

**CITY OF CROSSGATE MEETING**  
**THOMAS JEFFERSON UNITARIAN CHURCH ANNEX**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011**

The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. Present at the meeting were Mayor Dan Grimm, Commissioners John Lepping, Larry Kirschenbaum, Anne Stanley Hoffman and Bobby Hazen, Treasurer Tom Elmes, Clerk Susan Dotson, and two special guests and one resident.

The December minutes were approved as written, first by Commissioner Hazen and second by Commissioner Lepping.

Special guest Tyler Glick presented information on why the Midlands property would be a good location to build the prospective VA Medical Center. A question-and-answer session then followed. Mr. Glick explained the project is currently in Phase-Two of an environmental study being conducted on all remaining sites up for consideration. Mr. Glick also explained that the Public Affairs office would hold a public meeting concerning the project roughly 8-9 months from now. An exact date has not yet been set for the meeting. Five sites are currently being considered for the VA Medical Center, and the Midlands property is one of these sites. Mr. Glick said he would keep the Commission updated on the status of the project.

Mr. Bill Conway with Harcourt Interactive was our next special guest. Harcourt Interactive is the company that maintains the City's web site. Mr. Conway discussed ways the City might self-maintain the web site. Items such as amending, posting articles, information updates and more were discussed. He also informed the Commission of a software program, Constant Contact, which could help the City better distribute information to its residents. This software can be used for mass emails concerning road closing, snow removal, event reminders etc. Mr. Conway and the City Clerk will set up a date for web site self-maintenance training this month.

Commissioner Lepping presented Ex-Mayor Libby Gray with a thank-you gift in recognition for all the hard work and devotion she has given the City these past two years.

The Treasurer's report, given by Treasurer Tom Elmes, was approved, first by Commissioner Hazen and second by Commissioner Lepping.

Treasurer Elmes reported that the city still has 4 residents which have not yet paid their City property tax. Reminder letters will be sent out shortly. The City also received an unusually large check from National Union Fire Insurance Company which the Treasurer will look into to verify the funds are actually for the City. Treasurer Elmes also informed the Commission that the City has received the funds from the old PNC bank account.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner Lepping presented an invoice from Class A Lawn and Landscaping for payment. Commissioner Lepping also recommended that the City use another service company to install Holiday decorations next year. He will get the City's lights back from the old company. Commissioner Lepping also has another invoice from Class A Lawn and Landscaping for bush replacement which he did not authorize. He will contact the company for clarification before presenting the invoice for payment.

Commissioner Hoffman will review and update resident's email addresses for the new City Directory.

Commissioner Kirschenbaum stated he has started work on the new City Directory. Commissioner Kirschenbaum also informed the Commission that the "No Solicitation" signs are not up yet as he is still waiting on poles.

Commissioner Hazen stated the City has one home up for sale.

The Commission reviewed the monthly police report from Graymoor-Devondale police department. Mayor Grimm will contact Police Chief Grady Throneberry and invite him to our next meeting to explain the specifics of their monthly police reports. Police Chief Throneberry will also speak about an article Commissioner Kirschenbaum referred to regarding the Graymoor-Devondale Reach -Out Program.

Mayor Grimm will follow up with our city attorney John Singler about the proposed ordinance for building permit review.

Adjourned 8:39 p.m. First by Commissioner Kirschenbaum, and second by Commissioner Lepping.

Susan Dotson

City Clerk