

CITY OF CROSSGATE  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 13 2008  
T.J. UNITARIAN CHURCH ANNEX

The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Elisabeth Gray and Commissioners Ben Allgeier, John Lepping, Sharron Hilbrecht and Bobby Hazen were present. The city Treasurer Tom Elmes and city Clerk Susan Dotson were also present along with 16 residents. The city also had a guest speaker State Representative Dr. Bob DeWeese.

Representative DeWeese addressed the Crossgate meeting, its members and residents. He informed us that our district was the fastest growing in the state and thanked everyone for letting him represent us.

Representative DeWeese spoke of a few items of interest to council and residents.

1. Westport road expansion and interchange is in progress and still scheduled for completion May 2010. An extra lane will be in place from the interchange to Hubbards and a sound wall will be put up.
2. A study is currently in progress for redesigning the interchange on 264 and 42. Some of the work is currently in progress and the current rerouting of traffic should be completed as schedule, as long as the weather holds up.
3. The Blues Brother project "Midlands" is on hold until the economy turns around.
4. He is working with Councilman Downard on the sidewalks along 22 and Holiday Manor.
5. Our district will have 3 Major Health Facilities in very close proximity of our small city and we must work hard on our infrastructure to keep up with demand.
6. There are 6 projects scheduled on Hwy 22 to the Hurstbourne intersection. Most are left hand turn lanes, some will be completed and others put on hold due to funding issues.
7. The state has passed a pension reform bill and they are working out the details. The new reforms will be for future workers. The pension reform bill passed is not for the state teachers, which are a separate issue and pension plan.

At this time Representative DeWeese was finished and left the meeting, everyone thanked him for his time and information. The time was 7:25 p.m. and the regular meeting began.

The minutes from September 2008 were approved, 1<sup>st</sup> by Commissioner Lepping and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hilbrecht. All approved.

The Treasurer's report for September 2008 was also approved, 1<sup>st</sup> by Commissioner Hazen and 2<sup>nd</sup>

by Commissioner Allgeier. All approved. Treasurer advised council that the tax bills have been mailed out and the report for September reflects standard income and expenses. He also informed council when the city does have special quest speakers and we use the main room we must pay the church an additional \$25.00 per meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Lepping stated we will work on the snow removal bids at November meeting.

Commissioner Hilbrecht said she thought the yard sale went well. Next year the council said they may shorten the hours for the yard sale to stop at 11 a.m. instead of 1 p.m. since most of the traffic had died down by then. And council still needs to decide if they want a standard date for the yard sale or not. The Halloween activities have been canceled for this year. Commissioner Hilbrecht also informed the residents that our new web site is up and running and if anyone wants to review it the site is [www.crossgateky.org](http://www.crossgateky.org). The web site has a feedback feature in which the feedback messages go to the Mayor and Commissioner Hilbrecht. Commissioner Hilbrecht also stated that the newsletter will be out next week and will be delivered to residents.

At this point a general discussion between council and residents occurred about the proposed mailbox ordinance. Residents expressed both pro and con reasons for have the mailboxes be mandatory. In the end the council decided not to have a mailbox ordinance at all. However, the council will pay to have new mailboxes put in if any resident wants one. There will be a selection of 3 boxes and the city will install the new box and remove the old one at no cost to the resident. The city will not pay for future maintenance.

Council then took a vote after a show of hands from the residents about the mailbox installation. Council voted that mailboxes will be installed for any resident who wants one at no cost to them if they pick one of the three boxes on our list. If however, a resident wants a larger box the cost would be \$30.00 to the resident. Commissioner Lepping made the proposal Commissioner Hilbrecht 2<sup>nd</sup> and all approved.

A resident asked about the flood plain survey, which is to be done on the Midlands project. The survey is on hold because the Midlands project is on hold due to the economy.

Commissioner Allgeier said the city only had one street light damaged due to the windstorm last month and he is working on a replacement. He also said he thought the city needed new Holiday decorations.

A resident inquired about the trash on 22 and council advised that we were working with Councilman Downard on that to see what might be able to be done.

Commissioner Hazen reported we have new residents in Grantham Court.

The Meena house has sold and the closing will be October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gray advised the residents we have a new city attorney John Singler  
Mayor Gray also informed the residents and council on police services she is working on for the city if the city should so choose to enlist the services of Grady Thorneberry. He is a retired police officer and his company works for many surrounding cities giving them additional police coverage, which Metro Louisville does not. Some of the information given to residents to consider is as follows.

1. They will provide a vacation watch, funerals and weddings
2. They will send a report to the residents after they return from vacation.
3. Unless advised otherwise, will patrol city 20-25 hours per month but will patrol as little as 10 hours if requested.
4. They work 24-7
5. The cost is \$36.00 per hour and billing is partly done with the aid of GPS locators.
6. 30 day cancellation notification
7. Cars are marked

Mayor Gray will request that Mr. Thorneberry attend our next meeting to answer any questions we may have.

A resident expressed his concern about the Chevron not maintaining it's property. Council advised we would be working with Northfield and BRAD to see if the situation can be resolved.

Adjourned 8:35 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> by Commissioner Hilbrecht and 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Allgeier.

City Clerk

Susan Dotson