

**City of Lakeview Heights
385 Circle Drive
Morehead, KY 40351**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

A meeting of the City Commission was held at the Robert Stivers Community Building with the following present:

Commissioner Members Present:

Sam Mason, Mayor
Tim Miller, Commissioner
Mark Blankenbuehler, Commissioner
James Hood, Commissioner

Others Present:

Amanda Mason, Clerk
Mark Phillips, Resident

Commissioner Members Absent:

Jim Fluty, Commissioner

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Mason called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Public Comments

Resident Mark Phillips joined the meeting to discuss the pipes underneath the most recently repaired portion of the road. He indicated that during the last large rain storm, the water on the other side of the new pipes backed up about 10 feet toward the Webb/Pierce homes. He suggested that the city aerate the pipes that would allow the oxygen to escape and the water to run more freely.

Mr. Phillips also brought up the vacant lots within the neighborhood, as well as the park, and proposed that the city create a 'Rainy Day Fund Tax' of \$50 per household per year. Within 12-15 years, that fund could reach over \$100,000. After the fund reaches \$100,000 the funds could be rebated as long as the fund was maintained at around \$100,000. He suggested that the money be placed into a special (set-aside) fund that could only be used for special projects or emergencies within the city.

Mr. Phillips feels that there may be approximately over 2,000 cubic feet of 'muck' that needs to be cleaned out of the pond and hauled away (approximately 200 truckloads). He calculated that it would cost between \$60,000-\$200,000 to take care of the pond's muck. He is also concerned about the flooding caused by the increasing amount of muck that is accumulating in the bottom of the pond. Mr. Phillips volunteered to throw in \$5,000 toward fixing the pond upon the condition that others who live near the pond give a similar amount of money.

Mr. Phillips volunteered to help write a grant to help with fixing the pond, if a legitimate lending/grant agency could be recommended. Mayor Mason directed Mr. Phillips to KLC, but indicated that most grants require matching funds for completion.

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting 7/1/2021

Commissioner Blankenbuehler made a grammatical correction to the meeting minutes and made a motion to accept the meeting minutes with the noted changes. Commissioner Miller made a second to the motion, and the motion carried.

Special Called Meeting 7/17/2021

Commissioner Blankenbuehler made a motion to accept the Special Called Meeting Minutes from 7/17/2021. Commissioner Hood made a second to the motion, and the motion carried.

Old Business

City Yard Sale Update

Clerk Mason reported that the second city-wide yard sale (a rain date alternative) was a success. Around 8 houses participated and were pleased to have been offered an alternative date.

Mowing/Maintenance Update/Discussion

Mayor Mason already obtained the quote from Mr. Bush regarding what he would charge for mowing. Mayor Mason also said he was going to walk the property with another mowing provider who may put in a bid, as well. Commissioner Blankenbuehler indicated he would be willing to volunteer to mow any needed areas.

Insurance Quote for Commissioners/Mayor

Clerk Mason shared the quote from KCL for General Liability Insurance (\$1,830.13) and Public Officials Insurance (\$1,830.14). She expressed concern that she was not convinced that it would cover what we were looking for it to cover. Mayor Mason asked the Clerk to contact Diane Collins from KFB to get a detailed explanation of our current policy to determine what is currently covered.

Road Fund Account

The Road Fund Account has been moved to Whitaker Bank. (The old account held at First Federal Savings and Loan has been closed.) Clerk Mason let Commissioner Miller know that he needed to stop by the Whitaker Bank branch to complete the signature card for the Road Fund Savings Account and the CARES Act account.

Tax Compensation Rate

Clerk Mason reported that the 0.1100 tax rate adopted at the last meeting did not exceed the tax compensation rate (per formula sheet).

City Building Clean-Up Update

Roof – Mark suggested perhaps contacting the insurance company to determine if an adjustor could come out and determine if the damage to the roof could have been caused by a storm, etc.

Clerk Mason reported that clean-up inside of the building was on-going. Files are being moved, sorted, etc.

Mayor Mason indicated that a new light will need to be installed in the storage closet. Commissioner Blankenbuehler suggested that we purchase the paint to paint the inside of the storage closet, as well. Purchase a color close to what it already is, but try to find a more durable paint. Mayor Mason suggested using a light gray to help hid scuff marks on the wall. Commissioner Blankenbuehler will purchase the paint and will help Jane Miller. Commissioner Hood made a motion to allocate \$50 to purchased painting supplies to paint the interior of the storage closet. Commissioner Blankenbuehler made a second to the motion, and the motion carried.

New Business

Treasurer's Report

Clerk Mason presented July's Financial Report. Commissioner Miller made a motion to accept the July Financial Report. Commissioner Hood made a second to the motion, and the motion carried.

ARPA Funding

Mayor Mason reported that we had to create a new banking account to put the money into. There are very few things that we can use those funds for. He indicated that for the City of Lakeview Heights we may be able to use that funding to help get a jump on broadband infrastructure. These funds could possibly be used to help fund the hook-ups on homes or perhaps fund half of the hook-up charge per household.

Clerk Mason indicated that it was mentioned to her that the ARPA funds could possibly be used to help with roof repairs. Commissioner Blankenbuehler inquired as to whether or not the funds could be used to also help fix issues with drainage pipes under the dam.

Rowan County Covid Cases/Positivity Rate

Mayor Mason shared the current COVID positivity rates with the commission. He shared the state online dashboard with the commission as well. He reminded the commission that while in our city building, masks must be worn.

Building Rental Discussion

Based on current COVID positivity rates and guidance by the Governor's office, Mayor Mason suggested that it would probably be best to postpone opening the building up for rental and consider it on a month-by-month basis going forward.

Distribution of Masks, Sanitizer, etc.

Because the city still has a large amount of PPE, it would be best for us to go ahead and distribute another round of supplies to residents. Mayor Mason will work on putting bags together this weekend.

Fall Commissioners Meeting Dates

Mayor Mason has a Thursday night class; therefore, he stated some meeting dates/times may have to be adjusted.

Residents' Cat Complaints

Several residents have complained about cats within the neighborhood that are roaming freely, having babies, and using the bathroom in other residents' yards. Commissioner Miller suggested perhaps providing a list of 'cat away' solutions for residents who do not wish for cats to roam their property. The commission would like to encourage residents to be mindful of their pets and work toward solutions to resolve neighbor cat issues.

Delinquent Property Taxes

Clerk Mason reported that there were still three outstanding (delinquent) 2020 Property Tax bills. All three residents had been sent a letter, and Clerk Mason had heard back from two of the three. One planned on sending the payment ASAP, while the other was not very kind and insinuated that they had already paid. The resident, who owns two pieces of property, had paid ONE property tax bill, but not the other (formerly owned by Gary Adkins).

Dump Area Clean-Up Request

Mayor Mason shared an email the city received requesting the city's help in cleaning up the dump area near the second entrance of Lakeview Height off of US 60. He will send the email to Harry Clark and the solid waste director.

Adjournment

With no further business pending and through unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43.

Sam Mason, Mayor

Amanda Mason, City Clerk/Treasurer