company, Inc. for the Market Square ART Park project. The change order increases the contract price by \$6712.06 to a total of \$51,083.06. The park has received grants and donations totaling \$4817.92 which offset the construction cost. The small park which features a seating area, landscaping, a sculpture, metal privacy panels, and fabric panels is located at 117 ½ South 2nd Street.
- Ordinance introduced (vote in July) for a service agreement in the amount of \$32,166.48 with Motorola for the yearly maintenance of the 800 MHz radio controllers, individual department radios, dispatch consoles, 911 telephone equipment, and other related radio equipment. (Note: This contract replaces the contract voted on by the City Commission at its meeting last week.)
- Ordinance introduced (vote in July) to accept the proposed premiums from the Kentucky League of Cities for Workers' Compensation, Liability, and Property Insurance coverage. The total cost of all premiums is \$1,092,016.26. This reflects a less than a one percent increase over the current fiscal year costs. The Convention Center Corporation will reimburse the City \$37,879.66 for property coverage of the Convention Centers.

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