

**REGULAR MEETING: JANUARY 11, 2011**

- motels
- New City of Crossville video has been produced and is being run on some of the community channels.
- TSSAA/Soccer events – Kohl's tournament has just been announced to be held during the first weekend in June
- TSSAA Spring fling events may be held in Crossville, in conjunction with Cookeville
- Economic Development team is being organized by the City Manager. Maps are being developed showing commercial/industrial property that is available (buildings and acreage). When the properties are identified, information will be collected on contacts and the utilities available for each site.
- Sustainability Fair – 3<sup>rd</sup> year is scheduled for May 12
- TN Dept. of Tourism has contacted Billy for assistance on summer programs
- Christmas Parade – Cumb. Co. Rescue Squad will receive the \$15 entry fee for each of the 103 entries.
- Sr. Olympics – The kickoff is being planned with the City being the host site for area
- Board of Realtors has been requested to provide a list of questions that they are asked by people considering the area. These questions will be the basis for a FAQ mail piece. The Upper Cumberland Development District will be requested to make a grant application for a direct mail piece to target areas for Retire TN.

**ITEM #4 – MATTERS RELATIVE TO VISITOR'S CENTER**

A letter was distributed from County Mayor Carey regarding the County Building and Grounds Committee who have agreed to build the visitor's center with the grant funds available, if the City will contribute \$120,000 in cash. At the completion of construction, the County proposes to turn it over to the City for operation. Mr. Adams requested that the City receive a deed on the property upon completion. He suggested putting the Marketing Director's office in the building.

Councilman Boyd Wyatt reviewed the newspaper article that indicated that the County had \$200,000 in the project. He pointed out that the \$200,000 is grant money and not actual cash. He asked for more information on how much was paid for the property and what was required by the grant on how long the Visitor's Center would have to remain in use and how much it had to be open and other requirements. Mayor Graham recommended that any agreement with the County on the operation of the center be on a yearly basis. Councilman Dean gave his support of the agreement, emphasizing the visibility of the location for attracting visitors to the area. Councilman Danny Wyatt requested more information on the terms of the lease. It was pointed out that the City has already invested \$30,000 in providing utilities on the property. Councilman Marlow stated he wouldn't consider it to be a partnership since the City would be putting all the money in it. Mayor Graham stated that he doesn't agree with the location especially by calling it the Big South Fork Visitor's Center. He initially wanted to propose a partnership with both entities having cash money in it and sharing in the operating costs on a 50/50 basis, but he changed his mind and now believes that the City has to be the leader and show cooperation. Councilman Marlow asked the City Manager to find out if the costs for the parking lot and lights are included in the turn-key center to be constructed by the County.

A motion was made by Mayor Graham, seconded by Councilman Earl Dean, that a budget amendment of \$120,000 be passed on first reading; that a lease agreement be entered into with the County for \$1/year; the City Attorney be authorized to prepare documents and gather all necessary information from the County about the grant contracts; and the status of the parking lot and lighting be clarified. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 1, Abstain = 0). **Yes:** Councilman Danny R. Wyatt, Councilman George Marlow, Mayor J. H. Graham, III, Mayor Pro-Tem Earl Dean. **No:** Councilman Boyd Wyatt, Sr.