



## City Commission Meeting Highlights

### Tuesday, December 7, 2010

#### **City Manager Jeff Pederson's First Day**

Jeff Pederson wrapped up his first day on the job as Paducah's City Manager with this evening's Commission meeting. Mayor Bill Paxton began the meeting by welcoming Pederson and thanking Finance Director Jonathan Perkins for his service as interim city manager. Pederson says, "I want to thank the Mayor and Commission for the opportunity to come to Paducah. I look forward to getting to know the community, and I look forward to a long and productive tenure here." Pederson was previously the City Administrator for Grand Island, Nebraska.

#### **Christmas Parade**

At the November 16 Commission meeting, Commissioner Gerald Watkins requested the Commission formally change the name of the Holiday Parade to the Christmas Parade. At this meeting, the Mayor and Commission approved a resolution to officially change the name. Mayor Paxton says, "I want to thank Commissioner Watkins. This is something he always felt should be done." Commissioner Watkins was unable to attend the meeting. The 2010 Christmas Parade was December 4. It had 93 entries; however, due to the cold weather approximately 80 participated.

Recreation Superintendent Amie Clark presented the 2010 Christmas Parade Trophy Winners. All winners will receive trophies. First place winners also will receive \$300 with second and third place winners receiving \$75 and \$50 respectively. The 2010 Christmas Parade winners are as follows:

<b>Themed Float</b>	<b>Religious Float</b>
1. Cub Scout Pack 20	1. Free Spirit Motorcycle Ministry
2. Easter Seals	2. New Hope Church
3. Pizza Inn	3. St. Paul Lutheran Church
4. Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana Troop 1128	
5. Fraternal Order of Police	<b>School Float</b>
	1. Paducah Public Schools Transportation Dept.
<b>Non Float</b>	2. Murray State University Paducah Campus
1. Froggy 103.7	3. Paducah Parks Tot School
2. Night Moves Dance Club	
3. Cash Express	<b>Drill Team – Mayfield Cheerleaders</b>
<b>Band – Paducah Tilghman Band of Blue</b>	

The Mayfield Cheerleaders have won the Drill Team category for ten years in a row.

#### **Mayor's Award of Merit to Bill Bartleman**

Mayor Bill Paxton presented the Mayor's Award of Merit to Bill Bartleman. The award is given to outstanding citizens who have gone above and beyond in their service to Paducah. Bartleman retired in November after a career of nearly 39 years as a reporter at the Paducah Sun. Mayor Paxton says, "Bill always worked hard to get the stories correct. He tried to be fair. The newspaper is going to miss you. I also think the constituents who want to know what's going on will miss you." Bartleman



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says, "I appreciate the honor. It's undeserving. I was just doing my job. I couldn't have done it without the openness and honesty of the elected officials." Bartleman now is the Director for Community Relations at Mid-Continent University.

### **Westwood Hills Development Agreement**

The Mayor and Commission approved an ordinance for an infill development agreement with Signature Homes, LLC for the Westwood Hills Subdivision located adjacent to Pines Road. The City of Paducah considers infill agreements with a developer if the residential development meets certain criteria such as encouraging the development of single-family owner-occupied housing on vacant or underutilized land in the mature areas of Paducah; increasing the revenue tax base necessary to meet capital needs such as public safety and infrastructure; and increasing the population base for the City of Paducah. The agreement is that the City will provide an incentive agreement that equals the lesser of the following options: reimburse the developer for its costs in acquiring the public infrastructure and improvements to the extent of 1) either the sum of \$400,000 or 2) the amount of the ad valorem real property taxes collected by the City on the residential lots located within Westwood Hills for a period of ten years. The public infrastructure and improvements in Westwood Hills such as streets and gutters have an estimated value of \$400,000. Signature Homes purchased the approximately 44-acre Westwood Hills Subdivision in June 2010.

### **Purchase of Vehicles for the 2011 Fiscal Year Fleet Plan (vote Dec. 14)**

The Mayor and Commission introduced an ordinance to enter into a contract with Paducah Ford for the purchase and delivery of vehicles for the 2011 Fleet Plan. A bid opening was held December 1 with Paducah Ford as the only bidder. The vehicles to be purchased are five 2010 Crown Victoria police vehicles, five 2011 Crown Victoria police vehicles, four 2011 Ford Escape SUVs (three for the Police Department and one for the Parks Department), one 2011 Ford Expedition for the Fire Department, one 2011 Ford F150 4-wheel drive pickup truck for the Parks Department, and one 2011 F350 dump truck for the Parks Department.

The adopted Fleet plan for the purchase of these vehicles was projected at \$440,000. The actual cost for the purchase of the vehicles will be \$384,525. This results in a savings of more than \$55,000 to the fleet lease trust fund which was started in fiscal year 1999. This fund is used to build up money to replace the City's trucks and cars. When a new vehicle is purchased, a lease amount is calculated by dividing the cost of the vehicle by its expected life. The payment is paid by the City department into the trust fund. When a vehicle is ready to be retired, the City hopefully has paid into the lease fund enough money through payments and interest to replace the vehicle.

A separate ordinance was introduced to purchase a John Deere tractor from James Sanders Implement, Inc. in the amount of \$39,211.06 to be used by the Floodwall Division of the Engineering-Public Works Department. The tractor purchase was approved as part of the fiscal year 2011 fleet plan.

### **Scholar House (vote Dec. 14)**

The Mayor and Commission introduced three ordinances related to the Scholar House project. The Housing Authority of Paducah initiated the Scholar House project, which will be a 48 unit housing complex with a child development center and community center that will be located on 5.82 acres of property on Old North Friendship Road near West Kentucky Community & Technical College. This program is designed to help unemployed or underemployed single parents with young children pursue an education. The families will receive childcare and educational workshops while attending school full-time. Once the parent graduates, the family will be given time to move into permanent housing. Mayor Paxton says, "It's truly a wonderful program." The program has received approval from the Kentucky Heritage Council and the Board of Adjustment.

The first ordinance introduced is for a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Paducah, Paducah Junior College, Inc. and the Scholar House of Paducah, LLC. The second ordinance is for



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the purchase of the 5.82-acre parcel of property from Paducah Junior College. The agreement is for the City to purchase the property for \$116,400. Upon purchase, the City will transfer the property to Scholar House of Paducah, LLC for \$1.00. The third ordinance introduced is for the property transfer to Scholar House.

**Quick Highlights:**

- Boards and Commissions: Susan Ybarzabal, Kyle Henderson, Darryl Pea appointed to the Paducah McCracken County Convention Center Corporation. John Shadle appointed to the Municipal Housing Commission.
- Ordinance approved to purchase through a federal contract 200 Microsoft Office 2010 Standard software and licenses in the amount of \$50,930. The software upgrade was approved during the May budget process. The City has used the Office 2000 version since 1999.
- Ordinance approved to purchase ten digital in car video systems in the amount of \$29,950 for the Sheriff's Department. The expenditure is through 2009 Justice Accountability Grant received in August 2009. The City is serving as the lead agency on the grant, which benefits the City and County. There is no local cash match requirement.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 14) authorizing an encroachment agreement with William and Mary Reagor to allow an encroachment of an outbuilding across a portion of the Paxton Park Golf Course property. The encroachment is four feet wide and 30 feet in length. The building was unintentionally built on the golf course property.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 14) for a one year contract for services with Paducah Area Transit System (PATS) in the amount of \$225,000 for fiscal year 2011. The City will pay PATS in quarterly installments.
- The last Commission meeting for 2010 will be December 14.

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