

Special Called Meeting - June 18, 2020

Present: Mayor Kay Patton

Council Members present: Paula Lowry, Jennifer Humphrey, Todd Roberts, Joseph Dusing, Danny Martin

Also present: Attorney Alex Edmondson

Mayor Patton led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation. Mayor Patton thanked the guests for attending.

Councilperson Dusing asked about the proposed budget and funding the EMS. Line item 41 was added by the council during their special budget meeting. This added special equipment for Safety (PPE). The Chief stated the Fire Department is not eligible for any funding from the Cares Act.

Regarding line item 49 – Since the Bicentennial Event has been cancelled, Councilperson Roberts suggested dividing the \$5800 by three and adding that to line items 42, 43 and 44. That figure comes to \$1,933.33. Those line items are for Eagle Creek (42), Green View (43) and Harvesters (44).

Line item 25 for street maintenance. Jerry Keith has not gotten the scope of the work back and that number could be too low. Councilperson Dusing suggested we could get a grant. Mayor Patton says Billy Pelfrey's bid was \$80,000. Councilperson Martin asked if there had been and other bids and Mayor Patton stated not yet until the scope of work is completed.

Mayor Patton's proposal for Ambulance is \$100,000. Councilperson Dusing says the number should be \$123,000. The City of Crittenden only gets a printout of the runs. Mayor Patton would like to see receipts to validate that amount. Councilperson Lowry says she would also like to see receipts. Ken Little states the Ambulance charges \$1200 - \$1300 for ambulance runs and if Medicare/Medicaid only pays \$300-\$400, they usually accept that.

Mayor Patton asked about the addition of \$10,000 to the Fire Department. She was told that would go to the maintenance of the fire house building.

Line item 31. Dry Ridge Ambulance could be moved to EMS. Councilperson Humphrey says that would take about a year to change and we need to support our local ambulance in the county. Ken Little asked the council and mayor to accept the full amount of the \$123,000 for ambulance service as falling short of that could affect the service to the city. At the end of the quarter, there will be a meeting of the mayors where this will be discussed.

Councilperson Humphrey read the ordinance for the Budget 2020-2021

Councilperson Lowry read the June 4<sup>th</sup> resignation letter from Councilperson Earlene Stumbo. Councilperson Martin made a motion to accept her resignation and Councilperson Lowry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The County Clerk and Secretary of State offices will need to be notified.

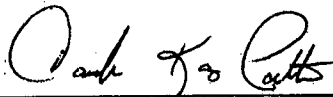
Michelle King was introduced to be hired as a temporary City Clerk until one can be hired full time. Michelle has an outside payroll and bookkeeping service that she owns and would be willing to work up to 10 hours a week part time at \$20 an hour. Councilperson Martin asked how many resumes had been received so far for the full time position and Mayor Patton stated 12. Question was asked from the floor about continuing of the City's Facebook page and website with the resignation of Donna Duly. Councilperson Roberts offered to help with keeping the City's Social Media presence updated on those formats. Councilperson Lowry made a motion to accept Michelle King's temporary hire and Councilperson Humphrey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Michelle King will need to be put on the signature card at the bank until the full time clerk is hired as the City's checks require two signatures.

The opening for the Council position will be in the next Grant County News. The Council has 30 days from the date Councilperson Stumbo's resignation was accepted to replace her. Target date is July 7<sup>th</sup> for that replacement. Suggestion was made to bring in candidates at the next meeting.

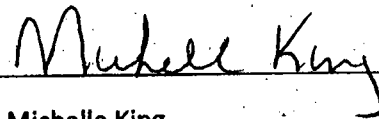
Regarding short and long term strategies for hiring the full time clerk, the council requested to see the resumes received for the position. Mayor Patton said they could be sent to the council members in a packet. Mayor Patton and Councilperson Dusing will be conducting the interviews for the position.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the litigation against the City and Council pursuant to 61.810 Part 1 Section C. Councilperson Lowry 1<sup>st</sup> and Councilperson Humphrey 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned



Camilla "Kay" Patton  
Mayor



Michelle King  
City Clerk / Treasurer