



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at City Hall

Hiring of Human Resources Director

The Mayor and Commissioners approved the hiring of Levi Loverkamp as Human Resources Director. Former director, Cindy Medford, left her position with the City in August to pursue a doctorate degree. Paducah Riverfront Development Authority Executive Director Steve Doolittle has been serving as interim human resources director. The City conducted a national search and received more than 40 applications. A five-member screening committee recommended the hiring of Loverkamp, a Metropolis native who now lives in McCracken County. Loverkamp is a Southern Illinois University graduate who has experience working for the Illinois Department of Human Services and Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Loverkamp currently is the Director of Human Resources for Lourdes Hospital. He will begin his position with the City of Paducah in mid-December. Loverkamp says, "If I can be in a supporting role and help move the City forward, I want to be a part of that."

Amendments to Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance (vote Nov. 25)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance to amend sections of Chapter 6 of the Paducah Code of Ordinances regarding alcoholic beverages to comply with recent changes in State laws. One change regards the sale of distilled spirits, wine, and malt beverages by the drink at hotels, motels, and restaurants. Those facilities holding the appropriate license must meet the conditions that the minimum seating capacity of the dining facility be 50 people at tables and that at least 50 percent of the gross annual receipts from the dining facilities are received from the sale of food. This is a change from the previous requirement of 100 people at tables and at least 50 percent of the gross annual income. The City also is adding the requirement that an ABC applicant read and sign a form entitled "City of Paducah Acknowledgement by ABC Applicant." This form lists the criteria that an applicant must meet before selling alcohol including obtaining a business license and a certificate of occupancy.

Paducah Area Chapter American Red Cross Presentation

Roxanne Wendling, executive director and Adrienne Weyers, disaster program manager with the Paducah Area Chapter of the American Red Cross made a presentation to the Mayor and Commissioners about organizational changes within the American Red Cross. Clients may notice process changes and an increase in the amount of services provided. Locally, disaster services is being reorganized to cover 24 counties in Western Kentucky. The office in Paducah will remain open. Wendling does ask for those interested in volunteering to contact the Paducah chapter.

Quick Highlights

- Mayor Gayle Kaler presented a Duchess of Paducah to Lisa Emmons. Emmons is an attorney at Denton & Keuler. Mayor Kaler says, "Lisa goes above and beyond the call of duty when working with the city and county especially on economic development projects."
- Municipal order approved to declare 427 North 6th Street as city-owned surplus property and authorize the transfer of the property to Robert Hopper and Brenda Hollis for \$200. The property was advertised in the local newspaper in October. Hopper and Hollis propose to construct a 1450 square foot home on the lot.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Nov. 25) to approve the final revised budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2014 (previous fiscal year). This ordinance reflects all the budget adjustments throughout that fiscal year and any adjustments required by the independent financial auditors. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) will include the original budget, the revised final budget, and expenditures for that fiscal year.
- City Manager Jeff Pederson says within the next few weeks, a workshop will be held regarding the City's solid waste collection and recycling.
- The Paducah Power System board is meeting tomorrow at 1 p.m. to discuss a rate recovery plan.
- Pederson also summarize Monday's Fiscal Court meeting regarding no action on moving forward with an agreement between the County and the McCracken County Humane Society regarding animal sheltering.

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