

City of Hebron Estates Minutes  
City Community Center  
December 5, 2006

7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Clark, Commissioners Duddy, Forshee, Tucker, Murphy, Clerk Picheo, Atty. Edison, Tom Barr of Pioneer News and 13 guests.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve November 7, 2006 minutes was made by Comm. Tucker and seconded by Comm. Murphy; Motion Passed 4/0.

**Budget:** Motion to pay the regular monthly bills was made by Comm. Murphy and seconded by Comm. Tucker; Motion Passed 4/0.

**Officer Cook Report:** Officer reminded everyone that he was on vacation for the first couple of weeks in November and report reflects the last two weeks in November. Off. Cook stated that had made 16 contacts (which includes written and verbal warnings with 1 arrest) and worked a total of 20 hours for the month of November. Comm. Murphy asked Off. Cook if he was aware of the break in on Tony Lane. Off. Cook stated that he was made aware of the situation and would try to talk to the officers involved with the investigation. Comm. Murphy also made Off. Cook aware of a situation regarding Kevin Russell's house on Burkland Blvd. Comm. Murphy explained that the neighbor across the street from Mr. Russell's house notice a white van that was parked outside his house while Kevin was at work. The neighbors questioned the people who drove the van and they stated that they were just there to drop something off. The neighbors became suspicious when they tried to get a license plate number and noticed it was backed in. The white van then left after the neighbor questioned them. Comm. Murphy advised the resident to contact the Bullitt County Sheriff's office. Off. Cook stated that it is always better to call when in doubt than to wait for the crime to be committed.

**Old Business:** Comm. Tucker led a discussion regarding the drainage problem at 3813 Scenic Trail. Mayor Clark stated that the property owner wanted a crown on her side of the road. Mayor Clark explained that the crown is always in the middle of the street to allow for proper drainage. The mayor also explained that a lot of the problems are from grass and sand that have been built up over the years on her lower side thus causing the build up in her driveway.

Mayor Clark stated that the city is within three or four lights from having the accurate number of street lights completed and that Comm. Tucker and the mayor are planning on finishing counting all the lights. Mayor Clark thanked resident Florence Jolly for her time in counting the lights. Comm. Forshee asked Clerk Picheo on the status of the tax bills. Clerk Picheo stated that we are doing okay however; we still about 150 who have not paid.

Comm. Tucker and Comm. Murphy thanked Mayor Clark for following through in getting John Harper repaved in the trouble areas.

Mayor Clark asked Atty. Edison to clarify the sign ordinance. Atty. Edison led a discussion on the sign ordinance. Atty. Edison stated that you can not get a permit for a sign that is currently up. He explained that the owner would have to remove the sign and then get the approval including the permit. Atty. Edison also stated that a question was raised regarding an annual fee. Atty. Edison explained that it is a one time fee unless the sign were to change in any way or location. Mayor Clark asked if we received a permit for the building on Burkland. Clerk Picheo stated that we received two. Atty. Edison stated that all permits should be approved first before a permit is issued. Clerk Picheo clarified with Atty. Edison that all sign permits are to be brought before the council and approved by the council before giving out a permit. Clerk Picheo stated that she was unaware of this and that the last two permits and in years past had been already issued.

Comm. Murphy gave an update on the Hartford Insurance unpaid monies. Comm. Murphy stated with the help of Atty. Edison the city should see a check for the current and past amount. Comm. Murphy stated that Hartford will get the money from Bullitt County that is due to us. Comm. Murphy also stated that the Insurance Commission has been informed about this.

Comm. Tucker asked Mayor Clark about the \$50,000 Storm Water grant money. Mayor Clark stated that the city had received a notice telling the city that \$250.00 will be taken out as a first draw.

**New Business:** Comm. Forshee reminded everyone that per our contract with Rumpke, our monthly fee would increase to \$9 per month beginning in November 2006.

Comm. Murphy led a discussion on increasing the hours of the patrols within the city. Mayor Clark stated that the money is in the budget and that we are going to have to amend the budget anyway. Comm. Tucker asked why? Mayor Clark stated that because of being charged for both fiscal years audits within in this fiscal year and due to the fact that we have received grant money we will have to amend the budget.

Mayor Clark also stated that we may want to have more than one patrol officer. Mayor Clark asked Off. Cook if he could handle more hours and he said that he could. Mayor Clark asked the council to think about this until January 2007.

Comm. Murphy asked everyone if they had any information for the newsletter. Comm. Tucker asked if we could remind everyone about the insurance tax on the front page. Mayor Clark asked that two dates for the yard sale (the third Saturday in May and the first Saturday in October) be listed in the newsletter. A guest asked that a reminder of the senior group meeting be put in the newsletter. Mayor Clark stated that he would get signs made up to announce the group meeting.

Comm. Duddy asked Atty. Edison if there are any cites that have an ordinance that has a limit on the number of meetings that a council member can miss. Atty. Edison stated that according to state law you can not put in place an ordinance that states that a commissioner can miss blank amount of meetings. Atty. Edison stated that if a council member were to miss some meetings, it would have to be a decision that the council would have to decide on and would be on the merits of not performing or representing the people. Comm. Duddy stated that he was just concerned because the newly elected council just received a raise and that he wanted to make sure that the commissioners were present for most of the meetings and represented the residents for all votes on ordinances and other major events. Comm. Murphy stated you heard what Atty. Edison said and that there is no magic number for missed meetings.

Mayor Clark asked the newly elected council members to stay after the meeting so that they could be sworn into office. Atty. Edison stated that there is conflicting laws that state that an elected official should be sworn in before Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. Atty. Edison explained that it would be wise to get the officials sworn in before just in case there was an emergency on January 1<sup>st</sup> (before the council meets again).

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Tucker and seconded by Comm. Forshee Passed 4/0. Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

