



## City Commission Meeting Highlights

### Tuesday, March 8, 2011

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#### **Contract Between the City and the Paducah Police Bargaining Unit (vote March 22)**

The Mayor and Commission introduced an ordinance to approve a three year contract between the City and the Bargaining Unit of Jackson Purchase Lodge 15 of the Fraternal Order of Police. The contract will be in effect starting July 1. Deputy Finance Director Adrienne Gleeson says, "We came to the table with the bargaining unit in a very professional and expeditious manner to negotiate this contract in four meetings." Bargaining Unit President Sergeant Brian Laird says, "We were extremely pleased with the process. We want to continue to do the job that we do and keep the City safe. We were pleased how the City responded, and it was very professional on both sides." Police Chief James Berry says, "Everyone worked very well, probably the best I've seen in my life working with unions." Commissioner Gerald Watkins says, "I am thankful that there is a lot of good will exhibited on both sides." Mirroring the recently approved contract between the City and IAFF, the contract with the Paducah Police Bargaining Unit provides for a 1%, 1.75%, and 2.5% increase in wages for the next three years respectively. Among other items, the contract revises the language to provide for greater flexibility and standardization of health insurance benefits, increases the annual clothing allowance amount, defines special duty assignments, and adopts a six month bid process for shift assignments.

#### **Preview of the LowerTown Art and Music Festival**

LowerTown Art and Music Festival Co-Director Michael Terra briefed the Mayor and Commission on the plans for the 2011 festival which will be held May 20-22. Last year, Terra and co-director Stefanie Graves organized the festival that brought more than 13,000 people from 213 zip codes to Paducah. Terra says, "We managed to put on a significant regional festival for art and music." Like last year, attendees can expect great music and theater. Terra says twice the number of artists and restaurants have indicated they want to be involved. New this year, WKMS will broadcast live from the main stage on May 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to provide a donation for the event or volunteer, contact Michael Terra at Terra Cottage, 514 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 908-0090.

#### **Reminder About the City of Paducah Dog Ordinance**

Now that spring is approaching and people are getting outside more often with their pets, Commissioner Carol Gault wants citizens to be aware of the City's dog ordinance. Here are some reminders:

- Picking up and properly disposing of your pet's feces is required by the City's ordinance. The person in charge of the dog needs to pick up after the dog if it makes a "deposit" on public property on any private property without the permission of the property owner.
- Pets are allowed at city-sponsored community events such as parades and festivals; however, to make sure that the public is safe, the City's dog ordinance lists three requirements. The dog must be licensed by McCracken County Animal Control or by any other state or county; restrained by a leash or other lead that is no longer than three feet; and restrained by an open-ended muzzle.

#### **Workshop for the Preservation and Restoration of Historic Properties (vote March 22)**

The Mayor and Commission introduced an ordinance to accept a grant through the Certified Local Government grant program administered by the Kentucky Heritage Council and the National Park



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Service. The grant award is \$4000 with a local cash match of \$3500. If funds will be used to hold a three day workshop sponsored by Paducah Renaissance Alliance, the Mid-Town Alliance of Neighbors, WKCTC, and the City of Paducah, on the preservation and restoration of historic properties. The target audience for the workshop is contractors and WKCTC students. The workshop will have hands-on demonstrations. Serenitea located at 121 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street has agreed to donate its facilities for the workshop which will be held April 14-16.

#### **Purchase of Pumper Truck for Paducah Fire Department (vote March 22)**

The Mayor and Commission introduced an ordinance to accept the bid from Bluegrass Fire Equipment Company, Inc. for the purchase of a 2011 Triple Combination Pumper Truck for the Paducah Fire Department. If the City makes a prepayment for the total amount of the truck, it will save the City \$17,535. The truck will then cost \$403,130. The estimated time for delivery of the new pumper truck will be six months.

#### **Purchase of X-Ray System and Portable Robot for Paducah Bomb Squad (vote March 22)**

The Mayor and Commission introduced two ordinances for the purchase of items to be used by the Paducah Bomb Squad. A Kentucky Homeland Security grant is funding the purchases. The first ordinance is for the purchase in the amount of \$60,485.17 of an x-ray system that is compatible with the Bomb Squad's existing robots. The x-ray system will provide digital real-time live x-ray video. The second ordinance is for the purchase in the amount of \$96,414 of a robot that is "field transformable". Depending upon the terrain, the robot can be re-configured from standard tires to a multi-track robot. Police Chief James Berry says, "This gives us robotic capability on buses, airplanes, as well as boats. The Paducah Bomb Squad is one of only five squads in the State of Kentucky. It responds to the 13 western counties in Kentucky and has responded to Southern Illinois.

#### **Intent to Annex Property Located at 2540 Lone Oak Road**

The City of Paducah received a letter from Gasada, Inc., the owner of the property at 2540 Lone Oak Road, requesting that the property be annexed into the City of Paducah. The property is 1.5 acres and contains a commercial strip center. The property is adjacent to the existing city limits for the City of Paducah and across the street from Mount Kenton Cemetery. The Mayor and Commission approved an ordinance for the intent to annex the property. Upon approval of the ordinance, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposed zone change from R-1 (low density residential) to HBD (highway business district). After the public hearing and at a future Commission meeting, the City Commission will introduce the zone change and final annexation ordinances.

#### **Quick Highlights:**

- Municipal order approved to apply for a \$25,000 grant through the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. The funds would be used to purchase plumbing and fixtures for the Noble Park poolhouse renovation project.
- Municipal order approved to apply for a grant in the amount of \$69,720 from the Kentucky Division of Waste Management to purchase equipment for the RecycleNow facility on North 8<sup>th</sup> Street. If awarded, the City and County will each provide a match of \$7725 with Paducah Water providing an in-kind donation match of \$7790 for the use of their facility.
- Municipal order approved to apply for a grant in the amount of \$27,000 from the Kentucky Division of Waste Management to assist in the funding of the annual Spring Clean Up Day for 2012. If awarded, the City and County will each provide a match of \$4500.
- Ordinance approved for a change order on the contract with Sungard Public Sector for the property tax software used by the Finance Department. This change order increases the contract amount by \$1892.43 to a total of \$100,567.68. The change order is for travel expenses associated with the software training.



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- Ordinance approved for a contract with Kinsey's Lawn & Landscape for the mowing and trimming of city-owned lots. Paducah Parks Services is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of parks and city-owned property; however, during the spring and summer, contracted help is needed to assist in the maintenance of the properties. Kinsey will maintain property at a cost of \$20 per lot. The contract is for two years with up to three renewals of one year. Five companies provided sealed bids for the mowing contract.
- Ordinance approved for a contract with Kotter Ready Mix for concrete ready-mix to be used for various construction projects and street repair in the City. The contract is for the delivery of concrete and flowable fill per cubic yard.
- Ordinance introduced (vote March 22) to use grant funds in the amount of \$50,000 through the Kentucky Department of Local Government to purchase five recycle containers for use by the Recycle Now facility located at 1830 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The next Commission meeting will be March 22.

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