



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2007

The Common Council of the City of Somerset, Kentucky met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. with the following present: Mayor Eddie Girdler. Council Members: Linda Stringer, James Eastham, Steve Kelley, Jerry Girdler, Charlie New, John Minton, Jim Mitchell, Pat Bourne, Tim Rutherford and Jim Rutherford. City Clerk David Godsey and Acting City Attorney Paul Henderson. Absent: Council Members Donna Hunley and Jerry Burnett.

Mr. New moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held on January 22, 2007, and special called meeting February 5, 2007 along with the reports to be approved as delivered. Mr. Bourne seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mrs. Stringer, Mr. Eastham, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mr. Minton, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Bourne, Mr. T. Rutherford and Mr. J. Rutherford.

Mr. Bourne moved to include into the minutes a presentation made by Southern Middle School regarding project P.A.W.P.R.I.N.T. (Pets Are Wonderful. Promoting Responsibility is Northern's Task) and project H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Prepare Effectively). Mr. J. Rutherford seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mrs. Stringer, Mr. Eastham, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mr. Minton, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Bourne, Mr. T. Rutherford and Mr. J. Rutherford.

<div><h3>Project P.A.W.P.R.I.N.T.</h3><p><i>Pets Are Wonderful. Promoting Responsibility is Northern's Task.</i></p><p><small>Northern Middle School, Junior Community Problem Solving Team 2000 E. Main St., Somerset, KY 40583 Phone: 502/727-1234 Fax: 502/727-1234</small></p><p>February 12, 2007</p><p>Eddie Girdler, Mayor Somerset City Council 400 E. Main St. Somerset, KY 40583</p><p>Dear members of the Somerset City Council members,</p><p>We are students from Northern Middle School's Junior Community Problem Solving Team. This year our project is called Project P.A.W.P.R.I.N.T. (Pets Are Wonderful. Promoting Responsibility is Northern's Task). Last year, Pulaski County's Animal Shelter had one of the highest kill rates in the nation at 94%. We feel that steps need to be taken to ensure that adoptable pets have a chance to find a loving home and to make sure that pet owners have the resources they need to take care of their pets. We have found in our project that many residents of Somerset are hesitant to adopt pets because there are no areas where they can enjoy their pets off leash. We have also found that many residents would like to see tougher leash laws to be enforced in the city limits of Somerset.</p><p>We would like to ask the city of Somerset to create a dog park within the Somerset city limits. We think that this will help pet owners be more responsible with their pets. Pet owners have a responsibility to walk their pets every day. In the city, there is nowhere to walk your pet, except on the sidewalks. As some dogs have a tendency to want to go into the street, this poses a danger to the flow of traffic. If a dog suddenly pulled its leash away from its owner, it could easily dart into the street and get run over.</p><p>A park designated as a place to take your pets would be an added benefit to the city. It would provide pet owners with a place to socialize their dogs, play ball, frolic, and other games. They can also practice obedience training with their dogs and socialize with other pet owners. This would not only benefit the pets, but the pet owners as well. The pet owners would have an opportunity to get some exercise, enjoy the outdoors and meet other pet owners all the same time.</p><p>We hope that you will take our request into careful consideration. By creating a dog park in the Somerset city limits and creating tougher leash laws you will help Pulaski Countyans to be more responsible pet owner, encourage more people to adopt pets, and help adoptable pets to find loving homes.</p><p>Sincerely, <i>Sarah Wiles</i> Sarah Wiles Project P.A.W.P.R.I.N.T.</p></div>	<div><h3>Project H.O.P.E.</h3><p><i>Helping Others Prepare Effectively</i></p><p><small>Northern Middle School, Junior Community Problem Solving Team 2000 E. Main St., Somerset, KY 40583 Phone: 502/727-1234 Fax: 502/727-1234</small></p><p>February 12, 2007</p><p>Eddie Girdler, Mayor Somerset City Council 400 E. Main St. Somerset, KY 40583</p><p>Dear members of the Somerset City Council,</p><p>This year, the seventh and eighth grade Community Problem Solving team is doing a disaster preparedness project that we call Project H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Prepare Effectively). Our goal is to make sure that citizens of Pulaski County are prepared for potential disasters and that they have the necessary resources to recover from disasters. Today we would like to talk to you about an issue that is affecting many people in our community.</p><p>The recent lowering of Lake Cumberland has caused a great deal of concern in our community. Many local citizens are concerned about the effects that this could have on our way of life. Many local businesses could suffer financial losses if there is a decline in tourism while Wolf Creek Dam is being repaired. Many citizens are also concerned about potential water shortages or power outages that could occur as a result of the low lake levels.</p><p>In order to address these concerns we feel that there is a need for a community forum to allow local business owners to develop a strategy to overcome the negative effects of the lowering of Lake Cumberland. Tourists who regularly visit the lake need to know that there are still many great reasons to vacation in Somerset this summer. We feel that a media campaign needs to be put into place to reassure tourists that there are lots of recreational opportunities in Somerset and to educate the public about strategies and resources that they can use to keep their families safe in the event of water shortages or power outages. We feel that these simple actions will help to better prepare the community for any negative effects that we might encounter and help our local businesses to not suffer financial losses. Thank you for your careful consideration of our requests.</p><p>Sincerely, <i>Shelbie Phelps</i> Shelbie Phelps Project H.O.P.E.</p></div>
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Mr. J. Rutherford made a motion to go into executive session to discuss an appointment. Mr. Minton seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mrs. Stringer, Mr. Eastham, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mr. Minton, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Bourne, Mr. T. Rutherford and Mr. J. Rutherford.

No action taken in executive session.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK