



## City Commission Meeting Highlights Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at City Hall

### **Our Town Grant Application for Columbia Theatre Project**

The Mayor and Commissioners approved a municipal order to apply for the Our Town Program grant through the National Endowment for the Arts. This grant application would be in partnership with the Columbia Theatre Task Force and the Paducah Film Society for the development of a feasibility study that would identify marketing strategies and financial resources and outline the operational viability and sustainability of the city-owned Columbia Theatre located on Broadway. The grant request is for \$81,500 and requires a one-to-one match of cash and/or in-kind services. The Paducah Film Society and the Columbia Theatre Task Force will provide the match through services including the volunteer work to clean the theatre. In December 2013, Westlake, Reed, & Leskosky provided the Mayor and Commissioners an overview of the preliminary Concept Study prepared for the theatre. The firm proposes renovating the Columbia Theatre into a film house with three movie screens plus the ability to have live music and comedy events. The estimate is nearly \$6 million to renovate the 17,300 square foot building. The Columbia Theatre was built in 1927.

### **Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Levee Repairs**

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance for a Cooperation Agreement between the City and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for rehabilitation assistance for damages sustained to the floodwall levee during the 2011 flood. In May 2011, the Ohio River reached a level of 55 feet at Paducah. The City sent correspondence to USACE in June 2011 documenting the damages and requesting assistance. USACE inspected the damage in March 2012 and approved the rehabilitation work last month. The repairs include repairing approximately 300 feet of riverbank slope failure, repairing the loss of vegetation at three locations totaling 3.6 acres, and repairing rutting along the crown and toe of the floodwall. USACE will cover the cost of the repairs which are estimated by USACE at \$1.66 million with the City of Paducah providing the soil fill material. The estimated cost of the fill material is \$10,000-\$15,000.

### **Sale of 401 Washington Street on Behalf of Paducah Water (vote January 14)**

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for the sale of the building and the 0.352-acre property at 401 Washington Street to Great Rivers, LLC for \$250,000. The building, owned by the City of Paducah, is the former Paducah Water business office. Paducah Water has built and opened a new office facility on North 8<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to the treatment plant and distribution facilities. After the deed of conveyance is executed, the proceeds from the sale of the building will be remitted to Paducah Water.

### **Quick Highlights**

- Recreation Specialist Mallory Gentry presented the winners of the Christmas Parade Contest with their trophies and prizes. The annual Christmas Parade was held December 14. "The Magic of Christmas" was the parade's theme.
- Jim Wheeler and William T. Clayton reappointed as members of the Commissioners of Water Works. Mayor Kaler appointed Jay Matheny and Randall Fox to the Barkley Regional Airport Board.
- Municipal order approved declaring 1235 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street as surplus property and authorizing the sale of the property to Julieann Rose for \$175. Rose plans to use the property for gardening purposes.
- Ordinance introduced (vote January 14) to accept the 2013 Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Protection Program grant award in the amount of \$4400 for the purchase of body armor for the Paducah Police Department. No local match is required for this grant.

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