



# City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at City Hall

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



## **Noble Park Lake Bank Stabilization Project Change Order (vote Dec. 9)**

*Photo of Duck Island showing additional concrete added to island structure.*

The Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a change order with Youngblood Excavating & Contracting (YEC) regarding the Noble Park Lake Bank Stabilization Project. In June of this year, the City approved a contract with YEC for the project which consisted of using metal sheet piling to create a retaining wall to stabilize the erosion on 665 linear feet of the southern and eastern side of the Noble Park Lake. The project also included earthwork, drainage, seeding and the construction of new sidewalks. The contractor also poured additional concrete around the top of Duck Island to elevate the feature. The renovated Duck House and windmill were placed back on the island this summer. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, "We are anxious to see the public's reaction. It's a great project from a safety point of view and an

aesthetic point of view." Commissioner Allan Rhodes says, "I'm sure we'll have many people say let's do more." The original contract with YEC was in the amount of \$192,414. This change order adds \$11,780.09 to the original contract bringing the contract amount to \$204,194.09. The work initiated this summer. This phase of the bank stabilization project is substantially complete. Currently, City crews are working to improve some of the sidewalks adjacent to the project area. Seeding and final dressing of the area will occur next spring. Additional phases of bank stabilization will be discussed during the budget process for the upcoming fiscal year.

## **Amendments to Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance**

The Commissioners approved an ordinance amending sections of Chapter 6 of the Paducah Code of Ordinances regarding alcoholic beverages to comply with recent changes in State laws. One change regards the sale of distilled spirits, wine, and malt beverages by the drink at hotels, motels, and restaurants. Those facilities holding the appropriate license must meet the conditions that the minimum seating capacity of the dining facility be 50 people at tables and that at least 50 percent of the gross annual receipts from the dining facilities are received from the sale of food. This is a change from the previous requirement of 100 people at tables and at least 50 percent of the gross annual income. The City also is adding the requirement that an ABC applicant read and sign a form entitled "City of Paducah Acknowledgement by ABC Applicant." This form lists the criteria that an applicant must meet before selling alcohol including obtaining a business license and a certificate of occupancy.

## **Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with City of Murray, Kentucky (vote Dec. 9)**

The Commissioners introduced an ordinance for an interlocal cooperation agreement between the City of Paducah and the City of Murray, Kentucky. The Murray Police Department requested the agreement to promote joint drug investigations. This agreement will provide Murray and Paducah officers all police powers while working in each other's jurisdiction. The agreement also is beneficial in that each agency will be to provide the other additional manpower if a need arises. The agreement is for one year and is renewable annually unless either city desires to terminate the agreement.

## **Paducah Fire Department Courtesy Survey**

Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention Greg Cherry updated the Commissioners on the plan for firefighters to conduct courtesy surveys at businesses starting in January. Firefighters will prearrange with a business or building owner for a visit so that the firefighters can tour the facility to become more familiar with the building's layout, alarm system, sprinkler system, and other



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safety items. The firefighters also will point out any safety issues that should be addressed. Cherry says, “This will be a nice way to get them [the business] in compliance without enforcement behind it.”

### **Contract with ESRI for Computer Mapping System (vote Dec. 9)**

The Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a contract between the McCracken and Paducah Geographic Information System (MAP-GIS) consortium members and the GIS software vendor Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI). The three-year contract with ESRI allows each agency access to ESRI’s computer mapping system software. The contract cost is \$60,000 per year which will be divided among the consortium based on the number of software licenses each member holds. The contract is from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. MAP-GIS was created in 1999 and includes the following members: City of Paducah, McCracken County, Paducah Water, Paducah Power System, E-911, and the Joint Sewer Agency. The public can view the MAP-GIS system by visiting [www.paducahky.gov](http://www.paducahky.gov) and clicking the link on the left side of the homepage.

### **Creation of Oak Grove Cemetery Project Account (vote Dec 9)**

The Commissioners introduced an ordinance to create a project account to hold proceeds from the termination of the Oak Grove Cemetery Trust Fund. Since the mid-1980s funds have been captured by collecting 20 percent of the proceeds from the sale of a grave or crypt. The funds are to be used only for the general care, maintenance, and embellishment of Oak Grove Cemetery. Those funds have been held in a Perpetual Care and Maintenance Trust Fund which was originally created in an agreement with Peoples First National Bank & Trust Company of which the Community Foundation of West Kentucky was serving as the successor trustee. In October, the McCracken County Circuit Court granted an order to terminate the trust fund. This ordinance allows the funds to be transferred from the trust fund to a designated City account for the cemetery. The trust fund was required by KRS 367.952; however, in 2008, the State began exempting cities from requiring the trust fund and allowing cities to petition the Circuit Court for termination. The collection of 20 percent of the proceeds from the sale of a grave or crypt will continue and be placed in the City account for the care and maintenance of the cemetery.

### **Quick Highlights**

- Municipal order approved to submit a grant application to the Department of Homeland Security. The City is requesting a \$238,420 Assistance to Firefighters Grant that if awarded would be used to purchase 24 self-contained breathing apparatus and a mobile training apparatus. The grant requires a 10 percent match from the City.
- Ordinance approved for the final revised budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2014 (previous fiscal year). This ordinance reflects all the budget adjustments throughout that fiscal year and any adjustments required by the independent financial auditors. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) will include the original budget, the revised final budget, and expenditures for that fiscal year.
- Ordinance approved to execute a contract with Linwood Motors for the purchase of eleven new vehicles for the Police Department and Fire Prevention Division in the total amount of \$320,748. Four bids were received for this purchase with Linwood being the only responsive bid. These funds were budgeted in the FY2015 Fleet Plan.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 9) to accept the bid from Gall’s Inc. for the purchase of police uniforms and accessories for an amount not to exceed \$80,000 per calendar year. This is a two-year contract effective January 1, 2015. Three companies submitted bids.
- City Manager Pederson says progress is being made on the hotel project with the closing of the loan expected in December. The bank loan has been approved; however, the official closing has not occurred yet.
- Parks Services Director Mark Thompson invited everyone to take part in the upcoming activities:
  - Christmas in the Park Lighting Ceremony, Friday, November 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Noble Park
  - Dickens of a Christmas Small Business Saturday, November 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in downtown Paducah
  - Christmas in the Park can collection by the Commissioners and Directors will be Tuesday, December 2
  - Candy Cane Hunt, 1 p.m. on December 6 on Carson Center lawn
  - Ugly Christmas Sweater Fun Run, 4:30 p.m. on December 6 along Broadway
  - Christmas Parade, 5 p.m. on December 6.

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