

City of Crittenden  
City Council Meeting  
Crittenden City Meeting  
May 5, 2020  
7 p.m.

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

Mayor Camilla “Kay” Patton; Councilperson Danny Martin; Councilperson Todd Roberts; Councilperson Jennifer Thurman- Humphrey; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo; Councilperson Joseph Dusing; Councilperson Paula Lowery; City Attorney Alex Edmondson; Grant County Sheriff Brian Maines; Grant County Judge Executive Chuck Dills; Crittenden Fire Chief Lee Burton. Guest: Bobby Tanner, Fred Spanier, Adam Lantman, Tom Taylor, Carolyn Horn, Roger Humphrey.

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

Additions to the Agenda: Councilperson Joe Dusing asked to add the sale of the Worthington Property to old business. Councilperson Todd Roberts asked to add Code Enforcement Officer old business and add Fire Department Funding to new business. Councilperson Danny Martin asked to add Personnel Policy to old business and Open records request to new business.

Motion by Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey, seconded by Councilperson Joe Dusing to approve the agenda with the additions to the agenda. The vote was: Councilperson Danny Martin –yes; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes; Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey – yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –yes; Councilperson Paula Lowery - yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the treasurer’s report for the month of March and April 2020. Councilperson Danny Martin and Councilperson Earlene Stumbo didn’t receive a hardcopy of April’s treasurer’s report. Councilperson Roberts suggested that the April’s treasurer’s report be tabled to the June meeting so council members could review it.

Motion by Councilperson Danny Martin, seconded by Councilperson Paula Lowery to approve the treasurer’s report for March 2020. The vote was: Councilperson Danny Martin –yes; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes; Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey – yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –yes; Councilperson Paula Lowery - yes. Motion carried.

Council had discussion on Ordinance# 283-2020 the update to the nuisance ordinance. Councilperson Humphrey said she had 6 pages of comments from citizens that were not for this ordinance. Councilperson Martin was concerned due to Covid-19 that citizens would not be able to afford to clean up their property. Councilperson Dusing said he was on the committee that help prepared the ordinance and received no feedback.

Mayor Patton informed council they had two months since the 1<sup>st</sup> reading to make changes to this ordinance.

Motion by Councilperson Paula Lowery to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 283-2020. The Ordinance died due to a lack of a second.

Councilperson Dusing asked about the backup system for the clerk's computer. Council asked to have the IT tech to come in and look at the backup system. Council set aside \$1,800.00 for the computer set up and a backup system.

Carolynn Horn volunteered to be on the beautification committee.

Motion by Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey, seconded by Councilperson Earlene Stumbo to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #284-2020 a budget amendment for fiscal year 2019-2020. The vote was: Councilperson Danny Martin –yes; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes; Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey – yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –yes; Councilperson Paula Lowery - yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Patton informed council that the city finally received an easement from Matthew Dallas and will be paying them \$5,000.00. The deed should be prepared this week and then Art Hardin can get started on the bid process for the project.

Councilperson Humphrey is worried that if the city does not get the project completed within this fiscal year the city will lose the funding.

Councilperson Roberts would like to see the wording changed in Ordinance #268-2019 regarding the code enforcement salary. He would like to see it become an hourly position instead of an annual salary.

Motion by Councilperson Todd Roberts, seconded by Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey to repeal ordinance #268-2019 and then drafted a new ordinance to make it an hourly position. The vote was: Councilperson Danny Martin –yes; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes; Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey – yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing – yes; Councilperson Paula Lowery - yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Patton informed council that Jamie Baker has sent information to Northern Kentucky regarding the sale of the property at 208 North Main Street. This will be in the city hands and any realtor can show the property. The realtor who makes the sale will get 6% of the sale.

Councilperson Martin asked about the draft of the new personnel policy. Attorney Edmondson said he will draft the policy but wants councilmembers to email him their recommendations.

Councilperson Roberts would like to see each councilmember to put in their two cents worth in and if they don't then council have no reason to complain about the final draft.

Attorney Edmondson asked for council to get their recommendations to him so he can have a draft of the personnel policy ready for the June meeting.

Council heard the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #285-2020 an ordinance updating the interlocal agreement with the County of Grant addressing cooperative road maintenance between the City of Crittenden and the County of Grant.

Mayor Patton informed council that the City of Crittenden has not received an EMS agreement from the City of Dry Ridge. The mayor said she had spoken to Mayor Brockman; Ken Little and Fire Chief Rodney Smith and they are thinking the cost would be around \$82,000.00 with a cap. Councilperson Lowery would like to see some paper work on the EMS agreement before approving it. Lowery would also like to know if the City of Dry Ridge does hard billing.

Councilperson Roberts would like to have the Mayor Brockman, Ken Little and Fire Chief Rodney Smith here to answer questions regarding the EMS.

Councilperson Danny Martin would like to know why the Fire Department was the only contract that did not get an increase in the new budget.

Councilperson Humphrey said that the Crittenden Fire Department has run out of room at the Firehouse.

Councilperson Martin asked for an inventory of City items. Mayor Patton asked Councilperson Martin to help with that inventory.

Mayor Patton told Crittenden Fire Chief Burton to speak to her at a later time regarding the salt building.

Councilperson Humphrey is concerned that the City is increasing the funding to the Grant County Sheriff's Department but not to the Crittenden Fire Department.

Crittenden Fire Chief Lee Burton said that since Mayor Patton gave the Fire Department a large increase last year and they had not received a large increase that it's fair to keep it at \$75,000.00.

Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey asked Chief Burton if the Fire Department has PPE for the COVID-19 and the cost they are spending for it.

Chief Burton said that Les Whalen and Grant Co. EMA is having trouble finding supplies.

Mayor Patton asked if Chief Burton had received supplies from Les Whalen since the City of Crittenden help fund the PPE for the county.

Chief Burton said they had 2 to 3 weeks of gloves but are having a hard time finding XL gloves and his N95 are down to 25 to 30%.

Councilperson Roberts would like to see the City give a donation to Crittenden Fire Department of \$10,000.00 up to \$12,000.00 due to the Covid-19. Mayor Patton informed council that you can't give a donation. Then Councilperson Roberts suggested a one-time payment.

Fire Chief Burton does not want an increase to the annual contract but would rather take it as a one-time payment.

Motion by Councilperson Paula Lowery, seconded by Councilperson Earlene Stumbo to approve the contract with the Crittenden Vol. Fire Department. The vote was: Councilperson Danny Martin –yes; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes; Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey – yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –yes; Councilperson Paula Lowery - yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the Contract the city has with the Grant County Fiscal Court regarding law enforcement.

Mayor Patton has put in the budget an \$8,000.00 increase for the law enforcement contract.

Councilperson Lowery spoke against the \$8,000.00 increase since she has received so many complaints from citizens regarding the police protection.

Councilperson Martin wants to see what we are getting for our money from the Grant County Sheriff Department.

Councilperson Roberts said when you call into dispatch you must request to talk to a police officer if not the officer will drive by and not stop.

Sheriff Maines said it's upsetting to him that council is talking about the budget and council is concerned his deputies are not responding. Grant Co. Sheriff said he would look into why they aren't responding to calls and check to see how the units are being dispatched.

Councilperson Martin asked for the Grant County Sheriff's Department to set up a speed trailer to help catch speeders. Councilperson Roberts told the Sheriff he could park the trailer in his front yard.

Grant County Sheriff Maines said he's in the process of trying to locate a speed trailer. Sheriff Maines said the Grant County Sheriff's Department has been blessed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Patton thanked Grant Co. Sheriff Maines and his deputies for a great job this past year.

Mayor Patton asked for Crittenden Fire Chief Burton to give his monthly report but he had already left the zoom meeting.

Councilperson Martin said he would file an open records request to see the time sheets for the employees. Martin had a citizen asked him what was the employee's daily hours and he couldn't answer because he didn't know.

Mayor Patton presented council bids regarding some minor street repairs on Harlan Street, Harvest Way and Storm Drain repairs.

Councilperson Humphrey would like to see a scope of work for the streets and a list of all storm drains. It's all about accountability and would like to know a head of time.

Mayor Patton informed council she had received bids for Harlan Street and repairs on storm drains. Councilperson Humphrey said she would like to see a written scope of work for Harlan Street and a list of storm drains that need to be repaired.

B&S Construction bid for Harlan Street was \$15,500 and the city would pay for the concrete and their bid for the storm drains was \$6,000.00. B&S Constructions bid for Harvest Way was \$9,440.00

BRP Construction price for the storm drains was \$4,400.00. His bid for Harlan Street was \$60,500.00 which included the price of concrete.

Councilperson Roberts would like to do a stretch of road instead of patches on Harlan Street and Harvest Way.

Councilperson Martin thought the concrete bids were for the concrete to place the recycling bin on.

Council heard the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance # 286-2020 regarding the annual budget for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Motion by Councilperson Paula Lowery, seconded by Councilperson Earlene Stumbo to adjourn to next regular meeting June 2, 2020.

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Camilla "Kay" Patton  
Mayor

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Megan Simpson  
City Clerk / Treasurer