



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Ohio River Update

Paducah will notice a significant drop in the Ohio River by this weekend. The river level is expected to drop below 50 feet on Friday. Mayor Bill Paxton thanked the efforts by city staff, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the National Guard. Mayor Paxton says, "We are fortunate to have these organizations during this time of need."

American Red Cross, Paducah Area Chapter

Jessica Toren, Executive Director of the Paducah Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, updated the Mayor and Commission on the Chapter's response during the flooding. Toren says that more than two dozen people are staying at the shelter at Margaret Hank Memorial Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Red Cross has disaster assessment teams in the area; however, the teams are not able to reach some areas in their service area of Ballard, McCracken, and Livingston Counties due to the floodwaters. Toren says that so far they have verified flood damage to 150 homes in Livingston County, 36 in Ballard County, and 300-400 in McCracken County. Regarding the donation of cleaning supplies for the Stuff a Truck event, Toren says, "The Paducah community has been outstanding." Toren says three trucks were filled with supplies. In response to a question about the need for monetary donations, Toren says, "People have begun to help. So the message is getting out that we need help. We really need some big donors to keep this going."

Korean War Memorial

The Mayor and Commission approved a municipal order to provide \$15,000 toward the construction of the Korean War Veteran Memorial Monument. Commissioner Gayle Kaler is a member of the monument committee that has been working on the design and details for the monument. Commissioner Kaler says, "This is the reason we do this: to remember all the men who fought for our country." Former Commissioner Robert Coleman also is a member of the monument committee. Coleman says, "It's like any other war. People gave their lives in the name of freedom, and freedom costs." The monument will be placed at Dolly McNutt Plaza facing South 6th Street. The McCracken County Fiscal Court also has pledged \$15,000 toward the monument's construction. Chief Paducah American Legion Post 31 agrees to be in charge of the fundraising activities for the monument if the total cost of construction exceeds \$30,000. Donations can be sent to

American Legion
Attn: Korean War Monument
425 Legion Drive
Paducah, KY 42003-1401

Demolition of Hotel on Irvin Cobb Drive

The Mayor and Commission approved an ordinance for a contract in the amount of \$33,900 with Jones Excavating/Demolishing for the demolition of the old Quality Inn, also known as the Economy Inn, located at 1379 Irvin Cobb Drive. The hotel has been condemned since October 2008. The property has been in litigation for the past two years. The month, the court gave the City permission to move forward with the demolition.



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Quick Highlights:

- Municipal order approved for the residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan for the Jackson House elevator project. This plan is required as part of the Community Development Block Grant.
- Ordinance approved accepting the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services Safety Grant award in the amount \$6000. The funds will be used to purchase personal protective equipment and for registration to KMESHA. This grant requires a cash match of \$7225.
- Ordinance approved accepting the bid in the amount of \$41,620 from Minter Roofing to replace the roof on Fire Station #3 (1421 Friedman Lane).
- Ordinance approved outlining the project budget and fund maintenance for the Jackson House elevator project.
- Ordinance introduced (vote May 24) to adopt the procurement code for the Jackson House elevator project.
- Ordinance introduced (vote May 24) to purchase and program 15 portable radios for the Police Department at a cost of \$21,600.
- Ordinance introduced (vote May 24) to purchase eight digital in-car cameras for the Police Department at a cost of \$38,360.

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