



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Appropriation for Pauper Burials

The Mayor and Commission approved a municipal order to appropriate \$16,000 to help McCracken County fund pauper burials for the current fiscal year, FY2011. Kentucky Revised Statutes places the responsibility of pauper burials on the County; however, the City traditionally has helped pay half the costs. Each pauper burial costs \$1000 with the City paying half. In FY2010, the City paid \$16,500 for the service, and in FY2009, City expenditures were \$15,500. At the May 2010 budget workshop, the Mayor and Commission asked Commissioner Gerald Watkins to meet with McCracken County representatives regarding the cost of pauper burials. In January of this year, the City started receiving pauper burial bills from the County that were twice as expensive as in 2009 when the City was paying \$500 per burial. After meeting with the McCracken County Coroner and County Commissioner Jerry Beyer, the issue was determined to be an accounting error. The City should have been billed \$500 per burial. Commissioner Watkins also researched the burial cost and determined the \$1000 cost per burial split between the City and County is extremely reasonable. Watkins says, "I think we have a responsibility to help families who can't afford to bury their loved ones."

Solar System Proposal

Randy Knight presented a proposal to the Mayor and Commission about the creation of a scale model of the solar system with the representative locations and sizes of the planets depicted on plaques. He is proposing the model to start at the floodwall, travel along Broadway, and end near Keiler Park, approximately three miles. Knight is not asking the City for money; however, he would like to have bronze signs placed along the right-of-way to represent the scale locations of the planets and their distance from the sun. Mayor Bill Paxton told Knight to work with City department heads to work on specifics of the proposal in order to make a recommendation for the Commission to address.

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