

THE CITY OF HEBRON ESTATES  
MAY 3, 1994

Minutes of the Commissioners Meeting

PRESENT: MAYOR RICKETTS, COMMISSIONERS CARDWELL, FRALEY, HANSEN, MARSHALL, CITY CLERK MARTHA FERGUSON, ATTORNEY JOHN WOOLRIDGE, MR. BARR, PIONEER NEWS. VISITORS; MR. PAT BURKE AND CHRIS MUIR.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Cardwell to accept the minutes as corrected by changing of Mr. Rossini's name. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fraley and motion passed.

BUDGET: Commissioner Fraley made a motion to pay the regular bills. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen and motion passed.

Old BUSINESS: Mayor Ricketts stated that the pavement repairs will take place this summer.

Mr. Woolridge discussed that the past records had not been audited. Ms. Ferguson had gone to Mr. Bass's (CPA) office and picked up a box of materials belonging to the City of Hebron Estates. She refuses to be involved in past records prior to Dec. 1993 since she was not the clerk at that time. She had been advised by legal counsel on this matter. She states that Mr. Bass has had the city records since Nov. 93 however, he has been sick and his father expired in Feb. Apparently Mr. Bass did not have all the records to complete the audit. Ms. Muir, past clerk, was present and stated she had found some additional records at her house and will give them to Mr. Woolridge immediately after the meeting.

Ms. Ferguson discussed that the City of Hebron Estates is in a state of suspension from all state monies. She read a letter from Mr. Stinchcomb, Ky official in local government stating that the UFIR form which was due in June 1993 had not been submitted. Ms. Muir said she never received the form to complete for 1993 and that she had completed the form previously. The form must be completed and submitted before June 30 in order to receive the monies being held. Ms. Ferguson is greatly concerned at the monies the city is losing monthly from the state and the delinquent taxes from residents.

Mr. Woolridge asked the past Mayor Pat Burke if he had discussed the issue with Mr. Bass. Mr. Burke said that Mr. Bass indicated to him in the past week that he was willing to complete the audit and the forms however, he had been sick. Mr. Ricketts agreed to contact Mr. Bass again. Mr. Woolridge agreed to take the "BOX" to his office and get his secretary to organize and sort it. Mr. Woolridge will try to complete the UFIR form and get it submitted to Frankfort. He will also talk with Mr. Bass to obtain the possibility of him completing the audit since he has done it before, and can do it more quickly and more efficiently. It was general consensus of the Commissioners to let Mr. Bass complete the audit if he can do it in a timely manner to meet the deadline for the State Dept. Mr. Marshall voiced concern that the city could lose large amounts of money.

Ms. Ferguson was concerned that she was employed in Dec. 1993 and six months later has not been able to get the clerk position organized because the records have not been audited and submitted to her. In June a new budget is due and UFIR forms due. Mayor Ricketts stated that we had the opportunity to collect taxes from the largest paying citizen and couldn't tell him how much he owed. Mr. Woolridge discussed that recently many refinanced mortgages, new houses were closed and how these transactions can effect our monies. These occurrences make it necessary for the clerk to have all the city records. Mayor Ricketts and Ms. Ferguson feel they can submit a 1994-1995 budget at the June City meeting since they have the 1993 records.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Hansen led a discussion in re-organizing the time frame and method of collecting taxes. Tax bills are due on August 1 of each year however, the computer print out is not available from the PVA's office until Sept. or Oct. Mr. Woolridge explained the procedures of receiving the computer print out and suggested we continue to purchase the print out since we need a current property assessment. Ms. Ferguson suggested that we not use "Aug. 1" when the bills are mailed two months later. Mr. Hansen wants us to set bills with delinquent dates as the county's system. Since the city doesn't own a computer or a program, this would be very difficult to accomplish.

Mr. Woolridge suggested we look at the cost of a separate firm to prepare the tax bills for the taxpayers. The cost efficiency, quality and quantity were discussed. Mr. Hansen was concerned about the accuracy of some of the tax assessments. Mr. Hansen agreed to obtain prices and give a report at the June Meeting.

Mr. Woolridge discussed the laws on collecting taxes. Ms. Ferguson will have a current list of names of property owners and addresses for delinquent taxpayers available at the June meeting. Mr. Woolridge will send them a letter to notify the taxpayers of the intent of placing a lien on their property and follow with a listing in the paper. Anyone paying their delinquent taxes will not be charged the past interest. Again it was discussed that Ms. Ferguson needs the complete city records. There was lots of discussion and concerns over monies being lost, why past taxes were not collected, and how we could improve in the future.

Mayor Ricketts recommended that Mr. James Miller represent the City of Hebron Estates on the Planning and Zoning Commission board. James Miller was unanimously approved. Ms. Ferguson will send a letter to Mr. Daryl Lee, Planning and Zoning board and the Judge executive requesting that Mr. James Miller represent our city.

A discussion was led by Ms. Fraley on the legality of residential zoning permitting commercial use of property. Mr. Woolridge once again advised that any resident can enforce an ordinance by going to the county attorneys office. It was general consensus that businesses will not be allowed in our city unless they are properly zoned. Ms. Fraley agreed to contact Daryl Lee's office and report her findings regarding a Nail Salon on Burkland Blvd.

Respectively Submitted

Martha Ferguson, City Clerk

*Herschel Ricketts*