

NOVEMBER 26, 1996

**PRESENT:** COMMISSIONERS CARDWELL, FRALEY, HANSEN, <sup>Russell</sup> MAYOR RICKETTS, CLERK FERGUSON, ATTORNEY EDISON, MR. BARR-PIONEER NEWS. SEVEN VISITORS

**MINUTES:** A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMM. RUSSELL AND SECONDED BY COMM. FRALEY TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

**BUDGET:** A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMM. CARDWELL TO PAY THE BILLS INCLUDING HENSON & SMITH \$2400.00, LEE & MARSHALL 1349.96, OFFICE DEPOT, ALLTEL, LG&E; SECONDED BY COMM. RUSSELL; MOTION PASSED. COMM. HANSEN MOVED THAT WE TRANSFER \$7311.49 FROM GENERAL ACCOUNT TO THE MUNICIPAL FUNDS ACCOUNT AS RECOMMENDED BY AUDITOR HENSON; SECONDED BY COMM. FRALEY AND MOTION PASSED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMM. CARDWELL AND SECONDED BY COMM. HANSEN TO AMEND THE 1995-1996 BUDGET. MOTION PASSED.

**OLD BUSINESS:** MAYOR RICKETTS STATED THAT HE CHECKED ON THE THREE AUTOMOBILES AT THE APARTMENTS. ALL OF THEM WERE LICENSED ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE FLAT TIRES. FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION ATTORNEY EDISON SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNTY ORDINANCE 91-09 BE ENFORCED THROUGH MR. JAMES MILLER. COMM. RUSSELL VOICED CONCERNS THAT THE JUNK CARS WERE KEPT IN THE CITY. THE MAYOR WILL CHECK WITH MR. MILLER IN THE PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICE.

COMM. RUSSELL LED A DISCUSSION ON PROBLEMS OF THE CITY WHICH HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR YEARS. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEET WITH ATTORNEY EDISON TO WRITE NEW ORDINANCES. COMM. RUSSELL AGREED TO REPORT AT THE DEC. MEETING.

COMM. HANSEN WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE TAX EXEMPT NUMBER. MS. FERGUSON HAS CALLED FRANKFORT.

COMM. RUSSELL WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PAST TAXES PRIOR TO 1993. MS. FERGUSON EXPLAINED THAT FOR MONTHS OUR ATTORNEY TOLD US HE WOULD COLLECT THE TAXES; ONE TIME IT WOULD BE THROUGH LEINS AND THE NEXT TIME IT WOULD BE THROUGH LAW SUIT. THERE ARE APPROX. 21 DELINQUENT TAX BILLS REMAINING. FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION ATTORNEY EDISON INFORMED THE CITY THAT UNLESS THE ORDINANCES WERE WRITTEN AND PUBLISHED IN THE PAPER WITH A PENALTY WHEN THE TAX RATE WAS ESTABLISHED, THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CITY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COLLECT THE TAXES ESPECIALLY IF A LEIN WAS NOT LED. MS. FERGUSON INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS THAT THE AUDITOR HAD GONE OVER THE PROPERTY ONE BY ONE PUBLICALLY, AND THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE VOTED TO COLLECT THE DELINQUENT TAXES WITH INTEREST AND PENALTY; IT WAS ALSO VOTED FOR THE ATTORNEY AT THE TIME TO COLLECT THE TAXES AND THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE. ATTORNEY EDISON REQUESTED A COPY OF THE ORDINANCES, HOWEVER, MS. FERGUSON DOES NOT HAVE COMPLETE CITY RECORDS PRIOR TO 1992 WHEN SHE BECAME CLERK. ATTORNEY EDISON AGREED TO GO TO PIONEER NEWS AND TRY TO SEARCH FOR PUBLISHED ORDINANCES. MR. ZEILER, A PROPERTY OWNER, REQUESTED THAT HIS DELINQUENT BILL BE CLEARED UP SINCE HE PURCHASED PROPERTY OF A DECEASED RESIDENT. ATTORNEY EDISON WILL TRY TO REPORT TO US ON WHAT CAN BE DONE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

COMM. HANSEN GAVE A REPORT ON STREET SIGNS. HE PRESENTED A DOCUMENT WITH QUOTES. MS. FERGUSON QUESTIONED IF THREE BIDS HAD BEEN OBTAINED AND ATTORNEY EDISON ADVISED THAT WE COULD LEGALLY DO SMALL PURCHASES SINCE EACH COMPANY WAS UNDER \$10,000. COMM. HANSEN REQUESTED A VOTE OF WHETHER TO PROCEED AT THE JAN. MEETING.

**NEW BUSINESS:** ATTORNEY EDISON INFORMED THAT THE AMENDED COMPLAINT AGAINST SEVEN COUNTIES CONSULTING SERVICES INC. HAS COME BACK AWARDED THE COMMISSIONERS \$250.00 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF \$750 AND HAS AWARDED SEVEN COUNTIES \$100,000. COMM. RUSSELL MOVED THAT THE COMMISSIONERS AWARD AND FEES OF \$750.00 AND \$100,000 BE PAID TO BULLITT CO. CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF HEBRON ESTATES TO TAKE CONTROL OF LOTS 80,81,82 ON BURKLAND BLVD. MOTION SECONDED BY COMM. HANSEN; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

COMM. RUSSELL MOVED THAT FUNDS BE REMOVED FROM THE BUILDING FUND CD'S AND PLACED IN THE GENERAL ACCOUNT TO PAY THE CONDEMNATION AWARD AND EXPENSES. MOTION SECONDED BY COMM. HANSEN; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 96-04 WAS HELD. THE SECOND READING WILL BE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

ETHIC ORDINANCE FORMS WERE DISTRIBUTED BY RON PULLIAM, ETHICS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON. EACH ELECTED OFFICIAL WILL COMPLETE THE FORMS BY THE NEXT MEETING.

COMM. CARDWELL MOVED TO ADJOURN; SECONDED BY COMM. RUSSELL; MOTION PASSED. THE NEXT CITY MEETING WILL BE ON DECEMBER 19, 1996

*Henschel Ricketts Jr.*