

City of Hebron Estates

February 1, 2005

Present: Mayor Clark, Commissioners Murphy, Duddy, Forshee, Tucker, Clerk Hurst, Attorney Edison, Tom Barr from Pioneer News, Police Officer Wilson, Dewey McClearn and 6 guests.

Minutes: Clerk Hurst read January 4, 2005 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes for January 4, 2005 by Comm. Tucker and seconded by Comm. Forshee; Motion Passed 4/0.

Budget: Clerk Hurst stated that she had a breakdown of current expenditures and would pass copies of this out at each meeting for our records. Clerk Hurst explained the breakdown and stated that only budget approved categories will be listed. Clerk Hurst explained that at the next meeting she will provide a year-to-date total and would show that the city would be over budget in some categories. A guest asked which items were over budget and Clerk Hurst stated, for example, the phone service (city had not planned for DSL); new building expenses (refrigerators and chairs). Motion was made to pay bills by Comm. Tucker and seconded by Comm. Murphy; Motion Passed 4/0.

Officer Report: Officer Wilson gave a report on the January 2005 issues. A guest spoke up about the speed violations and how it was unfair for him to get pulled over; however two racing cars never got in trouble. Comm. Duddy asked Officer Wilson if the resident who witnessed the racing cars would provide their license plate numbers to the officer, could he watch out for them. Officer Wilson said yes, however he would have to witness the act in order to cite the violators. He stated that he found only 7 garage doors left open during the night, 77 traffic contacts (31 of those were warnings and the rest were tickets with the majority going to non-residents), and one arrest was made for a drug warrant and suspended license. Comm. Tucker stated that he has noticed a difference in the way the kids are driving since the extra police patrols began. Officer Wilson worked a total of 20 hours and gave the city an itemized report of all violations. Officer Wilson stated that he had two people drive by, then turn around and come back to thank him for patrolling the city.

Old Business: Mayor Clark gave an update on the property at 3511 Burkland Blvd (regarding the condition of the property). Mayor Clark stated that he had contacted Larry Hatfield (Code Enforcement Officer for Bullitt County) who said that he could only investigate unincorporated areas but that before the city could do anything a resident would need to file a written complaint. Comm. Murphy stated that 3511's neighbor had taken him to court over the situation. Mayor Clark stated that the only way the EPA will get involved is if they have a signed copy of the complaint from a resident. Former Mayor Ricketts stated that the city had filed suit against the owners of 3511 Burkland Blvd previously. Comm. Murphy asked for clarification about what the EPA needed to help the city out with this matter and as she understood it - the city would need to get a resident to file a written formal complaint after which the city could do an inspection and at that point if necessary file suit. Comm. Tucker stated that the property owner has cleaned up the front yard and has a fence around the backyard. Clerk Hurst asked Atty. Edison if anyone could file a complaint such as a real estate agent and Atty. Edison stated that it would have to be a resident. Comm. Murphy reminded everyone that a past commissioner filed suit against the property owner at 3511 and nothing had changed with this ongoing problem.

Clerk Hurst stated that the city's unpaid tax bills are down from 29 to 10. She sent a uncertified "friendly reminder" to everyone who had not paid. Clerk Hurst stated that the city will put the tax bills up for sale in March or April.

Mayor Clark led a discussion on the Pioneer News article that stated the Bullitt County School Board was answering all of our questions about the school reconstruction site on East Hebron Lane and that they were cooperating with the city. Mayor Clark stated that he wanted to clarify that the Pioneer News did not get that information from him and that the school board is still not communicating with the city. Mayor Clark stated that the only concern addressed was the size of the underground drainage tile.

Mayor Clark led a discussion on the traffic flow on Preston Highway in front of Willow Way. According to Dewey McClearn when the proposed new road gets built it should alleviate the traffic flow and in the 10 year plan a cloverleaf will be added to Preston Highway to access I-65.