



# City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at City Hall

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## Paducah Main Street Development Update

Downtown Development Specialist Melinda Winchester updated the Mayor and Commissioners on new businesses in downtown and LowerTown and Paducah Main Street's promotional activities. From May 31 through August 2 of this year, Main Street promoted Smashin' Summer Saturdays to create buzz in the downtown area and attract new businesses. The plan for 2015 is to expand it to 11 weeks. Winchester also listed the new or relocated businesses to downtown in 2014. In July, Paducah Main Street organized Showcase Paducah which provided the community an opportunity to tour commercial and residential properties for sale or lease in downtown and LowerTown. That promotional event led to the purchase of four buildings on Broadway. Winchester also outlined the work underway to help property owners receive state and federal tax credits, apply for roof stabilization funds, apply for façade grants, and pursue the redevelopment of properties to provide upper story living space. Winchester says, "That's progress. It's wonderful and exciting to see." The downtown area also has received three new cast iron benches with six more planned and a new gazebo was installed at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Broadway last week. Regarding upcoming events, Winchester previewed the Kentucky Heritage Council's conference to be held this week in Paducah. Other upcoming items for this year include the Downtown Holiday Storefront Display Contest, the Holiday Open House on Sunday, November 2, and the Dickens of a Christmas Small Business Saturday event on Saturday, November 29. For next year, Paducah Main Street is working on a new promotion to be held in conjunction with AQS QuiltWeek™ in addition to considering an outdoor swap event. Winchester says, "I really want people outside of downtown and LowerTown to realize what we have going on in downtown Paducah."

## Quick Highlights

- Ordinance approved authorizing the transfer of the property located at 717 Harrison Street from the City to Katherine Knotts for the sum of \$182,965. This is a home constructed by Jim Steele Construction using the City's construction line of credit with Banterra Bank. The project is a continued effort to revitalize the LowerTown and Fountain Avenue neighborhoods.
- Ordinance introduced (vote October 28) to authorize a contract with Swift Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$227,775 for the replacement of the roof at the Paducah Police Department at 1400 Broadway and at Fire Station #2 at 2802 Wayne Sullivan Drive. Four bids were received for this project.
- The ribbon cutting for the Ohio River Boat Launch and the Greenway Trail project is tomorrow (October 22) at 2 p.m. The event will start at the Ohio River Boat Launch at North 6<sup>th</sup> and Burnett. Then a Paducah Trolley will take folks to the Greenway Trail or they can borrow a bicycle from BikeWorld.

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