

**CITY OF HARRODSBURG
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: January 13, 2025

TIME: 12 p.m.

PLACE: City of Harrodsburg, Conference Room

Mayor Robert “Bob” Williams called the regular meeting to order at 12 p.m. Members present, Commissioners; Kerry Anness, Charlie Mattingly, Jack Coleman and Marvin “Bubby” Isham.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Anness – Present; Commissioner Mattingly – Present; Mayor Williams – Present; Commissioner Coleman – Present; Commissioner Isham – Present.

APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2024

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on December 9, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2024

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Mattingly to approve the minutes for the special meeting held on December 17, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF DUANE BAKER, WATER TREATMENT PLANT, FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG

Mayor Williams presented Duane Baker with a certificate and congratulated him on 10 years of service with the Harrodsburg city government.

RECOGNITION OF KEVIN MESSER, WATER TREATMENT PLANT, FOR 5 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG

Kevin Messer was not at the meeting; however, Mayor Williams recognized his 5 years of service at Water Treatment Plant.

RECOGNITION OF CHASE HALE, POLICE, FOR 5 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG

Chase Hale was not at the meeting; however, Mayor Williams recognized his 5 years of service at the HPD.

POLICE ESCORT FOR MLK CELEBRATION

Wilma Linton was not present. Mayor said as he understood it, she wanted a police escort for the parade on Monday the 20th. He asked if that was correct and if everything was cool.

DAARIK GRAY WITH TOURIST COMMISSION SPOKE

Daarik Gray with the Harrodsburg Mercer County Tourist Commission spoke. Mr. Gray said there will be some changes at the office. He said they hired Kaitlyn Harder as the Community Development & Events Coordinator. Mr. Gray said Oktoberfest will still be happening but not under the Tourism jurisdiction. He said Downtown Harrodsburg voted to dissolve on December 31st and they branched out a new committee that will be running the Oktoberfest committee. Mr. Gray said the three guys leading the charge on that are Noel Turner, Allen Goldie and Greg Souder. Mr. Gray said Conner will stay as Assistant Director but adding Sports Director as well. He will be working with Stephen at Anderson Dean Park, Trevor Short at the Community Center as well as the schools trying to get tournaments into the community. Mr. Gray gave an update over the last four years. He was hired in 2021. In 2021 they gave out \$302,000 to events and organizations and had 2,382 social media followers. In 2024 they gave out \$593,000 to events and organizations and had 14,700 social media followers. He said there is always a question about the restaurant tax. He said \$593,000 goes back into the community. Mr. Gray said in the four years he has been here they have given Anderson Dean Park over \$600,000. He said they have created the new positions, created a new logo, redesigned their website and partnered with Rupp Arena. Mr. Gray said his goal for 2025 is to start looking at infrastructure so in 30 years we can look back and say we built that with tourism tax. Commissioner Coleman asked about the timing of the events. Mr. Gray said they call surrounding counties to try to strategically place the events.

MERCER COUNTY AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mayor Williams said Ruth Ann Bryant contacted him to let him know she could not make it to the meeting. She and passed on some information for him to give. He said February 8th is going to be the Black History Banquet out at the stables at the Fairgrounds at 6 p.m. Mayor said tickets are \$20 a person, \$35 a couple, children 12 and under are \$10. Lucian Yates will be the speaker. You can get tickets from Phil Yates, Ruth Ann and the Chamber.

APPROVE AND PAY DEPARTMENT INVOICES

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Isham to approve and pay the department invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE REQUEST TO PURCHASE A NEW SERVER

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Coleman to authorize to amend the request to purchase a new server (previously approved on December 17, 2024) to revise the total cost which was \$7,944.90 to \$10,754.90 plus labor. Funds will come from remaining ARPA balance.

CAO Maynard said we currently have two servers and that allows us to replace both of them with one. She said it is cheaper than buying a separate server. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MUNICIPAL ORDER # 01-13-2025

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Anness to approve Municipal Order #01-13-2025: a municipal order appointing Marvin “Bubby” Isham as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor said in the event that anything should occur that he is unable to be here Commissioner Isham would step in. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE TIM LYONS IN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT-WATER MAINTENANCE

Motion by/seconded, Commissioner Anness/Mayor Williams to authorize to hire Tim Lyons as a Public Service Worker 2 in the Public Works Department-Water Maintenance, at \$20 per hour, effective January 21, 2025. Pending drug and alcohol test and background check. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR WILLIAMS TO SIGN ANNUAL PUMP MAINTENANCE WITH LAYNE CHRISTENSEN COMPANY

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Anness/Isham to authorize for Mayor Williams to sign the annual pump maintenance with Layne Christensen Company for the Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried unanimously.

AMEND YOUNG’S PARK RENTAL AGREEMENT

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Mattingly/Anness to authorize amendments to the Young’s Park rental agreement to include language related to rental cancellations due to emergencies. Due to unforeseen maintenance issues at the Lions Park building, we may need to use Young’s Park as a warming station during weather emergencies. Motion carried unanimously.

STREETLIGHT ON CEDAR STREET

Motion by Commissioner Mattingly to put a street light on Cedar Street. Motion died for a lack of second. Commissioner Mattingly said he thinks the city is making progress on condemned property. He said Mike Cooley bought a property on Cedar Street and fixed up the street. Commissioner Mattingly said Mr. Cooley has asked for a street light on Cedar Street in front of that property. He said he went up there one night when it was dark and it is dark. He said there is one light about half way down. Commissioner Mattingly said KU quoted it at either \$6.82 or \$8.82 for a cobra light to be put on that existing pole. Commissioner Mattingly made a motion to authorize KU put a street light on that existing pole at approximately \$6.82 per month. Mayor said he thinks if we do this, we are going to open a can of worms that we are not going to be able to close because then everybody is going to want the city to pay for their street light. Commissioner Mattingly said he looks at it like it was an abandoned property and he bought this property and if \$6.82 is going to break the city up then we need to look at our budget. Mayor said he doesn’t think it is a problem with \$6.82 per month, I think it is a problem with \$6.82 a month multiplied by

everyone else that is going to want a street light in front of their property. Commissioner Mattingly said it is according to their circumstances. Commissioner Isham said there is a pole there now correct Charlie. Commissioner Mattingly said there is an existing pole there. He said it is dark on that street and it is a safety concern. Mayor asked if the owner would be willing to pay \$6.82 a month, it is for his purposes not ours. Commissioner Mattingly said it is for safety, Mayor said that begs the questions of what he is willing to pay for safety. Commissioner Isham said he understands what Charlie is saying too, we have some issues around town with people wanting street lights but in some subdivisions the developer there was underground electric and no poles put there and it should have been up to the developer not the city. Mayor said we get a lot of requests for street lights or they want them to be upgraded. Mayor said we have already had a situation with an individual that lives across the street from there because of light pollution and certainly don't want to add to the light pollution by putting a light in his front yard. Commissioner Mattingly said people are asking for their lights to be upgraded to LED. Mayor said if you are talking about the budget the person to talk to would be Stacey. Mayor asked Stacey if this is something that we want to look. Stacey said we have money in the budget now for street lights. She said we are paying for street lights now. She said we just need to figure out if it is \$6 or \$8. Stacey said it is not going to break the bank it is just a question of if you all want to do it. Commissioner Isham asked how many lights are on Cedar Street now. Commissioner Mattingly said one.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Mayor Williams/Commissioner Coleman to go into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency, but only when publicity would be likely to affect the value of the specific piece of property to be acquired for public use or sold by a public agency and pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) for the purpose of discussing pending or proposed litigation on behalf or against the public agency at approximately 12:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Isham/Anness to come out of executive session at approximately 1:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

NO ACTION TAKEN

Mayor announced no action was taken.

BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Isham/Coleman to go back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion by/seconded, Commissioners Isham/Anness to adjourn at approximately 1:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert O. Williams, Mayor

Shavonna Huffman, City Clerk