

Caryonah Dam – The project is now complete. A final change order in the amount of \$6,759.84 to adjust final quantities was presented for approval. The total project cost was \$492,150.09.

A motion was made by Councilman Wyatt, seconded by Councilman Duer, that the final change order in the amount of \$6,759.84 on the Caryonah dam project be approved. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5). **Yes:** Councilman Boyd Wyatt, Sr., Councilman Carl Duer, Councilman Jesse Kerley, Mayor J. H. Graham, III, Mayor Pro-Tem Earl Dean.

City Manager Adams spotlighted the activities of the Marketing & Public Relations and the Parks & Recreation Department. He requested Steve Hill, Billy Loggins, Terry Ashburn, and Steve Hill to present a report on their recent activities. Their report included the following updates:

- Palace Theatre – The use of the facility is up over 17% from the previous year with 419 groups using it and almost 30,000 people in attendance. Non-profits have particularly benefited from fundraisers at the Palace.
- Centennial Park – The department has hosted 31 baseball/softball tournaments that included 904 teams consisting of about 14,000 players; 15 horseshoe tournaments with 380 pitchers, 9 golf tournaments with 848 players; and 525 soccer players. With flooding in middle Tennessee in May, the city was able to host 8 matches between some of the top teams in the state, resulting in excellent publicity.
- Golf Capital Golf Tournament was hosted at Lake Tansi.
- Bio-Diesel Program – The Live Green Tennessee is now airing on PBS channels, featuring the city's project. All of Fairfield Glade's restaurant grease will be delivered for use in the project. Mayfield Dairy is partnering by giving a coupon for ice cream in exchange for a donation at the recycling center.
- A 2011 calendar is being developed at Fairfield Glade that will sell for \$20 with coupons. A portion of the funds will be put back in for the Tennessee Women's Open purse or the State Senior Men's Tournament.
- Dr. Carl T. Duer Soccer Complex – Billy Loggins presented a plaque to Dr. Duer as a memento of the soccer complex named after him.

Mr. Adams reported that the funds for work performed by Don Napier come out of the marketing budget. Mr. Napier reported on a number of projects that have been completed at no cost to the City. They have created a news network of surrounding cities and counties through which they send news releases. This is resulting in a high percentage of the stories being used by the news media in the network. A media guide was prepared for the Women's Open with all the costs being paid by advertisers.

Pepe Perron was invited to speak to the Council on tourism. The Convention and Visitors Bureau was established to market tourism. They have had many projects with tourism now a \$92,000,000+ industry in the County. The County received several grants for the construction of the Big South Fork Visitor's Center to be located at the Genesis Road interchange. A \$196,000 grant was received from HUD for environmental studies, property appraisals, site purchase, site grading, the access road named River Otter Circle, and other expenses. The City installed the water and sewer lines. The center will promote Crossville and Cumberland County, Golf Capital of Tennessee, outdoor activities, Catoosa Wildlife Management Area, all state parks, Tennessee Wildlife Resource Areas, the Big South Fork National Park, and other areas. The National Park Service will help train volunteers. Rural Development has provided \$25,000 for architectural, engineering services, and building design. They also provided \$20,000 for a tourism video to run at the facility. The largest funding was a TEA-21 grant from the Department of Transportation that requires a 20% match of approximately \$120,000. The building will be approximately 3,000 sf with the design expected to be complete this month.

Mr. Perron pointed out that we are in direct competition with the Highlands Visitor Center already open to promote Putnam and White Counties. The operations of the facility would be a proposed budget to be presented to the City and County requesting 50/50 funding from each entity. They anticipate the hiring of one employee.

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Councilman Kerley stated that former County Mayor Brock Hill approached him about the City providing the \$120,000 required local match for the Visitor's Center. (Following the vote, Councilman Kerley added that the money would cover the paving costs for the project. He stated it would be a cash donation, rather than the City providing the paving through its own contracts.)

A motion was made by Councilman Kerley moved, seconded by Councilman Dean, that the City give the local match of \$120,000 to the Council when a contract is issued for project and that a budget amendment be passed on first reading.

Councilman Wyatt requested that the County Mayor be requested to come to the City Council on the matter before any commitments are made. City Manager Adams asked that the matter be deferred until he had time to talk to the County about the funding of the project. Councilman Duer stated that he had also talked to Brock Hill and the County Commission had not cooperated much on the project. He felt that City funds would be necessary for the project to move forward. Mayor Graham felt like he did not have enough information on the project to act on the motion. Councilman Kerley called for the question.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 2, Abstain = 0). **Yes:** Councilman Carl Duer, Councilman Jesse Kerley, Mayor Pro-Tem Earl Dean. **No:** Councilman Boyd Wyatt, Sr., Mayor J. H. Graham, III.

Councilman Wyatt expressed concern about water leaks. He asked for verification that the City is connected to the Crab Orchard Utility District, but that it is only as a back-up and that the connection is controlled by the City.

Councilman Wyatt brought up some issues raised in memos from Councilman Kerley. One of the issues was related to expenses of Don Napier for public relations. Mr. Adams responded that Mr. Loggins contracts with Don Napier to provide writing and layouts and that the costs are covered under that budget. The other issue involves the leased space at Crossville Realty and the possibility of terminating the contract and moving the 9 employees back to City Hall or Public Works. Councilman Wyatt made a statement to Councilman Kerley that he shouldn't be trying to run his election out of a City Council meeting (this sentence was added by amendment at the October 12, 2010 meeting).

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Vancieneta Wisdom commented that the removal of the senior citizen discount will be in addition to the already scheduled water/sewer rate increases. She also reflected on the history of Centennial Park and the role Earl Dean took in getting it established and suggested that he be honored in some manner.

Mike Turner thanked City Council, on behalf of the firefighters, for all the support for their department with the addition of the defibrillators and support of EMT training for the fire fighters. Councilman Duer pointed out the contributions made in time, leadership, and experience by Dr. Mark Fox in the First Responder Program.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.