

CITY OF HEBRON ESTATES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2003

PRESENT: MAYOR RICKETTS, COMMISSIONERS TUCKER, MURPHY, MUIR CLERK HURST, ATTORNEY EDISON, PIONEER NEWS TOM BARR AND 5 GUESTS.

MINUTES: MOTION WAS MADE TO CORRECT THE TYPO ON THE LAST PARAGRAPH APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED BY COMM. MURPHY AND SECONDED BY COMM. MUIR; MOTION PASSED 3/0.

BUDGET: MOTION WAS MADE TO PAY BILLS BY COMM. TUCKER AND SECONDED BY COMM. MURPHY; MOTION PASSED 3/0.

OLD BUSINESS: MAYOR RICKETTS STATED THAT HE CONTACTED THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE HOLES IN THE INTERSECTION AND THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS. MAYOR RICKETTS ALSO STATED THAT HE GAVE TWO VIOLATIONS TO MARC KAISER.

MAYOR RICKETTS STATED THAT HE SENT A LETTER TO THE JUDGE ABOUT THE TILE ON CREEKVIEW AND FOR THE OF THE DRAINAGE DITCH REPAIR.

COMM. TUCKER ASKED THE COUNCIL IF WE HAD FILED A LIEN AGAINST THE BURKE'S PROPERTY. CLERK HURST STATED THAT SHE WAS GOING TO WAIT UNTIL WE CUT THE GRASS FOR THE LAST TIME. CLERK HURST STATED THAT THE BALANCE AS OF RIGHT NOW IS \$300. COMM. MURPHY ASKED COULD WE CHANGE THE ORDINANCE TO STATE THAT AFTER THE SECOND TIME THE FINE WOULD BE \$500. MAYOR RICKETTS SAID THAT WE ARE CORRECTING THE PROBLEM IN MOST CASES AFTER THE PROPERTY OWNER GETS THE LETTER THEN THEY CUT IT. COMM. MURPHY STATED THAT IF WE MADE A CHANGE IT COULD IMPROVE. COMM. MURPHY ALSO STATED HOW MANY YEARS DOES THE CITY HAVE TO KEEP SENDING LETTERS TO THE FEW REPEAT OFFENDERS ABOUT THEIR GRASS. ATTORNEY EDISON SAID THAT THE MONEY WOULD HAVE TO GO TO THE STATE FIRST.

COMM. TUCKER ASKED HOW WE ARE DOING ON THE CASE WITH THE BURKE'S. ATTORNEY EDISON STATED THAT WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR A JUDGE. COMM. MURPHY HOW MUCH LONGER DO WE HAVE TO WAIT? ATTORNEY EDISON STATED THAT BY NEXT SUMMER.

COMM. MUIR LED A DISCUSSION ON THE NEW BUILDING. COMM. MUIR STATED THAT SHE GOT A BUILDER FRIEND TO LOOK AT THE PLANS. COMM. MUIR STATED THAT THE PLANS ARE NOT COMPLETE INCLUDING THE FOUNDATION. MAYOR RICKETTS STATED THAT 6 MONTHS IS TOO LONG TO WAIT ON PLANS, THE COST OF THE BUILDING MATERIALS IS RISING. COMM. MUIR SAID THAT HER BUILDER FRIEND RECOMMENDED A HALF BASEMENT. MAYOR RICKETTS ASKED WHAT HE SAID ABOUT THE COST. COMM. MUIR STATED THAT HE DIDN'T GIVE A COST HOWEVER; HE DID SAY THAT THE MONEY THAT WE WOULD SAVE BY PUTTING IN A BASEMENT WOULD BE GREAT. COMM. MURPHY ASKED ABOUT THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM? COMM. MUIR THE BUILDER STATED THAT WE WOULD NOT NEED IT BECAUSE WE WOULD BE LESS THAN 2000 SQUARE FEET.

NEW BUSINESS: ATTORNEY EDISON READ THE FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE 2003-05 AND 2003-06 TAX RATE ASSESSMENT WITH A RATE OF .0970. ATTORNEY EDISON READ THE FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE 2003-07.

MAYOR RICKETTS ASKED FOR A MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STORM WATER AGREEMENTS. COMM. MURPHY ASKED WHAT DOES THAT MEAN. ATTORNEY EDISON SAID THAT IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT THE COUNTY WILL TAKE CARE OF THEIR ROADS AND THE CITY WILL TAKE CARE OF THEIR ROADS.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN BY COMM. TUCKER AND SECONDED COMM. MUIR; PASSED 3/0.

Discussion was led by Comm. Clark on the snow removal. Comm. Murphy stated that we just need to do better. Mayor Ricketts stated that we will get more that just the intersections cleared off. Comm. Murphy stated that the Mayor will ultimately decide along with the feedback he will get the feed back from the council members.

Comm. Murphy led a discussion on the open burning. Comm. Clark stated that no one wants to touch this because the EPA says one thing and the fire department says another. A guest spoke up and asked if the city has an ordinance on the burning and Comm. Murphy stated no. Guest stated that the only reason why I am brining this up is because any time I went to ask the previous city clerk something or to see a copy of the ordinance I was always given the run around. The guest further stated that the scaring thing about is that if someone brought up something and she didn't like it an ordinance would be passed. That's the main reason why people did not come to the meetings and or contact the clerk. Guest further explained that I see now the city has a new clerk and I think it will be different however, that's the way it was in the past. A guest asked if the city would look into putting up a website.

Clerk Hurst led the discussion on the web site. Comm. Clark stated that he thinks it would be a great idea. The guest stated that anyone could get access to the information any time of day and read the ordinances first to see if they would be in violation. Comm. Clark asked how much would it cost and Clerk Hurst stated that possible \$20 - \$30 a month to register it on a .com search, unless I can find out how Bullitt County is registered on .gov. A guest stated that it would great. Clerk Hurst stated that we could use this means of communication and that we could put the commissioner's names, scanned ordinances and a link for e-mail concerns to the city. Clerk Hurst also stated that we could use this as a mass communication outlet for the storm water run off project instead on mailing out \$.37 stamps to everyone. Mayor Ricketts asked Clerk Hurst can you do this and if so when? Clerk Hurst stated that it would be a while because it's tax season, it may be February or March. Motion was made to start a city website by Comm. Clark and seconded by Comm. Muir; Motion Passed 4/0.

Mayor Ricketts led a discussion on the insurance tax. Comm. Clark stated that he feels that the county is taking in a lot however, not helping out the cities. Comm. Clark stated that isn't the monies supposed to go towards the courthouse and jail and didn't they just purchase some road equipment with the same money. Comm. Tucker said that he has talked to every Mayor and he has heard them say that they are going to get Rigdon. Comm. Tucker stated that he does not want to be a part of this. Comm. Muir stated that the county has not done anything for us up to this point. Comm. Clark stated that they are taking in 2 million. Comm. Tucker stated that I'm scared that once we take there money then they will tack it onto us in other ways. Comm. Clark asked Mayor Ricketts what types of services do we get from the county. Atty Edison said that the same issue was brought up at Fox Chase. The county stated that 911 service costs more than \$1.00 per person and the ambulance service cost money to. Mayor Ricketts stated that my insurance pays for my emergency runs. Mayor Ricketts stated that we have an inter-local agreement that's all I going to say. Comm. Murphy stated just like the help we got for the ditch repair on East Hebron Lane. Comm. Clark ask Tom Barr are we the only city that has not passed this ordinance. Tom stated that pretty much yes. Comm. Murphy stated that even if we did not pass the ordnance they are going to raise our taxes any way because of the other cities. Clerk Hurst stated that even if each city took 5% it would only be a third of their bottom dollar. Comm. Clark asked Tom Barr what's the most any city has taken? Tom replied 3%. Comm. Clark asked the council what about half? Motion was made to retrieve 3% insurance tax by Comm. Muir and seconded by Comm. Murphy; Motion Passed 3/2.

Mayor Ricketts stated at the next meeting he would have the plans for our new building.

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

Herschel Ricketts