

Present: Mayor Clark, Commissioners Murphy, Duddy, Forshee, Tucker, Clerk Hurst, Attorney Edison, Tom Barr of Pioneer News, , Dewey Mc Clearn, Jim Harned, Board of Education Representatives (Mrs. Wood, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Dumesnil, engineer) and City Auditor Art Henson and 25 guests.

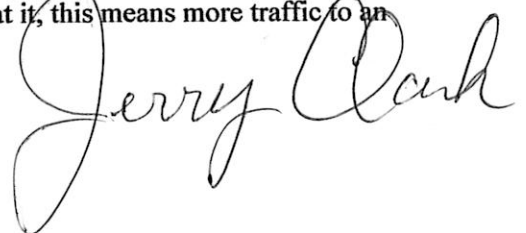
Minutes: Clerk Hurst read February 1, 2005 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes with no corrections made by Comm. Tucker and seconded by Comm. Forshee; Motion Passed 4/0.

Old Business: Mayor Clark opened the floor for the Bullitt County Board of Education Engineer Mr. Dumesnil to explain the plans for the 3 new entrances to North Bullitt High and Hebron Middle schools. Comm. Duddy asked why the road next to Freedom Elementary couldn't be used as an entrance. Mr. Dumesnil responded that the schools already use that entrance part of the time and to use it exclusively would cause a major problem since it would not keep the traffic segregated. Comm. Murphy stated that if the school board's idea was to keep the traffic segregated, then putting three openings to East Hebron lane would not be the answer, since she felt that it would only add to the traffic congestion problem that already exists. Comm. Murphy stated that by using the Freedom Elementary road as an entrance or exit that traffic segregation could be achieved since the three schools recess at different times. Mayor Clark stated that the school buses use the Freedom Elem. Road off of East Hebron Lane as an entrance for elementary students due to the traffic problems turning into Freedom Elementary from Preston Hwy.

Mayor Clark explained that since July 2004 the city has had no communication from the Bullitt County School Board regarding their plans for the new school entrances on East Hebron Lane. The mayor explained that the city should have been informed and that city residents were finding out information through the surveyors employed by the BCSB. Mayor Clark said that the original plan allowed for one additional entrance way onto East Hebron Lane for teachers and visitors. A guest stated that by adding additional entrances on East Hebron Lane it will add extremely high levels of traffic going westbound and because of the proposed traffic flow there will be problems with traffic back-ups from 3 locations: Preston Hwy for folks going to work, East Hebron Lane and Scenic Trail to Burkland Blvd. The guest also stated that since the city already has huge traffic problems with just one entrance why extra ones were needed to address a parking space issue at the schools. The engineer said that he did not have an answer. The guest stated that East Hebron Lane is a narrow road that is not designed for the traffic flow that the school board is proposing.

A guest asked Mr. Dumesnil if he had observed the current school traffic situation in the mornings on East Hebron Lane and Mr. Dumesnil said he had not. Another guest asked Mr. Dumesnil if he had ever seen a traffic problem similar to this before. Mr. Dumesnil said that he had seen the same traffic problem with Oldham County Schools. The guest questioned if the road size in Oldham County was the same as East Hebron Lane with the same amount of traffic from three schools and the engineer said it was not. Another guest stated that the school traffic flow is bad now on East Hebron and if more school entrances were added there would be the possibility of having several wrecks due to the many blinds spots and the number of cars moving at the same time at different speeds.

One of the school board representatives stated that Hebron Middle School attendance would be down 300 to 400 students next year. A guest asked what would happen when those middle school students became high schoolers – would they be going to a different high school? Mr. Dumesnil said that the additional students would be going to North Bullitt High School. A guest said the city would be dealing with additional students with multiple entrances. Another guest stated that the traffic light on Preston is not the contributing factor, it is the flow of more cars coming and going at three different locations. The guest stated that even if the traffic light were not there the traffic would still back up. A guest stated that if the school board's concern was to separate the buses from the cars, then do so, but not by adding two entrances / exits. Comm. Tucker stated that what the school board would be doing is alleviating the traffic on the school property and pushing it onto East Hebron Lane. Comm. Tucker stated that no matter how you look at it, this means more traffic to an already congested area.



Comm. Murphy reminded the BCSB representatives that the city had tried to meet with them numerous times with no response and now the school board's drafted plans do not meet with city approval. Comm. Tucker restated that the BCSB current plan would put 60% more traffic on a street that can barely handle the traffic that is on it now. Mayor Clark asked if there were any other plans and Mr. Dumesnil replied that there weren't. Comm. Murphy asked the school board representatives if they were going to do anything to address the residents concerns. Comm. Murphy and Mayor Clark stated that the city is not against the school system but that the city wants the BCSB to take our concerns into consideration. A guest said that it was unfortunate that we have this problem and he felt that the school board has treated the city shabbily by sending nasty letters; wrong interpretations for the Mayor; failure to respond to the legal advice from the city's attorney; also, considering the mission of the school board that they, of all people, would want to be a good neighbor. Mr. Dumesnil said that he would get back to the city with some answers.

City Audit Report: City Auditor, Art Henson gave a report on the 2003-2004 fiscal year. He explained that the report was different than years past due to some changes with current laws. Art explained that the city works off of two funds, the general account and the municipal aid account. Art stated that the special revenue fund can only be used for certain items. Art stated that the only correction that needed to be made was a \$3180.00 deduction from the general fund that should have been taken out of the road aid fund. Art explained that he would work with City Clerk Hurst after the meeting to correct the account. Art stated that the city did not over-spend from the revenue; however he did state that when the city amends the budget, to make sure that the correct dollar amount is allocated for the correct line item.

Art stated that he read in last month's city minutes that there were budget concerns for certain line items. Art explained that if the city exceeds the set budget amount in a line item it should be taken out of the contingency fund so that the cost will be covered and that the city does not violate the law. Auditor Henson stated that the KY League of Cities has a publication (Public Officials Legal Guide) which gives rules on how to run meetings and address issues with budgeting.

Art led the discussion on the proposed 3% insurance tax. He said that insurance companies must be notified by residents that they live in the City of Hebron Estates, otherwise the county will get all the monies. Clerk Hurst stated that the Insurance Commission would send us check. Art explained that it was bad information and that the Insurance Commission would only notify insurance companies. Each city resident must notify their individual insurance company that they live in the city of Hebron Estates, not just Bullitt County, then the Insurance Commission can distinguish between county and city and forward the correct tax amount accordingly.

Art ended by stating that a review of the accounts or checks signed by former commissioner Kristina Muir was completed at the city's request. According to Art there were only two checks (to James Lush) that were signed by Comm. Muir that did not have receipts. Clerk Hurst stated that Mr. Lush was a previous city contractor who never provided written invoices.

Old Business: Comm. Tucker led a discussion on selling the city's undeveloped property. A resident stated that he didn't think the city needed to sell the property and Comm. Tucker stated that it was just a suggestion to think about.

Clerk Hurst stated that the city is down to 5 property owners who have not paid their taxes and certified letters will be sent to notify them that their name will be in the paper if they do not pay.

Clerk Hurst asked Atty Edison when the city would receive the check from the garbage bonding company. Atty. Edison stated that the Mayor has been given a form to release the bonding company from any other charges and that a check should be forthcoming.

New Business: A guest complained that the Rumpke trash haulers were tearing up his garbage containers and Mayor Clark stated that he would follow up with Mike Sweeten, Rumpke's representative.

A guest asked if the city had purchased a safe. Comm. Tucker stated that the city did buy one and it is bolted to the floor in the city office

Comm. Murphy stated that she followed up with Marc Kaiser (Astro Communications) about Waste Management continuing to service his commercial dumpster even though the city has mandatory trash service exclusively with Rumpke. Mr. Kaiser said that Waste Management will not let him out of his current contract (two remaining years) and additionally the former mayor was aware of this arrangement. Comm. Murphy asked Atty. Edison which would supercede - the ordinance or the contract and Atty Edison advised it was the ordinance. Comm. Murphy stated that Mr. Kaiser did not oppose using Rumpke as long as he was not required to pay Waste Management in addition to Rumpke. Mayor Clark stated that he would take care of this with Atty. Edison's help.

A guest asked if Marc Kaiser was still the city's code enforcement officer and Mayor Clark stated that the city was in the process of sending a letter to Mr. Kaiser advising him that his services were no longer needed.

Budget: Clerk Hurst handed out an itemized categorized expenditure report for the fiscal year-to-date and said that these reports would be provided at each city meeting. Clerk Hurst explained that one account supports Road Aid and LGEA funds and the other account is the general account. Clerk Hurst also explained that the budget is under and over in some categories. For example, the city had expected to receive \$65,000.00 in tax monies and only received \$62,045.00.

Clerk Hurst stated that the actual cost for the building was slightly above the proposed budget (\$150,518.00) however, the city did not budget the cost for window blinds, door locks, and additional operating expenses. Clerk Hurst explained that the city did not budget for anything but the building construction cost. Clerk Hurst further explained that another item not budgeted was the monthly \$60 building cleaning cost that will need to come out of the contingency fund. Clerk Hurst explained that the monies used for the trash situation (hiring another company temporarily) from the contingency fund will be replenished once the city is reimbursed by the bonding company.

Clerk Hurst also pointed out that the city is under budget in some items, such as postage, also that the city does not have a monthly rent payment any longer and that the expected 3% insurance tax of \$5000 the city had planned to receive will not be forthcoming this year.

Clerk Hurst suggested that in the next city budget we might want to consider not having a cleaning person for the building. Mayor Clark questioned why the city would spend \$150,000.00 for the building and not pay to have it cleaned. A guest asked if renters of the city building weren't responsible for cleaning after use. Comm. Murphy said renters must clean the building after they use it but asked who was responsible for cleaning up after the city meetings. A guest stated that it costs the city when someone uses the building and that the cleaning cost should be passed along to the building renter instead of the city.

Motion was made to pay bills by Comm. Murphy and seconded by Comm. Forshee. Passed 4/0.

Officer Report: Mayor Clark gave the police officer's report since Officer Wilson was unable to attend. Officer Wilson reported to Mayor Clark that he had worked a total of 18 hours for the month of February. A total of 33 situations / stops were made in the city, 23 were tickets and the rest were warnings.

Old Business: Dewey McClearn announced to the residents that Bullitt County was offering a "Junk Day" on April 9th at North Bullitt High School. Mr. McClearn stated that large items such as mattresses and furniture would be accepted but that tires, paint, freon and oil were prohibited and that the Pioneer News would have additional information.

Motion was made to adjourn by Comm. Murphy and seconded Comm. Tucker; passed 4/0.