



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at City Hall

Presentation about Barbecue on the River Festival

David Boggs with the Barbecue on the River Festival made a presentation to the Mayor and Commissioners providing a preview this year's 20th anniversary festival, a breakdown of the festival finances, and the festival's history. Boggs says the first festival was held for one day with less than a dozen barbecuers. Now the festival has grown to three days in length with 40 barbecuers and 34 non-barbecue food vendors participating in the 2013 festival. Boggs says the festival always has been a charitable event with each participant encouraged to provide at least 20 percent of their proceeds to charity. Boggs says, "The charities and barbecuers handle the money themselves. The money does not come through the festival." Boggs says after the festival each participant submits a charitable accountability form signed by the participant and the charity representative that shows the monetary donation. Boggs says the 2013 Barbecue on the River festival generated \$448,288.22 for more than 75 non-profits and charities. Regarding revenue for the festival, Boggs says the 2013 festival took in \$39,926 in participant fees and \$98,294 in proceeds from fundraising including soft drink sales, sponsorships, and Porkstock. Festival expenses totaled \$108,710. Expenses include items such as security, utilities, entertainment fees, and marketing. This year's festival will be September 25-27. Boggs says a kickoff for this year's festival will be held in May. For more information about the Barbecue on the River Festival, visit www.bbqontheriver.org.

Quick Highlights

- Municipal order approved to apply for a grant through the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$10,120 for overtime hours related to driver traffic enforcement by the Paducah Police Department for a safety campaign that will be held April 7 through April 20, 2014. No local match is required.
- Municipal order approved to apply for a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant through the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$4325. This grant would require a match of \$216. If awarded the funds would be used by the Paducah Fire Department to provide a safety campaign to include smoke alarm installations and home safety inspections.
- City Manager Jeff Pederson says the consultant hired to review the operations of the E-911 center will make a report to the E-911 board in addition to the City and County next Tuesday.

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