

City of Crittenden
City Council Meeting
Crittenden City Meeting
August 6, 2019
7 p.m.

Council for the City of Crittenden met for its regular meeting with the following present:

Mayor Camilla “Kay” Patton; Councilperson Joseph Dusing; Councilperson Paula Lowery; Councilperson Jennifer Thurman- Humphrey; Councilperson Todd Roberts; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo; City Attorney Alex Edmondson; City Council Legal Counsel Pete Whaley; Grant County Sheriff Brian Maines; Fire Chief Lee Burton; Crittenden Code Enforcement Officer Wanda Hammons; City PR Representative Donna Duley. Absent: Councilperson Danny Martin. Guest: See sign in sheet which is attached to the minutes.

Mayor Patton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilperson Jennifer Thurman-Humphrey asked to add the executive session to the agenda.

Councilperson Joe Dusing suggested that council get together at another time to discuss what to do with the house and property at 208 N Main Street.

Councilperson Humphrey ask if we needed to discuss the cleaning of the city building and extra hours of the public relations.

Motion by Councilperson Paula Lowery, seconded by Earlene Stumbo to approve the agenda with the addition to go into executive session. The vote was: Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey –yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Paula Lowery – yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –yes; Councilperson Danny Martin –absent; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Humphrey made a motion to add to the minutes the question to the mayor and the city treasurer that Councilperson Dusing asked if there was anything unusual with the financial statement and he was told no.

Mayor Patton informed council that Miss. Megan was off this week on vacation. Donna Duley the Assistant City Clerk would be filling in for Megan.

Motion by Councilperson Paula Lowery to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilperson Todd Roberts. The vote was: Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey –yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Paula Lowery – yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –yes; Councilperson Danny Martin –absent; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Humphrey has questions regarding the treasurer’s report. She asked for copies of the credit card statements to be in the council packets monthly. Councilperson Humphrey feels

like the line items from the financial statements aren't clear and council needs to be notified which line item it comes out of.

Motion by Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey to table the approval of this motion until we get those clarifications, and we table it until next month meeting that would give the treasurer time to address it.

Mayor Patton asked Councilperson Humphrey if she wanted all line items. Councilperson Humphrey wants it clarified which line item these payments are being made out of. Mayor Patton said she would inform the treasurer.

Motion by Councilperson Humphrey to table the approval of the treasurer report, seconded by Councilperson Paula Lowery. The vote was: Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey –yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Paula Lowery – yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –yes; Councilperson Danny Martin –absent; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Patton asked which councilmember would like to read the proposed summary of council ordinance. Councilperson Todd Roberts said he would read it. Mayor Patton asked Councilperson Roberts if he had the reading of the summary of the ordinance. Councilperson Roberts said he didn't have it. Mayor Patton asked if there is any councilmember that has the proposed ordinance in front of them that could give a summary of the ordinance for the 2nd reading. Councilperson Dusing said give him a second and he would get it and read it.

Motion by Councilperson Joe Dusing, seconded by Councilperson Paula Lowery to approve Ordinance 274-2019 regarding cost of copies. The vote was: Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey –yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Paula Lowery – yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –yes; Councilperson Danny Martin –absent; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey summarized the ordinance # 275-2019 regarding the salary of the ABC Administrator of the City of Crittenden. In summary we are establishing the salary that is to be establish by the City Council along with the annual budget process which the new budget starts each year in July. It repeals the old ordinance. And is that pretty much the summary? I would like to propose an amendment to the 2nd reading of this ordinance. On the bottom of the page there is some old language and I am just trying to clarify this and something not be clear next time. At the very bottom of the 1st page there is some old language that the mayor may initially assume responsibilities of the ABC Administrator and I think that is part of the very first ordinance when we very first got an ABC Administrator. I would like to make a motion to replace that with the council having the responsibility to appoint or remove the ABC administrator.

City Attorney Alex Edmondson asked Council's Legal Counsel Pete Whaley if he had a draft of the ordinance with the changes. Council's Legal Counsel Whaley said he was unaware of the change that was just mentioned tonight. Mr. Whaley said he agreed that he felt like the language

was dated. City Attorney Edmondson said abundance of caution should be used and suggested to table this to make sure it doesn't conflict with the state statute.

Councilperson Humphrey said she would like to say when the ABC Administrator is the mayor how she can be her own employee and not remove herself. There needs to be some kind of checks and balances. Councilperson Humphrey asked if council could go ahead and approve this then if something needs to be changed. Mayor Patton said no. Councilperson Humphrey stated "I didn't ask you, I am asking the attorneys".

Mr. Edmondson said that he certainly would not recommend approving an ordinance that would conflict with the state law. City attorney felt like the council was asking to approve a significant change to an ordinance during a second reading. He felt that it's a fairly substantial policy change. Councilperson Humphrey said "you know why". Alex suggested that they look at the law. Councilperson Dusing suggested that council go ahead and pass this ordinance and once the determination is made then you can go back and make an amendment.

Motion by Councilperson Paula Lowery to table this.

Councilperson Humphrey said she already made a motion. Legal Counsel Whaley said she made a motion when it was read but said her motion doesn't have to be rescind.

Councilperson Humphrey said she rescind her motion.

Motion by Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey, seconded by Councilperson Paula Lowery to table the second reading of Ordinance #275-2019. The vote was: Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey – yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Paula Lowery – yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –reluctantly yes; Councilperson Danny Martin –absent; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Patton asked for council for a short summary of Ordinance No. 276-2019.

Councilperson Dusing said what this is about is it's a procurement policy that you have to do competitive bidding or contracts. The former ordinance state wide requirement was at a limit of \$20,000.00 and the general assembly raised it to \$30,000.00. It makes a lot of sense for a big city like Lexington or Louisville. For a small city like us we could get in trouble with that threshold very, very quickly with a high threshold. So the recommendation of this ordinance and other cities our size has done this is to lower the threshold of competitive bidding to \$8,000.00. That is the crux of what this is about verse having no bid contract up to \$30,000.00.

Motion by Councilperson Joe Dusing, seconded by Councilperson Paula Lowery to approve Ordinance #276-2019 regarding the procurement policy. The vote was: Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey –yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Paula Lowery – yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –yes; Councilperson Danny Martin –absent; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes. Motion carried.

Todd & Ashley Gordon came before the Mayor and council regarding Air B&B in the city limits of Crittenden. They currently have Air B&B in the City of Williamstown. Councilperson Humphrey asked if they have a location already. Mrs. Gordon said they own a duplex right before County Line Liquor. Mayor Patton recommended that the council talk to their legal counsel and possibly look at Williamstown Ordinance and their conditions and possibly adopt them and concentrate on doing something for the city.

Code Enforcement Officer Wanda Hammons presented the Mayor and Council a monthly report. Wanda informed council that she had heard from Dwayne Wilson and he would be here August 15th for the clean-up of 204 North Main Street property. Mr. Wilson elude to Wanda after the last caucus meeting, there were some concerns of concrete or tree roots that was left on the 208 North Main Street Property. Mr. Wilson would be glad to meet council or the mayor down there to look at it. That was not his intent at all and he wanted the area cleaned and satisfactory. Code Enforcement Officer Hammons suggested that the house the city of Crittenden owns be torn down, since he will already be here. Wanda said “if I was council that is the vote I would take since its prime location for real estate”. The house sitting there with the other house being gone will be an eye sore that is just Mrs. Hammons thoughts and opinion. Code Enforcement Officer also wanted to thank the neighbors of Greenview Subdivision for cleaning up the entrance and landscaping to their subdivision. Wanda thanked B Beers Construction for bush hogging on Ten Mile Drive.

Councilperson Dusing suggested to post a public service announcement on Facebook for citizens not to throw grass clippings in the road.

Code Enforcement Officer Wanda Hammons read her letter of resignation from her part-time position of Code Enforcement Officer. Effective as of August 6, 2019. Mayor Patton thanked Wanda and told her that the city appreciated what she did.

Mayor Patton thanked the following people for cleaning up Greenveiw Subdivision Entrance: Tatiana Bradley, Sierra Andes, Eric Nease and Adam Lantman for organizing the clean up.

Grant County Sheriff Brian Maines gave a monthly report, which will be emailed to the Mayor and Council. City Attorney Edmondson informed everyone he is working on updating the curfew ordinance and would like to ask what they do with juveniles who violated curfew. The Sheriff Department usually picks up the juvenile and turns them over to their parents. City Attorney asked the Sheriff if they would have a problem when turning the juvenile over to the parents giving the parent a citation. Grant County Sheriff Mains said he wouldn't have a problem giving the parents a citation.

Crittenden Fire Chief Lee Burton handed out a monthly report to the Mayor and Council. Fire Chief Burton suggested that Crittenden contact Boone County regarding an ordinance for an apartment occupants to have regulations regarding BBQ grills on their decks.

Mayor Patton recognized Crittenden Fire Chief Lee Burton for his involvement with the youth in our community with a framed picture hanging in the council chamber.

Mayor Patton wanted to set date before August 15th to have a special meeting to discuss the possibilities of what to do with the house at 208 North Main Street. No meeting date was decided.

Mayor Patton announced the dates of the next council meeting.

Councilperson Earlene Stumbo ask if the council meeting time could be earlier instead of 7 p.m.

Councilperson Humphrey then brought up the Councilperson Roberts asked for the council meeting to be moved to the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

City Attorney Edmondson suggested council could also have caucus meeting in the afternoon.

Motion by Councilperson Paula Lowery, seconded by Councilperson Earlene Stumbo to go into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 subsection 1 paragraph C pending litigation. The vote was: Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey –yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Paula Lowery – no; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –yes; Councilperson Danny Martin –absent; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilperson Paula Lowery, seconded by Councilperson Earlene Stumbo to come out of the executive session. The vote was: Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey –yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Paula Lowery – yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –yes; Councilperson Danny Martin –absent; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes. Motion carried.

No action was needed to be taken.

Motion by Councilperson Paula Lowery, seconded by Councilperson Earlene Stumbo to adjourn to next regular meeting September 3, 2019. Motion carried, all yes.

Camilla “Kay” Patton
Mayor

Donna Duley
Assistant City Clerk