

**MINUTES of REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF DRAKESBORO
Held October 21, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Drakesboro, Kentucky met in a regular session in the City Community Center, Drakesboro, Kentucky, at 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2019.

Mayor Mike Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jones.

Mayor Jones led council in prayer.

Roll Call: Larry Shrodes, Tex Allen, Scott Newman, Joe Studer, Chadd Davis, Frank Schmautz, and Mayor Mike Jones. All were present.

Karen Ward gave the financial report. Karen explained that the CPA that did our audit last year had sent her a letter stating that they would not be able to do our audit this year. She explained that they would need to bid that out to CPAs to get that done.

Kathy Garrett read the minutes from the September regular meeting Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes. Joe Studer made motion. Chadd Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Kathy Garrett read the minutes from the Special Meeting on October 9, 2019. Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes. Frank Schmautz made a motion to accept minutes with corrections. Larry Shrodes seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Kathy Garrett read minutes from the Quarterly Water minutes. Mayor invited all members of council to attend.

Mayor summarized the minutes from the Chicken House owners. The agreement was 10.90/cubic feet of gas with 60 day cycle before fees and penalties post on the account. Frank Schmautz questioned the accuracy of meters. Dee Sims explained to the council that he and Marvin Anderson each read the meters separately and compare their readings. If they do not match the reread the meter.

Mayor introduced more information regarding the pumps that was discussed during the Special Meeting on October 14, 2019 for the council to review.

Mayor called for a motion to accept the new employee handbook which was passed out in the last meeting. Larry Shrodes made motion to accept new employee handbook. Scott Newman seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Kathy Garrett read the minutes from the Special Meeting on October 14, 2019. Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes. Frank Schmautz made a motion to accept minutes with corrections. Joe Studer seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Mayor asked the council if they would like to move on the 431 properties. Frank Schmautz stated he felt the council needed to review the ethics of the city. Frank Schmautz made a motion to table the issue for further information and discussion at a later time. Chadd Davis seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Mayor called for public comments and Roger Frazier said he had noticed on the agenda that the Mayor wanted to recommend dedicating the Simmons Street Park to Reggie Warford Park, but wanted to clarify for the council that the name of the park was Drakesboro Community Park and not Simmons Street Park. However, he wanted to express his approval for the dedication and name change to Reggie Warford Park.

Roger Frazier then expressed concerns over giving commercial rate cuts. Frazier expressed his opinion that rate cuts were not necessary to do business in the city. The Mayor explained that the customer in question uses 500,000 gallons per month and has expressed the desire to stay on city water even though he has other water options such as Muhlenberg County Water and well water on his property. Frazier asked if the holders of the cities loans had set a specific rate the city was to adhere to. Mayor stated he did not think so. Frazier asked if the rate from Muhlenberg County water decreased as the amount bought by the city increased. Mayor stated that it did not.

Terry Schmautz stated that if the city was going to adjust one person's bill, they should be willing to adjust everyone's bill.

Joe Studer stated that since Mr. Gregory was already getting a break at \$11.84/1000 and did not feel that there should be a further reduction to 8.74/1000. Frank Schmautz explained to the council that for the chicken farms it was necessary to keep them on the gas service since they had locked in a similar rate for conversion to propane. requested the matter be tabled for further discussion.

George Humphreys, a citizen, questioned the terms of the loan that was mentioned in prior discussion. Karen Ward explained that the loan included a prior loan that had had a balloon payment which had come due and a certain bills that were paid with the loan: RussMar, Vanguard, Consolidated Pipe, and any other outstanding bills. Frank Schmautz explained that we were in the process of putting funds back into our depreciation accounts. Collateral for the loan was the city building and the mini excavator. Loan terms are 70 months at 5% interest.

John Steele, a citizen, asked the council to use the alleyway at his house to park an RV from November 1-December 1, 2019. Dee Simms clarified for the council that this alleyway was not essential for utilities management. Frank Schmautz made a motion to allow Mr. Still to use this alleyway to park his RV as long as it does not go past December 1st. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Mark Revlette requested that a ditch owned by his father, Jimmy Revelette, be cleaned out by the city. Motion was made by Tex Allen to clean out ditch, Frank Schmautz seconded motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Mayor Jones asked Kathy Garrett to explain the citizen satisfaction survey. Cynthia Schmautz, a citizen, requested that the surveys be made to the public in paper form. Both Mayor and Kathy Garrett agreed that the survey could be made available in the front office in paper form.

Mayor called for a motion to approve the dedication and renaming of Simmons Street Park to Reggie Warford Park. Frank Schmautz made motion to dedicate and rename park to Reggie Warford Park. Scott Newman seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Mayor stated for council that the city would need to post bids for the roads in the newspaper and let them know that soon the city would need to replace the tires on the dump truck. Mayor also told council that he was in the process of finding someone to clean the city building.

Mayor explained to the council that there was a group of woman who had the desire for permission to form a community planning committee who would be planning various special events for the community including the Harvest Festival on October 26, 2019, in the future.

Mayor let the council know that Job Corps would be moving in heavy equipment in the next week in order to tear down properties in the city limits.

Mayor told the council that KRWA was conducting a sustainability assessment for the city and would bring those results to the council when available.

Mayor asked for motion to get rid of the flat rate for English RV park when no one was present. After discussion, council all agreed that the flat rate \$60/month for 30 meters was reasonable. No motion. Council agreed that English RV should have to pay flat rate even if no one was present in the park.

Mayor mentioned that there had been an opportunity for someone to dump flash product at the old Primary Recovery site, but since there were still questions on the deeds regarding that land that this deal seemed to not be possible at this time.

Mayor requested a motion to make the pole that was being installed and paid for by funds raised by the Community Planning Committee for the Harvest Festival be made a permanent pole for the city to use for future events. Frank Schmautz stated that he felt the city council needed more information before they could make a decision. Mayor suggested they gather the information and hold a special meeting to decide before KU comes to take the temporary service back down.

Mayor told the council that there would be a representative from the US Census Bureau at the next regular meeting to explain for the community the importance of filling out the census.

Mayor told the council that the city was in the 3rd quarter of testing for the year. Mayor asked this week for the Agreed Order to be lifted.

Mayor asked for motion to make a lifetime adjustment on Bryan Buchanon's bill. Tex Allen made a motion to make the adjustment. Chadd Davis seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Mayor told the council that right now the city has no water losses. Mayor told the council that the water and sewer engineers had introduced a grant for \$30,000 for an assessment, but any projects identified would have to be completed using a Rural Development loan at an interest of 2.5%. Joe Studer stated that he was concerned about the restrictions that if \$50,000 worth of projects were identified the city would be required to take out a \$50,000 loan. Frank Schmautz made a motion to table the grant for more information and further discussion. Chadd Davis seconded motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion to table for further discussion passes..

Mayor introduced to council the petition started by residents for the addition of speed bumps to Ricedale Circle once it is repaved. Council agreed that it can be hard to see children around parked vehicles.

Mayor asks council for permission to pay Nick's Pest Control. Frank Schmautz makes a motion to pay invoice. Scott Newman seconds motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes to pay Nick's Pest Control.

Mayor asks Josh Duvall from Vanguard to introduce to the council a newly negotiated contract to pay them. Terms are \$52,000, no interest, no penalties to be paid in full in June 2020. If city falls behind on payments, the contract reverts to the original contract which includes an extra \$5,000, which is being waived and all penalties and fees associated. Joe Studer stated his approval as long as the city had the money and they were sure they would not fall behind.

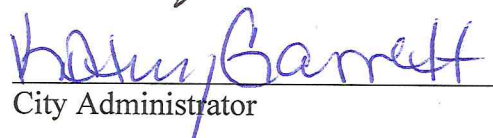
Mayor called for a motion to sign contract with Vanguard. Frank Schmautz made a motion to enter into new contract terms. Larry Shrodes seconded motion. Council voted, Chadd Davis opposed. Motion passes to for council to enter into and sign new contract with Vanguard.

Josh Duvall requested that the council amend the budget to reflect the payment for this contract. Mayor agreed that the financial manager would have the amended budget for the council to vote on in the next regular meeting.

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Frank Schmautz made a motion to adjourn. Chadd Davis seconded motion to adjourn. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



City Administrator