



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Banterra Bank Construction Line of Credit (vote November 13)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance to execute a contract with Banterra Bank for a construction line of credit not to exceed \$900,000. Proposals were received from CF&B, Independence Bank, FNB, and Banterra Bank with Banterra submitting the lowest interest rate of 2.95% fixed. The funds will be used for the construction of seven homes in the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood for low to moderate-income families. As each home is sold, the borrowed money plus interest will be paid back to Banterra Bank by the new homeowner. Before construction begins on each home, the City is required to have a pre-qualified buyer. Three future homeowners have been pre-qualified to date. In July 2012, the City accepted the funding agreement in the amount of \$309,500 for the Kentucky Housing Corporation's 2012 HOME grant. This homeowner assistance grant will be used to help build the seven new single-family homes.

Tent City Missions Building Discussion

Tent City Missions is the current owner of the church building located at 1901 Bridge Street in Paducah. Tent City Missions is planning to use the facility to offer activities and classes to help homeless folks get back on their feet in addition to regular church services. Bob Kelley, who lives in the neighborhood, provided the Mayor and Commissioners a petition signed by approximately 250 people who don't want the building to be used by Tent City Missions. However, the church building is located in a B-1 (Convenience and Service) Zone, and a church is a principally permitted use of land in this zone. If Tent City Missions planned to use the building as a shelter, then the organization would need to apply for a Conditional Use Permit with the Board of Adjustment after the matter is heard by the Planning Commission at a public hearing.

Quick Highlights:

- Mayor Bill Paxton presented a proclamation to Tony Schaeffer proclaiming November 2012 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.
- Mayor Bill Paxton presented a proclamation to Audra Lee proclaiming October 22-26, 2012 as National Business Women's Week.
- Presentations were made to the following five businesses as recipients of the Civic Beautification Board's 2012 Annual Business Awards: Midtown Market, Bluegrass Dermatology, Shandie's/Artisan Kitchen, Chip Wynn Motors, and Paducah Power System.
- Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce Lobbyist, John Cooper, made a brief presentation to the Mayor and Commissioners. He has worked with the community for 16 years and says that the next two years will be challenging as the community faces a transition period with the Paducah gaseous diffusion plant.
- Municipal order approved to provide employees who opt out of the City's group health insurance but can show proof of coverage under a spouse's employer-sponsored health insurance plan an employer contribution/waiver credit of \$2850. This credit is reduced 5 percent as compared to last year's credit of \$3000.
- Ordinance approved authorizing an agreement between the City and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide administrative services related to the City's health insurance plan.



- Ordinance approved authorizing an agreement between the City of Paducah and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for stop loss insurance. The insurance protects the City from catastrophic health insurance claims.
- Ordinance introduced (vote November 13) to accept the grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the MetLife Foundation. The award recognizes the partnerships between the Planning Department, Police Department, and the Midtown Alliance of Neighbors to revitalize the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood. No local match is required. The funds will be used to hire a part-time community liaison, purchase a trailer for the radar detector, purchase computers for the after-school program at the Paducah Recreation Center, and training.
- Ordinance introduced (vote November 13) to accept the grant in the amount of \$2500 from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Foundation. No local match is required. The Foundation contributes to organizations for a variety of educational projects and programs. The funding will assist the Paducah Police Department in providing the Junior Citizens' Police Academy twice a year to area youth ages 13 to 17. The Junior CPA is a three day academy that includes classroom lectures and hands-on activities. The first Junior CPA was held July 2012.
- City Manager Jeff Pederson says the City's Information Technology Department is working on the development of a citizen request management system which would allow citizens to ask questions and make reports using the City's website. The information would be tracked internally using the GIS system.

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