

CITY OF CROSSGATE
MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2009
T.J. UNITARIAN CHURCH ANNEX

The meeting came to order at 7:05 p.m. Mayor Libby Gray and Commissioners John Lepping, Bobby Hazen and Larry Kirschenbaum were present along with Treasurer Tom Elmes and Clerk Susan Dotson. There was one resident present ex-commissioner Ben Allgeier.

The minutes from December 2008 were approved, 1st by Commissioner Hazen 2nd by Commissioner Lepping. All approved.

The Treasurer's report for December 2008 was also approved, 1st by Commissioner Hazen 2nd by Commissioner Kirschenbaum. Treasurer Elmes did state all property tax has been received except one and that resident has been sent a reminder notice. Since the funds are in CD's Tom will check on rates to see what would prove helpful for the city. In addition Mayor Gray and the Treasurer will have a meeting with Ben Thomas to check on possible investments for the city.

Old Business

Commissioner Lepping stated that the roads have already been salted twice this winter season, however at the time of the meeting we have not yet received a bill.

Commissioner Lepping also stated it is time to get notices together for the garbage bids, our current contract expires June 30, 2009.

Installation of our new mailboxes has begun and should be finished within two weeks weather permitting.

Our Holiday decorations have been taken down and are now being stored.

Commissioner Hazen stated we still have three vacant homes in the city.

Mayor Gray discussed with council the information she collected from LMPD, including the additional service information they offer at extra cost. LMPD coverage for our area is about 80 square miles, 6-7 cars are out at a time. The most would be 11. LMPD confirmed that in no way would our service for Crossgate be hampered if we contracted with Grady Thorneberry's company. The extra services that LMPD offered was at the rate \$45.00 per hour and the service would be provided in 3-hour blocks with a minimum of 9 blocks per

month. LMPD would cost the city \$1215.00 per month with a 1 year contract, which is required. Grady Thorneberry's service is \$36.00 per hour with only a 30-day notice for cancellation.

Commissioner Kirschenbaum made a motion that the city contracts with Grady Thorneberry's service for a 3-month trial period. 1st by Commissioner Hazen and 2nd by Commissioner Lepping.

The Commissioners discussed distribution of duties for the next 2 years the following was decided.

Communications/Social Activities - Commissioner Hoffman

Contracts- Commissioner Lepping

Security/Greeting/Citizen relations- Commissioner Hazen

Long-term planning/phone Directory- Commissioner Kirschenbaum

Council also decided not to give flowers for deaths and thought the money would be better spent in creating a welcome package for new residents. Commissioner Kirschenbaum said he would look into collecting gift/discounts from local businesses to be added in the welcome package.

Adjourned 8:05 p.m. 1st Commissioner Hazen 2nd Commissioner Lepping

Susan Dotson
City Clerk