

CITY OF CROSSGATE  
MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2008  
T.J. UNITARIAN CHURCH ANNEX

The meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Elizabeth Gray and Commissioners Ben Allgeier, John Lepping and Sharron Hilbrecht were present. The city Treasurer Tom Elmes and city Clerk Susan Dotson were also present along with five city residents. Commissioner Bobby Hazen was absent.

The minutes for July were approved as written first by Commissioner Lepping and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Allgeier. All approved.

The Treasurers report was also approved as written. Treasurer Elmes gave an explanation as to why funds looked out of order. This was due to another Certificate of deposit and money market still out standing. He will look into this with Stock Yards Bank. The next meeting should reflect all funds. He reported no out of the ordinary expenses.

The city Clerk was asked to explain to council what has been going on with Frankfort concerning the road fund and our city financials. The Clerk explained she had been in contact with Linda Lilly at GOLD in Frankfort and all the paperwork Frankfort requested has been sent. The Clerk also stated she has made note for a follow up call to Frankfort to make sure all is in order so the city will start receiving our road funds again. The Clerk also informed council that if our expenses or income go to 75,000.00 or over we must report our financials to Frankfort in a different manner.

Commissioner Hilbrecht asked the Treasurer if when administrations change in January he would give the new Commissioners a mini lesson or two on how to read the monthly financial report. He said he would.

#### Commissioner's Reports

Commissioner Lepping stated no new information on Waste Management. He did say we should start looking into getting a snow removal agreement with someone soon since winter will be here in a few months and if no new agreement is suitable we will stick with Korfage.

Commissioner Hilbrecht said the picnic is a go unless the weather gets to hot again. Our last city picnic is scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Hilbrecht said the yard sale for September was still a go and will sent out advertising and more information, as the time gets closer. It was decided that the yard sale signs would have the time from 8-1.

The Commissioners reviewed the information Mayor Gray sent out earlier about development and maintenance of the city web site. Commissioners agreed the price of less than a thousand a year and a 5-year agreement was reasonable. The web developer also has suggested he would add a newsletter on line. The council thought that was a nice addition. The Mayor said she would find out the cost of printing an actual newsletter. A motion was passed to do the web-site development first by Commissioner Hilbrecht and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lepping.

Commissioner Allgeier said if the council agrees he can call the mailbox company and let them know we are ready to go. Commissioner Allgeier said the company needs about 1/3 of the money up front before installation and that once notified it will take them about 2 weeks before they start replacing mailboxes.

Commissioner Allgeier also said, as the time gets closer he will notify the Lyndon Post Office of what is going on in the city so as not to confuse the mail carrier. It was decided all mailboxes would have white house numbers on them. The city will offer the Kinmans free mailboxes and encourage them that the act is for neighborhood appreciation. Also some residents have brick mailboxes and they must be removed. The company we are using for the new installation of mailboxes will not remove brick boxes. The council decided they would contact one of the city residents, Larry Anderson, and see if he could or if he knew of anyone who would remove the brick boxes for us. The city council will divide the city into sections and each will be assigned certain houses to collect new mailbox preferences since we will have a choice of three different ones.

Mayor Gray and Commissioner Lepping will contact the church about the possibility of purchasing a piece of their unused land for Crossgate City green space. Commissioner Allgeier stated we may also want to contact KABA to see if they wanted to sell off their back lot and depending on price may want to split the cost with Graymoor-Devondale and both cities could use the green space. It was also suggested that we might want to contact Frankfort about the back lot instead of a local contact since the property is owned by the state.

Commissioner Allgeier also reported on the entranceways. On the Warrington side we need to replace some bushes that have died due to over watering. The cost for replacement will be about \$600.00. He has also been in contact with a couple of companies on how to fix our drainage problem on the Warrington side. Three methods were proposed.

One: have a French drain installed, however he believed this would not create enough fall and the water will still not drain properly.

Two: have a berm built. This will cost about 1500.00-2000.00 but the water should drain enough as not to be stagnant like it is now.

Three: Build a drainage ditch which would be more expensive and more elaborate than method # two but he will get cost on that also for the September meeting. Commissioner Allgeier believed that the berm method should work and is affordable. The irrigation on the Warrington side is also set to high because the city does not have a key to reduce the water flow. Commissioner Allgeier will have a locksmith come out and make a new key so we can reduce the water flow. Also a resident asked if we could plant crepe myrtles at the front entrances? The council said they thought that could be done.

For tree landscaping the cost will be about 5 thousand dollars per side. The evergreens can be planted this fall and the cherry trees will probably be planted in the spring unless the nursery can find cherry trees that are suitable this late in the season.

Depending on cost the city will do both the mailbox project and the landscaping. If however the city feels the cost is too much it was decided we would do the mailboxes first and the landscaping next year. The treasurer was asked to look into how much it would cost if the city did both projects this year.

A home maintenance letter was sent out to one resident on August 1<sup>st</sup>. As of August 11 the city has not heard from the resident.

The Midlands grass cutting has been done, however the new owner said he only had to mow 50 feet from any residences and that is what he did. This action has left a lot of the field unmowed. The city said they would send a letter to Mr. Jonathan Blue expressing how disappointed they are that he did only the minimum required and had hoped for a better good neighbor relationship.

Mayor Gray said as of August 11, 2008 only 4 persons had filed to run for Commissioner and she was the only one who filed to run for Mayor. Commissioner Lepping will put his paper work in on August 12, 2008 so he may run for Commissioner again.

Mayor Gray will not be at the September meeting and Commissioner Lepping will be acting Mayor Pro-tem.

Adjourned 8:39 p.m.

Susan Dotson  
City Clerk