

**CITY OF CRESTVIEW HILLS, KENTUCKY**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**4:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Paul W. Meier called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer.

**II. ROLL CALL** – Roll was called and a quorum was established.

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| 1. Mr. Dorsey-present | 4. Mr. Kramer-present     |
| 2. Mr. Roesel-present | 5. Mr. Sommerkamp-present |
| 3. Mr. Adair-absent   |                           |

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mayor Meier made a change to the agenda. Item #2 under new business, Council appointment for vacant Council seat was moved after approval of the minutes. Mr. Sommerkamp made a motion to approve; Mr. Dorsey seconded the motion. Motion was carried with all ayes, no opposing votes.

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Council was asked to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Mr. Dorsey made a motion to approve as printed. Mr. Roesel seconded the motion. Motion was carried with all ayes, no opposing votes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**V.** Mayor Meier stated Colleen Collins Bright gave her letter of resignation effective December 31<sup>st</sup>. Council sought for candidates to fill the vacant seat. Mr. Sommerkamp reported the City received 6 applicants. All 6 applicants were very qualified. Council met this past Saturday to discuss the applicants and decided to appoint Mrs. Sharon Gronotte. Mrs. Gronotte grew up in Crestview Hills and returned 13.5 years ago to the family home on Campus Drive. Mrs. Gronotte is married to David and has 3 children. She is an attorney and works at Children’s Hospital in Cincinnati, OH. Mr. Sommerkamp made a motion to approve Mrs. Gronotte’s appointment to Council. Mr. Dorsey seconded the motion. Motion was carried with all ayes, no opposing votes. Mrs. Gronotte joined the City Council meeting at 4:06pm, following the swearing in to Council seat by Mayor Meier.

**VI. CITIZENS & GUESTS**

1. Honorable Tyson Hermes, City of Erlanger Mayor, and Jack Gatlin, City Attorney, explained the declaratory action lawsuit between SD1 and cities in Northern KY for the lateral repair program. Mayor Hermes explained they were looking for a judge to decide who owns the sewer later. SD1 has put together an interlocal agreement for all cities to sign. The agreement states the ownership of the sewer line under the street/sidewalk is the property owners until it ties into the SD1 main. Mayor Hermes would like a judge to determine that once it leaves the property and enters a right away or easement then it would become the responsibility of SD1. Mr. Gatlin explained they want to file the lawsuit by February or March and parties may still join. Mr. Kramer asked Mr. Gatlin if the City of Crestview Hills would benefit from the ruling if the cities won and Crestview Hills was not a party in the suit. Mr. Gatlin explained he personally believes that a city may not benefit from this lawsuit unless they can actually prove they maintained the lateral lines pre 1994. Mr. Kramer noted if that is the case, then the City of Crestview should join the lawsuit. Mayor Meier noted that the City would research the status of the sewer lines. Also, this will be an item on the Public Works agenda, which meets January 20<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Meier noted the City would get back with both Mayor Hermes and Mr. Gatlin.

2. Ms. Johnna Reeder, President and CEO, of REDI Cincinnati provided an overview of the organization and role of economic development for the greater Cincinnati region. Ms. Reeder explained that REDI Cincinnati is a multi-jurisdictional agency that formed three years ago to bring together various economic development initiatives in the region to solidify one voice in marketing the region to development prospects. The agency includes membership from both the public and private sector. Ms. Reeder thanked Mayor and Council in joining REDI and ensured that the City's membership would be worthwhile.

**VII. MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor Meier reported the Mayor's group would meet Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM at the PDS offices in Ft. Mitchell.

**VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** Mr. Williams reported a temporary office staff person is assisting until the City Clerk position is filled. Mrs. Kramer is currently acting as City Clerk.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**XI. 1. Resolution 2016-01-01** – A Resolution of the City of Crestview Hills Council approving the appointment of Mr. Frank Sommerkamp as the City's representative on the Planning and Development Services Council of Kenton County, and Paul Meier as the City's alternate on the Planning and Development Services Council of Kenton County. Mr. Kramer made a motion to approve; Mr. Dorsey seconded the motion. Motion was carried with all ayes, no opposing votes.

2. Mayor Meier presented his State of the City Address as required by State Law. A copy of the State of the City Address is posted on the City's website. Mayor Meier presented his Goals & Objectives for 2016. The objectives are in keeping with the recently complete Council Goal Setting Retreat. A copy of this document is on the City's website.

3. Mayor Meier reviewed the Council Committee Assignments for 2016. Chairpersons are as follows:

Finance: Joe Roesel  
Public Works: Frank Sommerkamp  
Economic Development: Dave Kramer  
Safety Committee: Bill Dorsey  
Police Authority: Bill Dorsey  
Recreation: Tim Adair  
CHEER: Sharon Gronette  
Personnel: Mayor Meier

Mr. Kramer made a motion to approve; Mr. Sommerkamp seconded the motion. Motion was carried with all ayes, no opposing votes.

**X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Public Works: Mr. Sommerkamp reported the City of Crestview Hills and Edgewood both met with the Executive Director and his staff from SD1 in December to discuss Horsebranch Creek storm water detention project. SD1 has agreed to cover all engineering costs for the project and will maintain the structure constructed at the inlet to the existing storm drain. The cities will

cover the construction cost for the project as well as maintenance of the detention pond area, including any fencing and access roads. SD1 assured the cities that the project construction could take place in 2016.

Mr. Sommerkamp reported that additional negotiations with Thomas More College and Five Seasons Sports Club continued throughout December. An agreement had been reached based on the second, higher appraisal to purchase the necessary right of way for the project. The City Attorney's staff is currently finalizing all the purchase agreements and deeds for the property. The State Transportation will have to conduct a final review on the project in Frankfort before the project can be out for bid. We are hopeful the reviews will be completed by March. If the project is not held up by the final review, we anticipate completing the project no later than October.

Duke Energy decided to run a new natural gas line to serve the new Crown Point subdivision down Lookout Farm Drive. Unfortunately there will be construction in that area until Duke Energy is finished with the boring alongside the street. Cincinnati Bell will also run a new fiber line along Lookout Farm Drive to Crown Point, bringing Fi-optics to the neighborhood. Finally, City Engineer is in the process with design work for the reconstruction of Fraternity, Sorority and Varsity Courts. It is planned for the Fraternity Court project to go out for bid in February. Sorority and Varsity will bid in April. The work will begin after the beginning of the new fiscal year.

- B. Finance: Mr. Roesel reported he has reviewed the bank reconciliation for December 2015. Property tax collection through December is \$594,000, which is up \$20,500 from last year. Payroll taxes for FY 2015 are \$816,000, which is up \$38,000 from last year.
- C. Police Authority: Mr. Kramer reported the Board met on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Sgt. Degenhardt was promoted to Captain, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Chief Schutte reported the 2016 Citizens Academy would be every Wednesday in March from 6:30 to 9:00pm.
- D. Safety Committee: Mr. Dorsey reported the Safety Committee would meet after the Council Meeting.
- E. Fire/EMS: Chief Amon from Edgewood Fire Department reported that crews would be visiting each business in their service area starting next week. Chief Jim Hils from Ft. Mitchell Fire Department reported they have been working on two grants. The first grant is for an aerial truck in the amount of \$850,00. The other grant is for a new cot and lifting mechanism for \$48,000. Mr. Hils introduced Ft. Mitchell's new Fire Chief Gary Auffart. Mr. Auffart has worked for Newport for 20 years and worked for part time in Ft. Mitchell for 17 years. His first day will be January 21<sup>st</sup>.
- F. Development & Zoning: Mr. Kramer reported the committee recently reviewed the rental registration ordinance and would present that to Council either in February or March. Also, the committee discussed a possible home reinvestment program for College Park. Finally, five homes ranging from \$600,000 to \$900,000 will be part of the Crown Point subdivision Homefest this summer.
- G. CHEER & Recycling: No report.
- H. Recreation: Mrs. Kramer reported the Easter Bunny will be at the City Building Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30am to 1:00pm.
- I. Personnel & Public Relations: Mayor Meier reported the City Clerk resigned effective December 31<sup>st</sup>. Staff is in the process of looking at candidates.
- J. Telecommunications Board: No report.
- K. Communications: Mayor Meier reported the newsletter has been sent out in the mail.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Gronotte made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Roesel seconded the motion. Motion was passed with all ayes, no opposing votes. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.