

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

The Common Council of the City of Somerset, Kentucky met in regular session on Monday, September 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. with the following present: Mayor Eddie Girdler. Council Members: Jim Mitchell, Pat Bourne, Jerry Burnett, Tim Rutherford, Jim Rutherford, Linda Stringer, James Eastham, Steve Kelley, David Childers, Donna Hunley, and John Minton. City Clerk David Godsey and City Attorney Carrie Wiese. Absent: Council Member Jerry Girdler.

Mr. Bourne moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held on September 10, 2007 along with the reports to be approved as mailed. Mr. T. Rutherford seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Bourne, Mr. Burnett, Mr. T. Rutherford, Mr. J. Rutherford, Mrs. Stringer, Mr. Eastham, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Childers, Mrs. Hunley, and Mr. Minton.

Mr. Bourne moved to set the hours for Halloween from 6-8pm on October 30, 2007. Mr. Burnett seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Bourne, Mr. Burnett, Mr. T. Rutherford, Mr. J. Rutherford, Mrs. Stringer, Mr. Eastham, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Childers, Mrs. Hunley, and Mr. Minton.

Mr. Burnett moved to approve the appointment of Barbara Nolen to the Board of Ethics. Term expiring June 30, 2010. Mr. J. Rutherford seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Bourne, Mr. Burnett, Mr. T. Rutherford, Mr. J. Rutherford, Mrs. Stringer, Mr. Eastham, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Childers, Mrs. Hunley, and Mr. Minton.

Mr. Bourne moved to approve the appointments of Mark Vaught, term expiring June 2009, and Robert Newby, term expiring June 2011 to the Planning and Zoning Board. Mrs. Stringer seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Bourne, Mr. Burnett, Mr. T. Rutherford, Mr. J. Rutherford, Mrs. Stringer, Mr. Eastham, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Childers, Mrs. Hunley, and Mr. Minton.

First reading was given the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 07-19

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING WITH THE CONSENT OF THE LANDOWNER A BOUNDARY OF REAL ESTATE (MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS WAITSBORO HILLS DEVELOPMENT WHICH INCLUDES PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE SLATE BRANCH GOLF COURSE) TO THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY.

First reading was given by the City Attorney regarding the annexation of Waitsboro Hills Development including Slate Branch Golf Course. No action taken.

First reading was given the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 07-20

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF SOMERSET APPROVING A LEASE WITH CUMBERLAND SECURITY BANK FOR THE RE-FINANCING AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY'S WATER PARK, COMMONLY KNOWN AS SOMERSPLASH; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE LEASE; ACKNOWLEDGING THE SINKING FUND; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH LEASE; AND MAKING CERTAIN DESIGNATIONS REGARDING SUCH LEASE.

Mr. Bourne moved to approve the above ordinance on its first reading to refinance the Water Park loan with Cumberland Security Bank to expand the park. Mr. Kelley seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Bourne, Mr. Burnett, Mr. T. Rutherford, Mr. J. Rutherford, Mrs. Stringer, Mr. Eastham, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Childers, Mrs. Hunley, and Mr. Minton.

Mr. J. Rutherford moved to make a letter of appreciation sent to the Mayor and Council Members regarding Police Officer Jeff Girdler for his participation in the Somernites Cruise as part of the official minutes. Mr. Bourne seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Bourne, Mr. Burnett, Mr. T. Rutherford, Mr. J. Rutherford, Mrs. Stringer, Mr. Eastham, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Childers, Mrs. Hunley, and Mr. Minton.


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September 13, 2007

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to take a moment of your time to let you know how much I appreciate the hard work that your Somerset Police Department officer, Jeff Girdler, puts in to make each Somernites Cruise event a success. He is always in attendance at each cruise event and makes an effort to ensure that everyone's visit to the cruise and our area is a pleasant experience. He is representing Somerset in a wonderful manner to people from all over this region who attend the cruises. While some of these car show enthusiasts may not be the easiest to deal with, Officer Girdler always conducts himself in a professional, kind, and compassionate matter. As I am from Somerset, it makes me proud to see someone of this caliber in uniform representing our host city.

In addition to his hard work on the police force and cruise weekends, I also appreciate his dedication and mentoring of our youth in the Somerset Police Explorer's program. Without his guidance, the participants in this program would be without the experience and kindness of one of your finest. It takes a special person to work with youth in any capacity, let alone guiding them on the path of interest in a law enforcement profession. He brings much to the Somerset Police Explorer program in his advisory role.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. I always find it beneficial to give commendation where it is due, as it certainly is in Officer Girdler's position.

Sincerely,

Brian Vanhooser

CC: Officer Jeff Girdler, C/O SPD Office
Acting Chief of Police Doug Nelson, C/O Somerset City Police Department
Mayor Eddie Girdler, C/O Somerset City Hall
Somerset City Council Members, C/O Somerset City Hall
Somerset Commonwealth Journal, Attn: Jack McNeely, Publisher

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED _____

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY CLERK