



# City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

*Note: Mayor Gayle Kaler was unable to attend this meeting.*

## **E-911 Board Request for Funds for Wireless Communications Consultant**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance to provide funding in the amount of \$126,086 for consulting services for the Paducah-McCracken County Emergency Communications Center. This work is contingent upon joint funding by the City of Paducah and McCracken County with the amount introduced in this ordinance representing half of the consultant's fee. On October 28, the Paducah-McCracken County E-911 Board voted unanimously to recommend hiring Virginia-based Federal Engineering, Inc. for \$252,172. Federal would provide consulting services including the planning, design, and implementation assistance for the replacement of the radio, telephony, and computer-aided dispatch system at the local center. Police Chief Brandon Barnhill says, "Technology is changing our world, and it's more important than ever to keep up with technology changes especially in public safety." The current equipment used by E-911 has reached the end of its life and is in critical need of replacement.

## **432 Broadway Demolition Project Updates (two ordinances-votes set for December 8)**

In July 2015, the City of Paducah purchased the condemned building at 432 Broadway for \$1 from a limited liability company. The building's owner indicated that he did not have the financial means to stabilize the building or bring it up to code. The City had been working with the building's owner since 2010 on correction measures. Also in July, the City approved a contract with Environmental Abatement, Inc. (EAI) in an amount of \$458,685 for the building's demolition. After EAI began the project, it was discovered that the existing steel column that supports 432 Broadway (O'Leary Building) also supports the adjacent building at 430 Broadway (Varney Building). Demolition was halted until an engineer could design the temporary and permanent shoring of the Varney Building. At this meeting, the Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a change order with EAI. The change order takes into account an increase in the contract time by providing a 103 calendar day extension bringing the contract end date to February 26, 2016, additional fees for the rental of barricades and other equipment, the remobilization of personnel and equipment, a property survey, and the cost for the study to determine the permanent shoring method. The change order increases the contract with EAI by \$20,933 for a total cost of \$479,618.

The Paducah Board of Commissioners also introduced an ordinance for a contract with Darnell Steel and Construction, LLC in the amount of \$19,750 for a portion of the permanent stabilization work associated with 430 Broadway (Varney Building). The work by Darnell will be to reinforce the steel columns underneath the steel beam that supports the Varney Building. An additional contract will be before the Paducah Board of Commissioners at a future meeting for the construction of a masonry wall adjacent to the Varney Building. That contract is out to bid with a bid opening set for December 18.

At this time, the temporary shoring measures have been completed. The next step would be for Darnell to reinforce the steel columns. Once that work is completed, EAI will be able to continue the demolition work.

The City has applied for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$500,000 which, if awarded, would fund the demolition project. A match of \$125,000 would be required from the City. Before the grant could be submitted, the City had to own the building. Before the decision to demolish the building was made, the City worked with Sullivan Cozart out of Louisville, Kentucky to get demolition and stabilization cost estimates. Preliminary estimates to only stabilize (not rehabilitate) the building were between \$1.9 and 2.0 million.

## **Amendment #1 of Memorandum of Understanding with Corps of Engineers for Floodwall**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a municipal order for amendment #1 to the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Paducah and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regarding the Ohio River Shoreline Reconstruction Project (floodwall reconstruction project). The original MOU was approved in September 2015. This amendment authorizes the replacement rather than the rebuilding of pumps 1 and 2 at Pump Station #9 and outlines the



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closing of up to 12 obsolete floodwall openings. The original MOU requested the sealing of eight floodwall openings. The MOU allows the City to pursue specific rehabilitation projects on the floodwall and receive in-kind credit from the USACE.

### **Quick Highlights**

- Barkley Regional Airport Manager Richard Roof provided the Mayor and Commissioners an update. Roof says passenger traffic is up, and this year may be the best year for Skywest in Paducah. He also thanked the City for its support of the airport.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 8) for the purchase of one Ford F250 4x4 in the amount of \$28,948 from Paducah Ford to be used by the Parks Services Department. Three bids were received for this purchase.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 8) for the purchase of two Dodge Charger SSV vehicles in the total amount of \$53,146 to be used by the Fire Prevention Division. Two bids were received for this purchase.
- Parks Services Director Mark Thompson reminded the community of the Christmas Parade which is this Saturday at 5 p.m. The Ugly Christmas Sweater Fun Run is at 4:30 p.m. Registration for that event begins at 3:30 p.m. in front of the Police Department.

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