

City of Crittenden
City Council Meeting
March 12th, 2024 @ 7pm
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order - Mayor Purcell

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S flag

Invocation

Welcome Guest

Attendees:	
Mayor Jim Purcell	Councilperson Joe Dusing
Councilperson Michelle Bohman	Councilperson Ange Morris
Councilperson Leo Saylor	Councilperson Greg Livingood
City Clerk / Treasurer Shawn McHolland	Guest: Chief Lee Burton
Guest: Launi Gum	Guest: Jerry Stephenson
Guest: Debby Lucas Angel	
Absent: Councilperson Bobby Tanner	

Agenda - Approval, subject to additions or deletions.

- New Business – Additions:
 - Resolution 01-2024: Northern Kentucky Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2024
 - Jamie Baker – Grant County Chamber / Economic Development / Tourism Update
- Old Business - Additions:
 - None

March 12 th , 2024 Agenda Approval	
Motion: Councilperson Livingood	Second: Councilperson Saylor
Roll Call	
Councilperson Bohman: Yes	Councilperson Morris: Yes
Councilperson Livingood: Yes	Councilperson Tanner: Absent
Councilperson Dusing: Yes	Councilperson Saylor: Yes
Motion carried	

Minutes: To be Approved

- M-2-13-24 – February 13th, 2024
 - Corrections / Additions:
 - None

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Treasurers Report – February 2024 to be approved.

- Discussion:
 - Bohman:
 - What is the current amount of ARPA funds remaining for the park?
 - McHolland:
 - End of February: \$242,000
 - However, additional storm drain repair costs may reduce this budget number.

February 2024 Treasurer’s Report Approval	
Motion: Councilperson Bohman	Seconded: Councilperson Morris
Roll Call	
Councilperson Bohman: Yes	Councilperson Morris: Yes
Councilperson Livingood: Yes	Councilperson Tanner: Absent
Councilperson Dusing: Yes	Councilperson Saylor: Yes
Motion carried	

Order of New Business:

1. Law Enforcement Report
 - a. Report was not provided by the Grant County Sheriff’s Department.
 - b. No discussion
2. Fire Department / Crittenden AMB Tax District Report
 - a. Fire Dept report was provided prior to the meeting.
 - b. Crittenden AMB Tax District Report was provided prior to the meeting.
 - i. Burton:
 1. The Crittenden Ambulance (AMB) District has received new costs from City of Dry Ridge EMS.
 2. The City of Dry Ridge is proposing a 30% increase across the board to include the City of Crittenden.
 3. The Crittenden AMB District cost would increase from \$174,000 to \$250,000 per year.
 - a. Bohman: The increase seems to be higher than 30%? More like a 40% increase per year – am I correct?
 - b. Burton: I will double check the numbers.
 4. City of Dry Ridge provided a list of reasons for the increases from the February meeting.
 5. Grant County Fiscal Court has announced it is forming an EMS District. Timing is unknown and the services provided are unclear.

- ii. Livingood: Is the City of Dry Ridge our only option?
 - 1. Burton: Our options are unclear with the Grant County EMS district talks.
 - a. We can start our own service in Crittenden. Costs are high to start our own Ambulance Service.
 - b. We have communication issues where we cannot communicate with other departments in the area.
 - c. Piner has given an estimate of \$260k. Grant County Fiscal Court is not in favor of using Piner.
 - d. The City of Dry Ridge is in financial strife due to the EMS dept.
 - iii. McHolland:
 - 1. Which is the contract length?
 - a. Burton: 3 years
 - 2. Has the Crittenden AMB Distribution conducted a cash flow projection? Can the District cover \$250,000 per year?
 - a. Burton: Yes, we can cover the 3-year contract.
 - iv. Dusing: I agree with Mr. Livingood, would looking at an outside source provide security for the citizens in Crittenden?
 - 1. Burton: Yes, the options are minimal.
 - v. Purcell: The Crittenden AMB District is not forced to change direction and go with the Grant County Fiscal Court.
 - vi. Livingood:
 - 1. When is the next Crittenden AMB District board meeting?
 - a. Burton: 3rd Monday of each month @ 7:30pm.
3. Champions for a Drug Free Grant County Presentation – Launi Gum
- a. Dusing: Who regulates the dispensaries?
 - i. Gum: I believe ABC will regulate the dispensaries, but this is not finalized.
 - ii. Burton: It seems that multiple agencies will oversee the issue. The concerns seen in Ohio are not good.
 - b. Dusing: Recreational is not included; correct?
 - i. Gum/Burton: Correct - the topic is being discussed in Frankfort.
 - c. Dusing: Does the city have any responsibility in this process?
 - d. Dusing: The different forms the medical marijuana is created into is a concern for me as well.
 - i. Will the Vape shops morph into a legal dispensaries?
 - e. Burton: Medical marijuana cannot be sold adjacent to alcohol.
 - i. Gum: If alcohol is sold, medical marijuana cannot be sold in the same establishment.
 - f. Dusing: Are we concerned with cultivators / growers?
 - i. Gum: A1 zoned properties will be allowed to become cultivators.
 - g. McHolland: March 19th, 2024: KLC meeting to discuss this topic.....open to the Council.
 - h. Gum: Please send any questions via email so I can share the same answers to all parties involved.
 - i. Purcell: I am very frustrated that our state is dropping this on our cities.
 - j. Bohman: This has been an incredible problem in Ohio.
4. Ordinance No. 327-2024 - Employee Handbook / Repealing Ordinance 1-82 – 2nd Reading – Purcell
- a. 2nd Reading was performed by Mayor Purcell.
 - b. Discussion: None

Ordinance No. 327-2024 – Employee Handbook / Repealing Ordinance 1-82 Approval	
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Roll Call	
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Motion carried	

5. Ordinance No. 328-2024 – Amending Zoning Ordinance – Parking Spaces in Residential Zones – 1st Reading – Purcell
 - a. 1st Reading was performed by Mayor Purcell.
6. JD Dezarn retirement / resignation as of April 30th, 2024:
 - a. Mr. Dezarn is completing a full 27 years of service to the City of Crittenden.
 - b. Motion to accepted this resignation: Bohman
 - c. Seconded: Saylor
 - d. Yes: 5 / No: 0 / Absent: 1
 - e. Purcell:
 - i. 2 Applications have been received. I am told 1 additional application is coming.
 - ii. I will start conducting interviews this week.
7. Resolution 01-2024: Northern Kentucky Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2024
 - a. Bohman: Have any local church’s set up a point of contact for emergency?
 - i. Purcell: Not to my knowledge.
 - b. Resolution passed 5-0.
 - c. McHolland will transmit the signed document to NKADD.
8. Grant County Economic Development & Tourism.
 - a. Jamie Baker presented a report to the City Council during the meeting.
 - b. 42 new Chamber Members last year. Growth is a good sign for the County.
 - c. 12 ribbons cuttings last year. We have 3 this week alone.
 - d. We have developed a new visitors guide for Grant County visitors. Examples were given to the City Clerk.
 - e. Grant County Calendar for 2024 was also provided.

Order of Old Business:

1. Crittenden Nature Park Project Update – Livingood
 - a. The committee met with the landscape architect on Feb 15th, 2024.
 - b. We enjoyed a good discussion on progress made to date.
 - c. The presentation included a team activity to help pull out similar ideas and goals.
 - d. Finances and timelines were discussed during the meeting.
 - i. ARPA funds are available.
 - ii. Budgetary planning is starting now.
 - e. Budgeting of maintenance items going forward were included in the discussion.
 - f. Bohman:
 - i. Did the architect provide timing for the next submittals?
 - ii. Livingood: About 1 month for the next submittal - mid March timeframe.

- g. Purcell: I recommend the committee to be the working group w/ the Rachel Robinson’s design team. Once the team has a couple of options, then the options should be brought to City Council for feedback and direction.
- h. Baker: We would love to do a ribbon cutting ceremony for the park opening.

Next City Council Meeting March 26th, 2024 @ 7pm

- City Council decided to cancel the meeting on March 26th, 2024.
 - Motion: Livingood / 2nd: Morris.
 - All yes: 5-0.
- Next City Council meeting will take place on **April 9th, 2024 @ 7pm.**

Adjournment of meeting

Motion To Adjournment	
Motion: Councilperson Livingood	Seconded: Councilperson Bohman
Roll Call	
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Motion Carried	

Respectfully,

Mayor Purcell

Minutes created and distributed for approval by City Clerk / Treasurer: Shawn McHolland