



Hurstbourne Acres Post

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Next City Meeting

Thursday, January 10th
 City Hall
 at 7.30 pm

*Wheelchair access at back entrance.

Notes from the Mayor, No. 18

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Please remember to move your cars off the street in times of impending snow.

I look forward to working with your Commission in order to keep our city safe and our budget balanced.

Hope to see everyone on the 10th.

Trash Pickup - every Tuesday & Friday
 Yard Waste/Leaves - every Monday
 Recycling - Alternate Tuesdays (1/15 & 1/29)
 Eco-Tech 935-1130

Check Out the City's Website

All newsletters, ordinances, treasurer's reports, and warrants are published online at the city's website:
www.hurstbourneacres.org

New Year Trivia

- The Time Square New Year's Eve Ball came about as a result of a ban on fireworks. The first ball, in 1907, was an illuminated 700-pound iron and wood ball adorned with one hundred 25-watt light bulbs. Today, the round ball designed by Waterford Crystal, weighs 11,875-pounds, is 12 feet in diameter and is bedazzled with 2,668 Waterford crystals. Due to wartime restrictions, the New Year's Eve ball was not lowered in 1942 and 1943. Throughout the year, visitors to Times Square in New York City write their New Year's wishes on pieces of official Times Square New Year's Eve confetti. At the end of the year, the wishes are collected and added to the one ton of confetti that showers the crowd gathered in Times Square in celebration of the New Year.
- Food plays a big role in New Year's traditions. Eating black-eyed peas, ham or cabbage are thought to bring prosperity. However, stay away from bad luck foods like lobsters, because they move backwards, and chicken, because they scratch in reverse. It is believed that eating these on New Year's day might cause a reversal of fortune.
- In Italy, people wear red underwear on New Year's Day as a symbol of good luck for the upcoming year.
- According to this survey, 40 to 45 percent of American adults make one or more resolutions each year. The top New Year's resolutions include weight loss, exercise, quitting smoking and better money management. By the second week of January, 25 percent of people have abandoned their resolutions.



Book Club's next meeting is Monday, January 14, at 3pm to talk about "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime" and "Changing Planes".

Get in touch *Sally Price* at 491-5627 (or by email at ssprice109@hotmail.com) if you would like to borrow a volume or just join us at City Hall on Monday, January 14, at 3 pm.

Golden Watch Program

Commissioner Renninger

Sleep is important to your Health

Several factors may cause you to stay awake at night.

1. Poor sleep habits – Such as daytime napping may cause you to stay awake at night.
2. Medication – Some side effects of our prescriptions drugs may affect a person's ability to fall asleep and stay asleep.
3. Psychological distress – Life changes such as death of a loved one, moving from a family home or physical limitations due to illness can cause stress and sleep problems.
4. Sleep disorder – Such as sleep apnea and restless legs syndrome.
5. Retirement – Retirement often leads to a lot of downtime with less daytime activity; this can led to irregular sleep schedule and chronic sleep problems. So stay active.

If you have chronic sleep problems, be sure to talk to your doctor.

Minutes from the Last City Meeting

CITY OF HURSTBOURNE ACRES
Minutes - December 13, 2012

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The regular meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 7:30 pm on December 13, 2012 at the meeting room of the Hurstbourne Acres City Hall/Police Department, 1916 Hurstbourne Circle, Louisville, Kentucky, with the following persons present:

Mayor	Sean Fore
Commissioners:	Brent O. Hardin
	Dan Kuster
	Teresa Renninger
	Sally Price
Treasurer	Sharon Hollkamp
Police Chief	Chris Redman
City Attorney	John Frith Stewart
Newsletter Editor	Troy Eskridge
Residents:	Brent Renninger
	Norma Pennington
	Marty Dunn
	Charles Pennington
	Doug Rogers
	Laura Seigle
	Terry McAllister
	Teresa Myers
	Ora Lee Osborne
	Marilyn Cummings
	Jim Lynch
	Lenny Miles

Minutes for Meeting of November 8, 2012

After review of the draft copy of the Minutes, Sally Price made a motion to accept them as published in the December newsletter, which was seconded by Teresa Renninger and passed unopposed.

Warrants

The Treasurer presented the standard list of items paid since the preceding meeting. After clarification regarding payments for water at the Park, off-site storage and copying expenses of the Campaign Forum, Dan Kuster made a motion to accept the Warrants as read, which was seconded by Teresa Renninger and passed unopposed.

Police Report

Chief Redman supplied copies of his Report to the Commission outlining activities since the prior meeting:

Arrests or reports	0
Traffic stops	12
Motorist assists	7
Traffic accidents	4
Suspicious circumstances	6
Police/Public interactions	450 (approx.)

Additionally, Chief Redman said he is awaiting photos of the City's prior police chiefs for a history of our HAPD, and is compiling a list of senior residents who might need winter assistance. He remarked on the new technology which is rapidly improving interaction between federal, state, Metro and various police agencies but that such improvements would be at no cost to our City. The Department of Criminal Justice Training is performing its routine three-year audit of HAPD.

Chief Redman had nothing new to report on the status of 1803 Addington, other than it is now being handled by the Commonwealth Attorney's office and has left the jurisdiction of Metro's Inspections/Permits/Licenses. Sally Price noted that a mortgage investigator had posted a notice on the door on November 21 re its vacancy. With 30 days running, our City ordinances re maintenance would take effect shortly. Chief Redman remarked that, after attending ordinance school, he and Teresa Renninger have found some discrepancies in our ordinances, and Teresa Renninger said she would address that in her report.

Charlie Pennington inquired about the absence of the Impala police car; Chief Redman said it has been in Richmond, Kentucky during a training program attended by Officer Moore.

In response to a question from Brent Hardin, Chief Redman said nine residents have contacted the City to be put on the Golden Watch list of senior residents for possible assistance.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Hollkamp read the Treasurer's Report for November, 2012 and copies were made available for all in attendance. November had been a slower month as the majority of taxes have already come in and it's not a month for quarterly receipts of insurance payments. Attorney Matt Lynch had been in contact with the owners of the car wash re payment of 2012 and 2011 taxes. Although an unpaid tax bill from the 2011 fiscal year had inadvertently gone unpaid by a homeowner, the City ordinances do not allow the forgiveness of penalties incurred; he is expected to pay both the face amount and accrued penalties. Following clarification re a "cash" entry in the Police Fund, a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Teresa Renninger, seconded by Sally Price, and passed unopposed.

Attorney's Report

John Frith Stewart reported that some effort had been made to trace the home office of a commercial property with unpaid taxes and that these funds should be received shortly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks

Dan Kuster had nothing particular to report, other than turning in the keys to the storage shed and stating that he has a replacement American flag to hand over to the next Parks commissioner. Sean Fore thanked Dan for his hard work during the preceding two years.

Sanitation & Recycling

Sally Price commented that she had nothing to report, that any comments or concerns brought to her attention in the preceding month had been resolved. Jim Lynch asked whether Eco-Tech has GPS locators on their garbage trucks for tracking purposes, and Sally Price is to inquire and let him know.

Streets & Lights

Brent Hardin brought up possible discrepancies in the City's interpretation of a 1997 survey furnished by the Bullitt Trust. Due to concerns for the safety of walkers and in a continuing discussion about installing a sidewalk adjacent and parallel to the one-lane section of Blowing Tree, it was agreed that Morris Talbot of Advanced Engineering Company would meet with Commissioner Hardin and the new Streets & Lighting Commissioner the following week to assist in interpreting the 1997 Bullitt survey and give an estimate of what it would cost the City to have an additional survey. No additional survey work is to be done by the City at this time.

Sally Price had met with Jim Couch, a representative of the Bullitt Trust, about taking on some of the expense of trimming the overhanging fencerow across from the Blowing Tree Road homes, at which time Mr. Couch had given her a clear explanation of the survey's interpretation. Commissioner Hardin is not inclined to agree with the findings of the 1997 Bullitt Trust survey until a more informed interpretation can be made. Regarding the fencerow, Mr. Couch indicated they would address that trimming problem and then additionally commented they might have a forestry mower cut a wide swath down some portion of the length of their property line, extending through the wooded area. Marty Dunn asked if the Bullitt Trust would be amenable to putting in a walking path/sidewalk through the wooded area parallel to the one-lane area. Mention was made of the Cornerstone 2020 plans and intent to build a separate but parallel road connecting Taylorsville Road with Bunsen Parkway and on to a new bridge over I-64.

Commissioner Price brought to the Commission's attention that some residents had inquired from time to time about improving landscaping along Blowing Tree and that Eco-Tech has an ongoing free tree-planting program available to our City.

Brent Hardin has had frequent contact from a resident regarding the removal of a particular speed bump at the turn on Hurstbourne Lane. After discussion, he made a motion to have that speed bump removed; Teresa Renninger and Sean Fore suggested this decision be deferred to the January meeting.

Sally Price asked Brent Hardin about the pink marking flags along Hurstbourne Lane's brick wall. Dan Kuster said they had been placed there as indicators for work recently completed by the property owners.

Brent Hardin remarked that he'd been on the Commission for eight years and had never missed a meeting; Sean Fore thanked him for his service. Issues regarding signs and striping are being held over to the new Commissioner of Streets & Lights.

Police

Teresa Renninger reported that after attendance at a Code Enforcement meeting, she feels our ordinances need to be re-read and updated. She stated the fees outlined in our ordinances are inconsequential and that any code enforcement issues should be considered a civil matter, rather than a criminal matter, so any fees and fines incurred would be reimbursed to our City, rather than Metro or the State. She will have a list of ordinances that need attention regarding code enforcement at the January meeting.

Teresa Renninger maintains a list of residents who should be contacted during winter emergencies.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Audit Report

The final annual audit for the fiscal year 7/1/2010 - 6/30/11, prepared by the firm of DePrie & Adkisson, was furnished to the members of the Commission. On receipt of the firm's \$4,000 bill for this service, Sean Fore asked Sharon Hollkamp to shop for a less expensive auditor, and one was suggested for consideration by John Frith Stewart. Copies of earlier drafts of the audit were requested to be returned to Sean Fore.

1929 Hurstbourne Circle

Two neighbors had brought their concerns regarding a truck and attached trailer parking on grass to the attention of Sally Price. In reviewing the pertinent ordinances, there is no particular one to address the issue of backyard parking as it pertains to houses on corner lots. The Commission acknowledged that upcoming rain and snow would only exacerbate this issue, so Sally Price suggested one of our police officers make a polite request of the homeowner. Teresa Renninger agreed to pass this on to HAPD in hopes of resolving the issue.

Possible Podcast of Meetings

Sally Price had asked Troy Eskridge, the City newsletter editor, to look into the feasibility of adding a podcast (digital/video record of meetings) to the City website. Various pros and cons were discussed. Troy Eskridge indicated he had the needed equipment and did not expect any significant additional charge from the webmaster. A meeting could be watched on line if anyone was sick or out of town or unable to attend a meeting; Teresa Renninger said it could be time-consuming if edited rather than raw footage; Sally Price remarked that everyone has been campaigning on transparency issues; John Frith Stewart indicated any recording would be subject to Open Records laws. Some comments were made that it could be an embarrassment to the City as well as an incentive for better behavior during meetings. Further discussion has been deferred to the January meeting.

Open Records Regulations

Sally Price brought a copy of KRS 61.874 which states the procedures to follow in requesting City records (furnished by the Kentucky League of Cities). A draft of the City's Open Records Request regulations was given to John Frith Stewart for review, prior to the required accessible posting in City Hall.

John Frith Stewart reminded the Mayor that newly elected Commissioners need to be sworn in, and Mayor Fore said it was his intention to have them sworn in after the meeting.

Traffic on Hurstbourne Lane

A resident on the one-way section of Hurstbourne Lane remarked that traffic going the wrong way has increased significantly in the afternoons. After discussion of possible solutions, it was decided that patrols would be more frequent and that residents as well as cut-through traffic would be ticketed.

After Mayor Fore thanked Dan Kuster and Brent Hardin for their service to the City, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Price, on behalf of City Clerk



The street lights at Wesley Rd. and Haviland Rd. were repaired (wind damaged globe).

Please call me at my home for non-working or damaged lights (491-9446) or call LG&E (589-3500 or 589-1444).

I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year and I look forward to serving you in 2013.

-From the Commissioner of Streets & Lights,
Jim Lynch