

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
01-08-2013
7:00 P.M.**

With Mayor Bill Sheckles presiding, the City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers with the following Councilmen:

Councilman Joe Buckman
Councilman Francis Lydian
Councilman Tommy Reed
Councilman John Royalty
Councilman Bobby Simpson
Councilman Roland Williams

Others present: Police Chief Rick McCubbin, Fire Chief Marlin Howard, Assistant City Administrator Larry Green, Director of Public Works and Engineering Larry Hamilton, City Electrical Engineer Jeff Mills, City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau, City Attorney Tom Donan, City Clerk Barbie Bryant, The Kentucky Standard reporter Randy Patrick, WBRT co-owner Roth Stratton, Nelson County Gazette reporter Jim Brooks and citizens; Michael Ballard, Anne Rosalie Ballard, Bobby Ballard, Scott Hannah, Richard Nest and Louis Ballard.

STEPHEN FOSTER DRAMA ASSOCIATION

Mayor Sheckles welcomed the newly elected Council members and hoped all had had a happy holiday season. He then introduced Louis Ballard, Chairman of the Board for the Stephen Foster Drama Association. Mr. Ballard gave an update of the upcoming season for “The Stephen Foster Story” and Salt River RECC’s Sponsored Production of “Shrek The Musical.” He reported that 27% of their annual revenue budget (approximately \$800,000) is generated through grants and sponsorships. Mr. Ballard requested the Council’s approval to provide annual support in the amount of \$10,000.

CITY OF OWENSBORO AGREEMENT FOR SEPA POWER ALLOCATIONS

City Electrical Engineer Mills presented the contract made between the Owensboro Municipal Utilities (OMU) and eleven other Kentucky cities (which include the City of Bardstown) to enter into an agreement for the collective use of their respective Southeastern Power Administration (SEPA) power allocations. He asked the Council’s approval to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreements for Cumberland River Hydropower Plant equipment projects. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN SIMPSON, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN REED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE MAYOR WAS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.**

LETTER OF REQUEST FROM BARDSTOWN SCHOOLS FOR A 5K RUN

A letter from Allison Johnson Sympton, PTO Vice-President of the Bardstown Primary and Elementary Schools, was presented requesting the use of City streets for a 5K run on Saturday, February 23, 2013 beginning at 8:30am. Mayor Sheckles reported the route would begin and end at Tiger Alley. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ROYALTY AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0, THE LETTER OF REQUEST WAS APPROVED.** Councilman Williams abstained.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 12-18-2012 Special Council meeting were presented and **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN LYDIAN, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0, THEY WERE APPROVED.** Councilman Royalty abstained.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2013-01 COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Municipal Order No 2013-01 was presented as follows:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2013-01

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to name members to committees to study the policies and operations of the Fire and Police Departments (**SAFETY COMMITTEE**); to study the finances of the City (**FINANCE COMMITTEE**); to study the needs of the community and plan for future growth (**LONG-TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND ANNEXATION COMMITTEE**); to study the policies and operations of the Electric, Cable TV and Internet Departments of the City (**ELECTRIC AND CABLE TV COMMITTEE**); to study the policies and operations of the Water and Wastewater Departments of the City (**WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMITTEE**); to study the policies and operations of the Cemetery Department (**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**); to study the policies and operations of the Recreation Department of the City (**RECREATION COMMITTEE**); and to study the use and maintenance of the streets and the policies and operations of the Solid Waste Department (**STREET AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**).

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordered by the City Council of the City of Bardstown, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

1. That there is hereby named a Safety Committee of the City Council whose members shall be: Chairman Councilman Bobby Simpson, Councilman Roland Williams, Councilman Francis Lydian, Police Chief Rick McCubbin and Fire Chief Marlin Howard and that the Safety Committee shall have meetings as needed.
2. That there is hereby named a Finance Committee of the City Council whose members shall be: Co-Chairman Mayor Bill Sheckles, Co-Chairman Councilman Tommy Reed, Councilman Bobby Simpson, Councilman Joe Buckman, and Chief Financial Officer Mike Abell, and that the Finance Committee shall have meetings as needed.
3. That there is hereby named a Long-Term Planning Committee of the City Council whose members shall be: Chairman Councilman John Royalty, Councilman Tommy Reed, and Councilman Bobby Simpson, and that the Long-Term Planning Committee shall have meetings as needed.
4. That there is hereby named an Electric and Cable TV Committee of the City Council whose members shall be: Chairman Councilman Bobby Simpson, Councilman Roland Williams, Councilman John Royalty, City Electrical Engineer Jeff Mills and Electric Superintendent Jeff Miller and that the Electric and Cable TV Committee shall have meetings as needed.
5. That there is hereby named a Water and Wastewater Committee of the City Council whose members shall be: Chairman Councilman John Royalty, Councilman Francis Lydian, Councilman Joe Buckman, Director of Public Works and Engineering Larry Hamilton and City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau and that the Water and Wastewater Committee shall have meetings as needed.
6. That there is hereby created a Cemetery Committee of the City Council whose members shall be: Chairman Councilman Bobby Simpson, Councilman Francis Lydian, Director of Public Works and Engineering Larry Hamilton, Public Works Superintendent Ben Burd, Groundskeeper Phillip Grubbs, Sexton Barbie Bryant and citizen-member Evelyn Oakley, and that the Cemetery Committee shall have regularly scheduled meetings on the second Wednesday of February, May, August and November of each year at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall.
7. That there is hereby named a Recreation Committee of the City Council whose members shall be: Councilman Tommy Reed and Mayor's Appointees Steve Woodson and Tim Hockensmith along with the Recreation Board members, and that the Recreation Board shall have regularly scheduled meetings every other month beginning in January on the 4th Thursday, 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers.
8. That there is hereby named a Street and Solid Waste Committee of the City Council whose members shall be: Chairman Councilman Joe Buckman, Councilman Bobby Simpson, Councilman Francis Lydian, Director of Public Works and Engineering Larry Hamilton and Public Works Superintendent Ben Burd and that the Street and Solid Waste Committee shall have meetings as needed.
9. That there is hereby named an Annexation Committee of the City Council whose members shall be: Chairman Mayor Bill Sheckles, Councilmen Joe Buckman, Francis Lydian, Tommy Reed, John Royalty, Bobby Simpson and Roland Williams, Asst. City Administrator Larry Green, Public Works and Engineering Director Larry Hamilton and City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau and that the Annexation Committee shall have meetings as needed.
10. That there is hereby named a Transportation Planning Committee of the City Council whose members shall be: Chairman Mayor Bill Sheckles, Councilmen Joe Buckman, Francis Lydian, Tommy Reed, John Royalty, Bobby Simpson and Roland Williams, Director of Public Works and Engineering Larry Hamilton, City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau, State Representative David Floyd, David Haydon, Mark Mathis, Nelson County Engineer Jim Lemieux and Planning Commission Administrator Jan Johnston-Crowe, and that the Transportation Planning Committee shall have meetings as needed.

UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN SIMPSON, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN REED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, MUNICIPAL ORDER NO 2013-01 WAS APPROVED.

YOUR DUTY UNDER THE LAW AND MANAGING PUBLIC RECORDS

City Clerk Bryant distributed the publications for newly elected public officials and newly appointed members of the City of Bardstown defining legal requirements on the management of public records. A signed "proof of receipt" will be kept in the office of the City Clerk.

STAFF REPORTS

City Electrical Engineer Mills requested authorization to employ Spiegel & McDiarmid and SAIC, the City's electrical consultants, to intervene on behalf of the City of Bardstown in proceedings at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Because of the 1-3-13 filing deadline, a tentative approval was given to authorize Spiegel & McDiarmid and SAIC to represent us in a rate review of Kentucky Utility's formula rates on transmission losses that are reportedly too high and on their rate of return on equity (currently at 11%). However, if the Council disagreed, the City could retract the authorization. **AFTER DISCUSSION AND UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN SIMPSON, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE AUTHORIZATION FOR SPIEGEL & MCDIARMID AND SAIC TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN AT FERC ON THE FORMULA RATES WAS APPROVED.**

Director of Public Works and Engineering reported that Sympson Lake was about 9 inches from full capacity.

MISCELLENEOUS

Mayor Sheckles acknowledged the visitors that were in attendance who have an interest in the Anatok building. However, due to the lawsuit that involves an injunction to halt the demolition, it could not be discussed.

CEMETERY DEEDS

Five (5) Bardstown Cemetery deeds were presented; one grave site for Paula Johnson and four grave sites for Robert and Judy Harvey; one grave site transfer for Norma Haynes and Barbara Hughes and two grave site transfers for Joseph Manning and Deborah Manning. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN REED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE DEEDS WERE APPROVED.**

CITY ANNIVERSARIES

Mayor Sheckles announced the twenty-year anniversary for Recreation Department employee George Pis.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to discuss and **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN REED, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**

CITY OF BARDSTOWN

ATTEST:

Barbara Bryant, City Clerk

William S. Sheckles, Mayor