

City of Crossville

392 N. Main
Crossville, TN 38555



Minutes

Monday, January 18, 2016

12:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call for Special Meeting

*Mayor James Mayberry
Mayor Pro-Tem Pamala Harris
Council Member Jesse Kerley
Council Member Pedro (Pete) Souza
Council Member Danny Wyatt
City Manager David Rutherford
City Clerk Sally Oglesby*

The City Council for the City of Crossville met in special session on Monday, January 18, 2016, at Crossville City Hall.

Call to Order

Mayor Mayberry called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Rollcall

Present 5 - Council Member Pete Souza, Council Member Jesse Kerley, Mayor James Mayberry, Mayor Pro-tem Pamala Harris, and Council Member Danny Wyatt

Others present were City Attorney Will Ridley, City Clerk Sally Oglesby, James T. Stewart, Chuck Lowrance, Sharon Ellison, Barb Gregson, Howard Burnette, Dennis R. Wilbanks, Andy Vaughn, Cara Murray, Thomas Jones, Diane Owens, Bonnie Clyatt, Mike Moser, David Brockway, Rein Maavere, Steve Frank, Renee Oberer, Jim Young, Linda Clark, Craig Clark, Jeanne Boettcher, Randall Kidwell, Roger Pfanstiel, Rudy Buchholz, Pauline Buchholz, Laney Colvard, Brenda Boughton, Arthur Valand, Rodney Shoap, Mark Rosser, and Karen McMeekin.

1. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Jesse Kerley, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Pamala Harris, to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council Member Pete Souza, Council Member Jesse Kerley, Mayor James Mayberry, Mayor Pro-tem Pamala Harris and Council Member Danny Wyatt

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

a. Ordinance amending portions of §10-200 of the Crossville Municipal Code regarding dogs and other domestic animals

This Ordinance was adopted on third reading.

b. Ordinance amending the FY2015-16 budget for creating an Office Space at the Crossville Memorial Airport

This Ordinance was adopted on third reading.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

- c. Ordinance amending the FY2015-16 budget for Hwy 127S utility relocations

This Ordinance was approved on second reading.

- d. Ordinance adopting 2015-S4 supplement to the Crossville Code of Ordinances

This Ordinance was approved on second reading.

- e. Ordinance amending the FY2015-16 budget for landfill testing

This Ordinance was approved on second reading.

2. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Approval of resolutions for 2016 CDBG application

Staff has been looking at a potential CDBG application for a housing rehabilitation project to assist low-to-moderate income homeowners with the rehabilitation of their homes. The maximum grant is \$500,000, plus \$25,000 as a Three Star Community. Generally, this would be expected to serve approximately 10 families. In addition, the City has approximately \$25,000 in funds remaining from an earlier housing rehabilitation grant. Surveys have been done for several areas and the most promising area is the Darrell Ave/Diane St area. A meeting was held with property owners in that area on January 4 to see if there is interest and enough qualified owner-occupied homes for the project. The information gleaned from that meeting was presented at the work session.

If Council decides to proceed with an application, resolutions must be passed for approval to submit the application and the selection of the administrator and project inspector. Letters were sent to qualified firms to provide these services, as required by the granting agency. It is recommended that Community Development Partners be selected for administrative services and McCarter Home Inspection, LLC for implementation of the project. Both firms will provide application assistance at no charge.

Following the work session, the new HUD rule was researched. In summary, the rule provides more support to facilitate local decision-making on fair housing priorities and goals. In addition, contact was made with the administrator as to any new requirements. He responded that furthering Fair Housing is still a requirement and something that we have done as part of all CDBG funded projects, whether they are housing, sewer, water, etc. The only change is that each county used to have to complete a Fair Housing Impediment study to be on file and detail local practices and impediments. These have always been put together on behalf of a county. Recently, the State did a state-wide plan that is now in use. This plan is required to be on file should we be funded. In addition, we will need to conduct a Fair Housing activity listed within this state plan should the project be funded. Past Fair Housing activities have included a poster in City Hall regarding the laws on Fair Housing, resolutions by the City that we support Fair Housing, letters to realtors as a reminder of the goal of fair housing, etc. There has always been a requirement for a fair housing activity.

City Clerk Sally Oglesby explained the grant, the project, and responses to some of the concerns expressed at the meeting on January 14. She also explained that the

action by the Council was simply to file an application and that, if funded, the City Council could decide whether or not to accept the grant once the contract was available and the requirements received. Those speaking against the motion were Chuck Lorraine, Randall Kidwell, Howard Burnette, Arthur Bolland, Renee Oberer, Steve Frank, Thomas Jones, and David Brockway because of their concerns with HUD funding, a form of slavery, low-income housing, money coming from our grandchildren, city acting as a charity, crime rates, school problems, and jails.

Discussion followed with members of the Council expressing concerns about potential diversity requirements, information from HUD on regions, and the notice given for the meeting.

Other members of the Council stated that they wanted to help those in need, the rule assists in setting local goals, and pointed out that the motion is just in favor of submitting an application. During comments being made by Councilmember Kerley about the timing of the meeting, Councilmember Souza raised a point of order that it was not relevant to the item on the agenda. Mayor Mayberry ruled in favor of allowing Councilmember Kerley to continue his response to issues raised by the public, including explaining that the day of the meeting was the only day available for all members of the Council. Councilmember Souza raised a point of order about the continuing discussion after the agenda item had already been voted on. After one additional comment from the public, discussion ceased.

A motion was made by Council Member Danny Wyatt, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Pamala Harris, that the CDBG Resolutions be approved as recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Jesse Kerley, Mayor James Mayberry, Mayor Pro-tem Pamala Harris and Council Member Danny Wyatt

Recuse: 1 - Council Member Pete Souza

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.