



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Purchase of 432 Broadway and Demolition Bid

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for the purchase of 432 Broadway from the limited liability company called 432 Broadway, LLC. The current owner of the condemned building has indicated that he does not have the financial means to stabilize the building and bring it up to code. The City has been working with the building's owner since 2010 on correction measures. The owner did have some work done on the building in 2012; however, the building has further deteriorated, has significant structural issues, and poses a threat to public safety. The City secured the area around the building with fencing in 2013 and issued a demolition order in 2014. The building's owner advised the City this year that he is not prepared to spend additional money either to demolish or to stabilize the building. This ordinance authorizes the purchase of the building for \$1.00. Furthermore, on May 19, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a municipal order to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$500,000. If this grant is awarded, the funds would be used to demolish the building. The application is due in August with a notice of funding expected in March 2016. A match of \$125,000 would be required from the City. Before the grant can be submitted, the City must own the building.

In May, the City worked with Sullivan Cozart out of Louisville, Kentucky to get estimates to stabilize or demolish the building. Preliminary estimates to only stabilize (not rehabilitate) the building were between \$1.9 and 2.0 million. Demolition estimates ranged from \$432,000 to \$657,000 depending upon if temporary shoring will be needed in the adjacent building. Earlier this month the City opened bids for the demolition of the building. Two bids were received with Environmental Abatement, Inc. submitting the lowest responsive bid of \$458,685. An ordinance was approved at this meeting for the contract with Environmental Abatement, Inc. for the building's demolition. Commissioner Sandra Wilson says, "I think we don't have any choice since this is for safety." Planning Director Steve Ervin says the demolition is expected to begin in approximately one month with the contractor having 90 days to complete the project.

Rename Portion of South 7th Street to Clarence Gaines Street

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance to rename a portion of South 7th Street to Clarence Gaines Street. The NAACP submitted a petition to the City requesting South 7th be renamed from Broadway to Jones Street. Clarence "Big House" Gaines, a Paducah native, attended Morgan State on a football scholarship. He gained his nickname there due to his impressive physical size. After graduating from Morgan State, Gaines became a football and basketball coach at Winston-Salem State University. Gaines had a record of 828-447 and was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1982. Gaines died at the age of 81 in 2005. Changing the name of this portion of South 7th Street affects 21 property owners and 41 separate parcels. Once the petition was submitted by the NAACP, the City worked to contact all property owners. Three of the property owners did not support the change, and eight could not be reached after numerous attempts.

Contract Between Paducah Water and West McCracken Water District for Water Service (vote in August)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance to approve a contract for water service between Paducah Water and West McCracken Water District. Paducah Water General Manager Bill Robertson attended the meeting to explain the agreement. The West McCracken Water District was created in 1962, and Paducah Water has supplied water to the district under a contract since 1967. However, the contract expired in 2007. This ordinance provides for a new 10-year contract with an option for an additional 5-year term. Rates for West McCracken customers have not changed since 2005 with a current rate of \$1.50 per 1000 gallons. Under this new contract, rates will be increased to bring the customers in line with other Paducah Water customers. Effective October 1, the charge will be \$1.70 per 1000 gallons with the charge increasing to \$1.90 per 1000 gallons in October 2016 and to \$2.10 per 1000 gallons in October 2017.

Interviewing Prospective Engineering/Architectural Firms for City Hall Project

City Manager Jeff Pederson says an interview team comprised of Commissioners Carol Gault and Allan Rhodes, Steve Ervin, Steve Doolittle, Rick Murphy, and himself have interviewed four prospective engineering/architectural firms for the City Hall Project. Pederson says, "We interviewed four quality teams...four qualified teams with good local representation." Pederson



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says the firm that ultimately is selected will be instructed to pursue a dual pathway regarding this project by developing the schematics for the renovation of the existing building and the construction of a new building.

Flash Flooding from July 7, 2015

The Paducah Board of Commissioners wants to remind citizens that Paducah-McCracken County continues to work to gather information to submit to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding the number of people who received damage from the July 7, 2015 flash flooding. Paducah-McCracken County has NOT been declared a disaster area. However, this documentation will be used in the evaluation of whether or not we might qualify. If you were affected by the flash flooding, please call 270-444-8527 if you live in the City of Paducah. If you live in McCracken County outside the city limits, call 270-448-1530 to report damage you received. Information will be collected through July 24.

Here are the items of information that you will be asked to provide when you call one of the numbers listed:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Type of damage (include numbers of vehicles and the square footage of home if damaged)
4. Insurance coverage (are you covered by flood insurance or any other type of insurance?)
5. Phone number
6. Email (if available)

If FEMA declares the Paducah-McCracken County area a disaster, a news release will be issued providing information and instructions on what to do next. If you have had flood damage and started repairs, keep all receipts and take pictures of any damaged items. Document all items that were destroyed.

Last week, Commissioner Richard Abraham surveyed the damage and helped citizens move their flood-damaged items. Commissioner Abraham says, "That event was overwhelming." Mayor Gayle Kaler says, "As tragic as it was, I'm so glad there was no loss of life."

Quick Highlights

- Municipal order approved to apply for the Delta Regional Authority States' Economic Development Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$47,250. If awarded, the funds would be used to market and promote historic downtown specifically to help with the funding of various events organized through Paducah Main Street. The grant would require a 10 percent match from the City.
- Three ordinances approved declaring three pieces of property previously used by Paducah Water as surplus property and approving the conveyance of those parcels to the current land owners of the parent tracts from which the properties had been carved. These parcels were part of the old Hendron Water System.
- Ordinance approved for a contract with Linwood Motors for the purchase of one mini-van in the amount of \$22,996 to be used by the Parks Department. Two bids were received for this purchase. This will replace a 13-year old mini-van.
- Ordinance approved for a contract with Linwood Motors for the purchase of one compact SUV in the amount of \$24,984 to be used by the Parks Department. Two bids were received for this purchase. This will replace a 14 year old SUV.
- Ordinance approved for a contract with Jack Doheny Companies for the purchase of one sewer pump truck in the amount of \$365,000 to be used by the Engineering-Public Works Department. One responsive bid was received for this purchase. This will replace an 11 year old sewer pumper truck.
- Ordinance approved accepting the grant in the amount of \$23,940 from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, Law Enforcement Protection Program for the purchase of 36 body armor vests for the Paducah Police Department. This grant does not require a local match.

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