

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2024

The regular monthly City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Deborah Pinkerton after she declared that a quorum was present. A moment of silence was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were Alderman Odom, Alderman Saddler and Alderman Breshears. Alderman Johnson was absent due to health issues.

A motion to approve the April regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 3-0

The financial report was presented by Treasurer Sandy Cook. April end of month balances for each account were read and the May Financial Report was reviewed. A motion to approve the May Financial Report was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Saddler. Passed 3-0

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Grounds Supervisor Kenny Brenton reported that the department has been busy cleaning up after the storms, removing trees and other debris. Alderman Odom asked Supervisor Brenton how many additional crew members are needed to get caught up on all the work and get back on track. Supervisor Brenton indicated two additional crew members should be sufficient to mow and trim the grounds. The mayor has placed an advertisement on the web and is receiving responses.

Police Chief Ken Howard reported 12 citizen calls, 0 assists to other agencies, 8 citations, 2 warning citations, 0 alarms answered, 1 accident, 3 arrests, 5 felonies and misdemeanor reports filed, 2 warrants served and 0 code enforcements. Alderman Breshears asked Chief Howard to discuss the SRO. Chief Howard stated that SRO Wade Rogers is retiring at the end of the school term due to health issues. At present it is not certain if the school will hire a replacement. Alderman Breshears asked if that is a decision made by the school board.

Fire Chief Cody Cooper was called into his full time job and was unable to attend the meeting but he left a report of 6 medical calls, 1 fire alarm and 1 roadway obstruction. One new member has been added to the volunteer team since last council meeting.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The fire department has acquired the 2015 Ford Explorer command vehicle.

## CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bambi Crozier of 10701 N. Hwy 59 spoke as chairman of the Planning Commission. She informed the council that all the members of the committee are learning exactly what is required of the Planning Commission and they are therefore asking the Council for patience while they learn their duties.

Priscilla May of Oakridge Drive stated that the ditches have been pulled as requested. However, the road has now been made too narrow for traffic due to the storms. She also requested that the trees be trimmed. The department is trying to trim all the roads..

Hannah Cooper introduced herself as the President of the newly organized Fire Auxiliary. An EIN number has been obtained and the club is in the process of obtaining 501C3 status. The Auxiliary will be holding fundraisers to raise funds to purchase items for the Cedarville Fire Department. A fundraiser is scheduled for July 6 and she asks for support.

Kristin Saddler introduced herself as the President of the soon to be organized Police Auxiliary. Her plan is to follow the same plan as the Fire Auxiliary. She plans to assist with grant writing and do fundraising as well. The two auxiliaries plan to work together.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Cedarville School system agreed to a possible land swap for the Cedarville Senior Center. Currently the Center is waiting for a perk test and they prefer to be independent with their own sewer system. The architect checked the slope of the land and is satisfied the land is acceptable.

Mayor Pinkerton informed the council that the road grader lease will increase significantly in June. Alderman Odom is attempting to meet with Jamie Marion on the possibility of outsourcing the grading of city roads if Mr. Marion acquires a grader. Alderman Breshears asked if the County would grade the city roads. Mayor Pinkerton informed him that she had already asked and was told the County could not accommodate the city. She has already tried to find a company to outsource the grading and the closest one was in Lowell which is not feasible. Alderman Saddler asked if we had a budget to purchase a grader. Mayor Pinkerton informed him that there isn't anything in the budget that would allow purchase.



## NEW BUSINESS

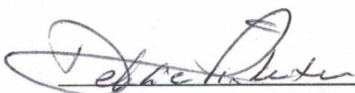
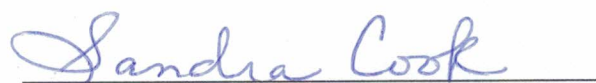
Mayor Pinkerton asked the Council what their wishes were for the three Dodge Chargers that were returned to the City by Kibbler Police Department. She asked if they wanted to bid them out or send them to auction. There has been interest in purchasing the cars. Alderman Breshears asked what would be the blue book price for said cars. Alderman Saddler stated that with the VIN numbers, mileage and condition he could get a better quote from Kelly Blue Book as to what the cars were worth. A motion to table this issue until more information can be obtained was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0

The City also has a Dodge Durango that was the old command vehicle for the Fire Department that needs to be disposed of. A motion to include the vehicle in the evaluation with the Dodge Chargers until next meeting was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Saddler. Passed 3-0

Mayor Pinkerton introduced Resolution # 2024-05-21-01, authorizing the mayor to secure a \$175,000 loan for road improvement to complete the ARDOT project on Lucian Wood Road. She explained that the City's portion would be \$312,624.44. The City has accumulated enough Street city sales tax to pay \$137,624.44 from the street account and will need to finance \$175,000. The monthly payment will be \$3412 for five years. Alderman Breshears asked if the interest rate decreased in the future could the city refinance the loan. Mayor Pinkerton informed him that refinance and early payoff are possible. A motion to approve Resolution # 2024-05-21-01 was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0

Mayor Pinkerton informed the Council that she was taking estimates for uprooting trees on Lucian Wood Road to widen the road before the asphalt project begins. Alderman Saddler offered to look at the trees and see if he can remove them at no expense to the City. He had asked the Mayor what was to be done with the trees. She explained that whoever extracts the trees will haul them away. Some of the smaller trees can be cut down and extracted by the street department but the larger trees will require a professional to extract them. Council will be informed of estimates.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0

  
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