

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 24, 2003

The Common Council of the City of Somerset, Kentucky met in regular session on Monday, March 24, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. with the following present: Mayor JP Wiles, Council Members: Mark Beasley, Jerry Girdler, Charlie New, Donna Hunley, John Minton, Earl Owens, Jerry Burnett, Peggy Dugger, Joann Norfleet, Clarence Floyd, and Jerry Wheeldon. Absent: Pat Bourne. City Attorney Joe Travis and City Clerk David Godsey.

Mayor Wiles recognized Police Chief Larry Godby and Lieutenant Doug Nelson for their graduation from Criminal Justice Executive Development Class Five. Mayor Wiles also recognized Mark Catron and Doug Burns of the Fire and EMS department for receiving their Associate Degree in Fire Science offered through the State Fire Rescue Training and the KCTS. Mark Catron and Doug Burns were the first to receive this degree through this program. Mr. Wheeldon moved to make Mayor Wiles comments part of the official minutes. Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Beasley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mrs. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Owens, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Dugger, Mrs. Norfleet, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Wheeldon.

Mr. New moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held on March 10, 2003 and the reports be approved as delivered. Mrs. Norfleet seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Beasley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mrs. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Owens, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Dugger, Mrs. Norfleet, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Wheeldon.

Second reading was given the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 03- 01

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A CERTAIN 30' RIGHT-OF-WAY OR STREET RUNNING EAST TO WEST ON THE NORTHERN END OF THE PROPERTY OWNED BY LAKE CUMBERLAND FUNERAL HOME IN THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY:

Whereas, the City of Somerset, Kentucky, having determined that a 30' right-of-way or street running east to west on the northern end of the property, plat and description of which is attached hereto, should be closed;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Somerset, Kentucky that said 30' right-of-way shall be closed and abandoned and that a more particular description of said portion of said alleyway is attached hereto on the description and plat aforesaid, and marked as Exhibit "A".

FIRST READING: March 10, 2003

SECOND READING: March 24, 2003

APPROVED:

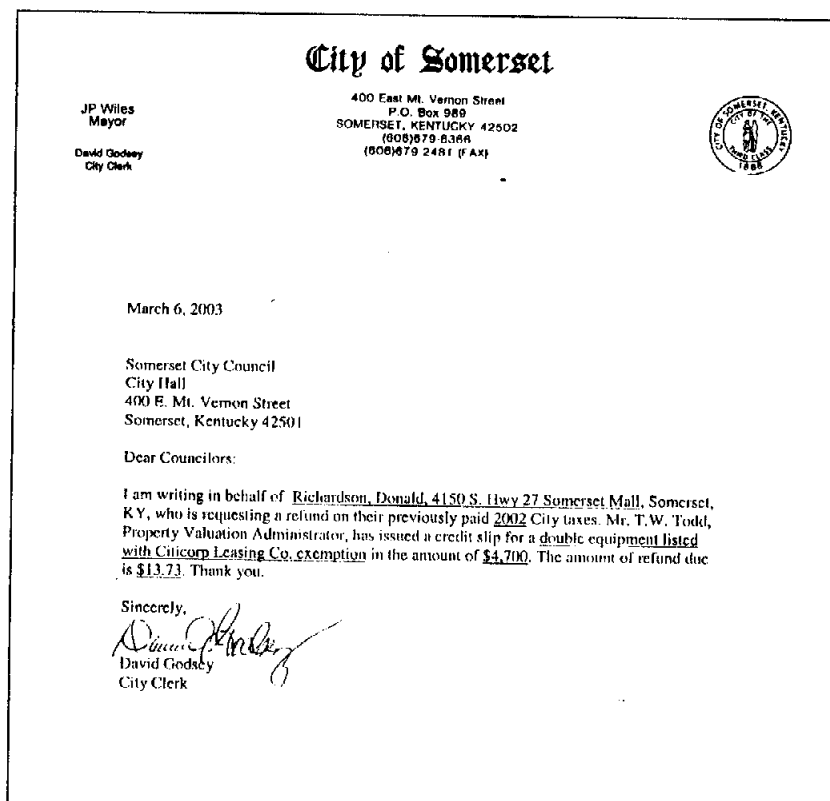
J. Wiles
MAYOR

ATTEST:

David Godsey
CITY CLERK

Mr. Floyd moved to approve the above Ordinance on its second reading. Mr. Wheeldon seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Beasley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mrs. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Owens, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Dugger, Mrs. Norfleet, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Wheeldon.

Mrs. Dugger moved to refund the following amount paid on 2002 taxes: Donald Richardson, 4150 S. Hwy 27, Somerset Mall, Somerset, KY in the amount of \$13.73 for a double equipment listed with Citicorp Leasing Co exemption. Mr. Floyd seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Beasley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mrs. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Owens, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Dugger, Mrs. Norfleet, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Wheeldon.



First reading was given the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE 03-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOMERSET DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY.

First reading: March 24, 2003

Mr. Beasley moved to approve the above ordinance on its first reading. Mr. Wheeldon seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Beasley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mrs. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Owens, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Dugger, Mrs. Norfleet, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Wheeldon.

Mr. Beasley moved to create a committee of three persons to review and rank the proposals received for the Somerset Scattered Site Redevelopment Project. The committee will consist of Council Members: Jerry Girdler, Clarence Floyd, and Mayor JP Wiles. Mr. New seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Beasley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mrs. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Owens, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Dugger, Mrs. Norfleet, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Wheeldon.

Mr. Burnett moved to approve the request for closing of streets for Somernites Cruise in Downtown Somerset. The Somernites cruise runs every fourth Saturday, April through October. Mr. Wheeldon seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Beasley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mrs. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Owens, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Dugger, Mrs. Norfleet, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Wheeldon.

First reading was given the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 03-02

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A LICENSE, TAX OR FEE, UPON CERTAIN BUSINESSES, OCCUPATIONS, TRADES AND PROFESSIONS CARRIED ON CONDUCTED OR HELD WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY, REQUIRING ALL PERSONS, FIRMS OR CORPORATIONS PURSUING SAME TO FIRST OBTAIN A LICENSE THEREFORE AND REGULATING AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR ENGAGING IN ANY SUCH BUSINESS, OCCUPATION TRADE OR PROFESSION WITHOUT A LICENSE.

First reading: March 24, 2003

Mr. Wheeldon moved to approve the above ordinance on its first reading. Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Beasley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mrs. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Owens, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Dugger, Mrs. Norfleet, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Wheeldon.

Mr. Burnett moved to approve the request by Gib Gosser to close the parking lot at the rear of the Downtown Development Corporation offices for the 7th annual community-wide yard sale. The sale will be held on Saturday May 3, 2003. The parking lot, bordered by Central, Market, and Maple Streets will be sealed off the prior evening. Mr. New seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Beasley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mrs. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Owens, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Dugger, Mrs. Norfleet, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Wheeldon.

First reading was given the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE 03-04

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING NEW GARBAGE RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS CUSTOMERS.

First reading: March 24, 2003

Mr. Floyd approved the above ordinance on its first reading. Mrs. Norfleet seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Beasley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mrs. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Owens, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Dugger, Mrs. Norfleet, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Wheeldon.

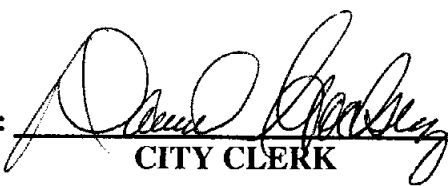
Mr. Girdler moved to approve a request to open Rocky Hollow Recreation Center from midnight to 5:00 am on Sunday April 26, 2003 for the Somerset High School Prom alternatives program. This gives the kids an alternative to drinking and driving, partying and putting themselves in harm's way. Door prizes, games, and various items will be provided by a safe night out for the kids at Rocky Hollow Recreation Center. Mr. Floyd seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Beasley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mrs. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Owens, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Dugger, Mrs. Norfleet, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Wheeldon.

Mr. Girdler moved to grant permission to open Rocky Hollow Recreation Center on Sunday April 6, 2003 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm for the last day of a two day seminar on decorative painting. Robert Warren, a famous east coast artist will be conducting the seminar. People attending the seminar are from all parts of Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Tennessee, and the Carolinas. Mr. Wheeldon seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Beasley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mrs. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Owens, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Dugger, Mrs. Norfleet, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Wheeldon.

Mr. Owens made a motion to go into executive session for possible litigation. Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Beasley, Mr. Girdler, Mr. New, Mrs. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Owens, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Dugger, Mrs. Norfleet, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Wheeldon.

No action was taken in the above executive session.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:  CITY CLERK

APPROVED

 MAYOR