

CITY OF CROSSGATE

THOMAS JEFFERSON UNITARIAN CHURCH ANNEX

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012

The meeting came to order at 7:01 p.m. Present at the meeting were Mayor Kirk Hilbrecht, Commissioners Bobby Hazen, John Lepping, Larry Kirschenbaum and Anne Stanley Hoffman. Also present were Treasurer Tom Elmes, Clerk Susan Dotson, and eleven City residents.

The minutes for the regular meeting of July 9th and the minutes for the special meeting of July 14th were approved, first by Commissioner Hazen and second by Commissioner Lepping all in favor.

The Treasurer's report for July was presented by Treasurer Tom Elmes. The July report was standard. The Treasurer did point out the following, the past due road funds have still not been received, however, the appropriate paper works has been filed, and the funds should arrive soon. The annual insurance has been paid in full for another year. Also no property or insurance tax deposits are reflected in this month's report because these monies are received and are posted quarterly. The report was approved first by Commissioner Hazen and second by Commissioner Kirschenbaum all in favor.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS

Per Commissioner Lepping, he will contact Waste Management to see if the City can get new waste cans and recycle bins, it has been about 10 years since the current cans and bins have been replaced and they are starting to deteriorate.

Treasurer Elmes stated that the City received a new invoice from Class-A-Lawn Services which reflected the standard price agreed upon, there was not additional fuel service charge requested.

The City has contacted Neel-Schaffer for any additional information they may have on the Watterson-Brownsboro ingress ramp study, however the more detailed study has been cancelled. The point is moot for the ramp construction is currently in progress. The current fees owed to Neel-Schaffer for the work completed is plus or minus \$350.00. However the in-depth study for the cost of \$3,500.00 has been cancelled. In additions the City had contracted with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. for an supplementary traffic impact study for the cost of \$5000.00 that contract has also been cancelled, due to the fact that the road work is already in progress. The Jacobs study had not even been started when it was cancelled.

Per Commissioner Hazen, the City has one new family that has moved in, they have two children and two more homes in the City will be going on the market soon.

Per Commissioner Hoffman, the City wide garage sale held on 8-4-2012 from 8:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. did not have many participants, and she suggest before the City has the yard sale next year that the City take an interest survey to see if the City wide sale is still viable. However, the new sale date in August seems to be better than the September date.

The new City email list has been transferred to the Commissioner and City Clerk.

Per Commissioner Kirschenbaum, New Eagle Signs located on Liberty street has come out to the City and did a survey of what our City needs are for new street signage. New Eagle signs will send the City photos of street signs they think might be appropriate for the City needs and possible send over a few sample signs for the Commissioners to view so they can narrow down the choices. Then after the choices have been narrowed down a photo list will be sent out to residents to collect their thoughts.

VA MEDICAL CENTER UPDATE

Mayor Kirk Hilbrecht has been invited to attend a local VA meeting August 15, 2012. The Mayor advised the Commission that if the City wants a separate meeting with the VA it can be arranged. If the City request a separate meeting the VA request that questions be put in writing. Mayor Hilbrecht means to attend the August 15th meeting which will focus on the master plan for the new proposed site at the old Midlands..

The City had signup sheets available to residents for carpooling to the August 15th if they have transportation needs.

Mayor Hilbrecht explained to the residents in attendance what is going on with the City in connection/relation to hiring an attorney to represent the City concerning VA medical center issues.

Commissioner Hazen has requested that the City Clerk start taking roll call.

THOMAS JEFFERSON CHURCH DEVELOPMENT:

- Thomas Jefferson Church is trying to maintain their property better. They plan on hiring a firm Ecotech to ride their back property of evasive plants.
- Thomas Jefferson Church has requested that the City of Crossgate assist with the financial cost in light of the fact that the residents of Crossgate use and have benefited from the use of that property for years.
- Thomas Jefferson Church may be selling off a portion of their back property and will give the City of Crossgate the first right of refusal. In addition if the City does purchases the property a portion of the cost the city has incurred in assisting the Church with riding the property of evasive plants will be applied to reduce the purchase price.

- The evasive plant project is a three year project and the first year full cost is \$4,765.00 the total cost is projected to be around \$7,650.00
- The City will look into the possible expenses incurred if the property is secured.
- This will be the last year for Thomas Jefferson Church to host Art in the Arbor.
- The evasive plant project is for killing evasive plants only not replanting.
- Church volunteers will clear out the dead vegetation.
- If the City was to purchase the property what would the cost of maintenance and insurance be to the City?

Commissioner Lepping made a motion to confirm and commit to cover the first year cost of Ecotech for the evasive plant project and the cost would not be reflected as a donation. There was no second the motion did not pass.

An extended discussion then took place and the motion was amended.

New motion: by Commissioner Lepping, the Commission of Crossgate will allocate funds in correct and appropriate manner of \$4,765.00 to assist in the evasive plant project on the Thomas Jefferson Church property. Second by Commissioner Kirshenbaum all in favor passed.

Per Mayor Hilbrecht, the City does not have a contract with Hartcourt- Conway for the City web site; Hartcourt-Conway will present the City with a new proposal.

Commissioner Hazen made a motion to elect a Mayor Pro-Tem until the end of the calendar year if Mayor Hilbrecht could not attend meetings Commissioner Hazen nominated Commissioner Hoffman, Commissioner Lepping second all approved.

OPEN FORUM

A resident stated that if the city is getting new street signs that the City should also look into its lighting needs.

Resident Mike Yeager presented the Commission with information from the VA Colorado Health Care System, Orlando Va. Medical Center and the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System. Then presented a draft he drew up to the Commission on how he thought the new VA medical Center project would appear on the Midlands property.

Adjourned at 8:42 p.m., first by Commissioner Kirschenbaum and second by Commissioner Hoffman.

City Clerk

Susan Dotson