



## City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

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### **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)**

City of Paducah Controller Audra Herndon, and Robert Robertson, CPA with Williams, Williams & Lentz presented the Commission with the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which includes the City Audit. The report is for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2010. The audit found that the City is compliant in its financial reporting. For 19 consecutive years, the City has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). Later this year, the City hopes to receive an award for this latest edition of the CAFR. Referring to the CAFR, City Manager Jeff Pederson says, "This represents a purposeful commitment for the City of Paducah to communicate with the public. Should the City receive the 20<sup>th</sup> Certificate of Achievement, that should be cause for celebration." According to the GFOA, the Certificate of Achievement represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management and is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. The entire CAFR report and previous audits dating back to 2002 can be found on the City's website [www.paducahky.gov](http://www.paducahky.gov).

### **Paducah Power Substation Plan**

Several McCracken County residents who live on or near Lovelaceville Road and the Coleman Place subdivision attended the City Commission meeting to voice their concern about a proposed Paducah Power System substation that would be built on property across the street from the entrance of Coleman Place. Mayor Bill Paxton invited Andrea Underwood, Director of Community Relations and Marketing at Paducah Power, to address the Commission and citizens about Paducah Power's plan. Underwood stated that Paducah Power is in the process of finalizing the purchase of the property on Lovelaceville Road. Underwood added that due to engineering requirements and the limited availability of property, the possible locations to build the substation are very limited. Underwood says, "We realize that no matter where we place it, there is the not-in-my-backyard factor." Paducah Power is planning a public hearing in approximately two weeks to explain the project and listen to the concerns of the citizens.

### **Christmas in the Park Totals**

Andrea Underwood with Paducah Power System updated the Mayor and Commission about the totals from the 2010 "Christmas in The Park" event. The 14<sup>th</sup> annual event set a record for the amount of money and food collected with \$38,218 and 59,225 pounds of food collected. Underwood says, "Despite the economy, we had an exceptional year with people donating." In addition to the lighting display at Noble Park, the community had opportunities to donate through the School Challenge and Stuff-A-Truck. In the School Challenge, nine schools in Paducah/McCracken County competed for a \$1,000 top prize by collecting food at their schools. Reidland Elementary won the Challenge by collecting more than fourteen pounds of canned goods per student. Also in December, Lourdes and Western Baptist Hospital employees filled a semi-trailer nearly full of food during the two day "Stuff-A-Truck" event on the hospital parking lots. Proceeds from "Christmas in the Park" are divided among Paducah Cooperative Ministry, the Salvation Army, and Family Service Society.

### **Police Department Portal**



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Public Information Officer Pam Spencer invited Network Administrator Eric Stuber and Acting Assistant Police Chief Brandon Barnhill to demonstrate the Police Department's internal software program that was designed and implemented by Stuber. The customized program called the Police Department Portal was written in-house saving the City approximately \$30,000. Plus, there are no maintenance contracts or future development costs. The software improves internal communication, reduces the amount of paper used in the department, and prevents the duplication of information. Officers can view the information from any networked computer and through the wireless hotspots around the City. Prior to the implementation of the software, daily logs of information were kept in a three-ring binder.

### **Officer Recognition**

Police Chief James Berry recognized Officer Brent Obermark for his hard work in solving a scam case in which approximately \$7000 worth of equipment was taken from Kentucky Hydropower. All of the equipment has since been returned. Chief Berry says, "These types of cases are very hard to solve. I'd like to thank Officer Obermark for the outstanding job in solving this case." Mayor Paxton says, "Thank you for going above and beyond what you had to do." Obermark says the case was international with the scammers headquartered in Canada. Obermark added, "I appreciate the recognition."

### **Transfer Property at 1100 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street (Martha's Vineyard)**

The Mayor and Commission approved an ordinance to transfer the City-owned property located at 1100 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Martha's Vineyard Mission, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation that currently leases the building at no cost. The property has an estimated fair cash value of \$55,000; however, the City is transferring the property at no charge to reduce the City's surplus property inventory.

### **Mayor Paxton Becomes KLC President**

With the naming of Bowling Green Mayor and Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) Board President Elaine Walker as Kentucky's Secretary of State, Mayor Paxton, who currently serves as KLC's first vice president, will assume Walker's duties as president. Mayor Paxton also will remain eligible for a full term as KLC president. Mayor Paxton says, "I am honored to become KLC president." Speaking to Mayor Paxton Commissioner Gerald Watkins says, "Your integrity and the job you do here is recognized across the State." Walker replaces current Secretary of State Trey Grayson who will leave later this month to take the job as director of the Institute of Politics with the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

### **Quick Highlights:**

- City Manager Jeff Pederson appointed to the Electric Plant Board.
- Municipal order approved electing Commissioner Gayle Kaler as Mayor Pro Tem.
- Municipal order approved for the Paducah Police Department to apply for the 2011 Kentucky State Police Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Block Grant in the amount of \$25,000. The funds would be used for educational materials, equipment, and officer overtime hours. There is no cash match requirement.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Jan. 25) to amend the Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement for the 800 MHz rebanding with Sprint/Nextel and Motorola.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Jan. 25) for a contract between the City and Peel & Holland for the administration of the City's health insurance. Peel & Holland assists the city regarding the administration, renewal, claim resolution, cost containment, and the bidding process of the City's health insurance plan. In the contract, the City will pay Greg Carlton, consultant with Peel & Holland, a service fee of \$60,000. Also in the contract is an additional fee of \$200 per hour with a minimum retainer of \$5000 for services requested by the City or the City's legal counsel for issues that may arise including employer/employee bargaining.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Jan. 25) to close a portion of Deer Lick Place north of Ogilvie Avenue and south of Crooked Creek. The request to close the section of road was



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submitted by the adjoining property owner. The road closure is recommended by the Planning Commission.

- The regularly scheduled Commission meeting on January 18 will be cancelled. The next Commission meeting will be January 25.

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