

City of Crittenden  
City Council Meeting  
Crittenden City Meeting  
February 4, 2020  
7 p.m.

Council for the City of Crittenden met for its regular meeting with the following present:

Mayor Camilla “Kay” Patton; Councilperson Paula Lowery; Councilperson Danny Martin; Councilperson Jennifer Thurman- Humphrey; Councilperson Todd Roberts; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo; City Attorney Alex Edmondson; Code Enforcement Officer Shaun Seger; Grant County Sheriff Brian Maines; Crittenden Fire Chief Lee Burton; Grant Co. Chamber of Commerce & GC Tourism Commission Jamie Baker. Guest: See sign in sheet which is attached to the minutes. Absent: Councilperson Joseph Dusing.

Mayor Patton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda: Councilperson Todd Roberts asked to add executive session to old business the hiring of Fred Spanier. Councilperson Todd Roberts asked to add Code Enforcement under old business. Councilperson Todd Roberts asked to add Veterans Banners to old business. Mayor Patton asked to add Toebben Building to executive session. Councilperson Paula Lowery asked to add budget amendments for beautification and bicentennial. Councilperson Danny Martin asked to add New Year’s goals and resolutions for Crittenden for 2020 under new business. Mayor Patton asked to add the recycling bins under old business.

Motion by Councilperson Paula Lowery, seconded by Jennifer Humphrey to approve the agenda with the additions to the agenda. The vote was: Councilperson Danny Martin –yes; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes; Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey –yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –absent; Councilperson Paula Lowery - yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey wanted a correction to the January minutes. Councilperson Humphrey said she wanted the payment of Simpson survey moved from Land Clean Up to Public Works not Engineering Fees.

Motion by Councilperson Paula Lowery, seconded by Councilperson Todd Roberts to approve the minutes with the correction. The vote was: Councilperson Danny Martin –yes; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes; Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey –yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –absent; Councilperson Paula Lowery - yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the treasurer’s report.

Councilperson Todd Roberts suggested that the city have the wiring checked throughout the entire city building since Gleason Electric was here in January and found an issue with the outside plug that could have caused a fire.

Motion by Councilperson Paula Lowery, seconded by Councilperson Earlene Stumbo to approve the treasurer's report for January. The vote was: Councilperson Danny Martin –yes; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes; Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey –yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –absent; Councilperson Paula Lowery - yes. Motion carried.

Jamie Baker with the Grant County Chamber of Commerce and Grant County Tourism Commission showed the mayor and council the logo that was designed for the Bicentennial of Grant County. Baker asked for each city to give \$250.00 towards the cost of the banners that would have dates and events for the bicentennial. Each city will receive a banner to hang in their city. Jamie also asked each city for \$250.00 to go towards the cost of t-shirts for the bicentennial events. The Grant County Tourism Commission is only allowed to spend money for events that promote tourism.

Grant County Tourism is allotting every city \$3,500.00 to spend on Trash Cans, Benches or Flower Pots to help beautify each city. The tourism commission is asking for the city to add to this by buying some additional trash cans, benches or flower pots.

Grant County Tourism is promoting Music & Market on Main which for the 1<sup>st</sup> year there will be no setup fees for vendors. This event will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month starting in May and going until October that will be held in Crittenden, Dry Ridge & Williamstown.

Mayor and council had discussion regarding the budget amendment.

Mayor Patton informed council that she met with Bryan Miles and Republic Service regarding the recycle bin. The city will have to pour a pad that is 8 to 12 inches thick of concrete. If the recycle bin becomes contaminated then city will have to pay the cost to haul the load to the landfill. Republic Services informed the Mayor they will not drive a truck onto the city building parking lot because the concrete will not support the truck and will break. The truck would have to come across Mr. Phillip Dalton's parking lot.

Mayor asked council out of respect to add money into the budget for a professional cleaning service to come in once a month to clean the city building. Currently the Mayor and employees are having to clean the office. Mayor Patton also asked to add money to the budget so the mayor, council, attorney and employees attend the Grant County Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Motion by Councilperson Paula Lowery, seconded by Councilperson Earlene Stumbo to approve the budget amendments that the mayor asked council to approve. The vote was: Councilperson Danny Martin –no; Councilperson Todd Robert –no; Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey –no; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –absent; Councilperson Paula Lowery - yes. Motion failed.

Motion by Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey, seconded by Councilperson Todd Roberts to approve additional money to each line item to budget as follows: \$2,150.00 for office expenses for the Codification of Ordinances and the website cost; \$1,800.00 to office expenses for the

setup of the clerk's computer; \$1,000.00 for advertng : \$5,000.00 for Professional Fees- Accounting services; \$125.00 for banner to promote the census under beautification; \$500.00 for the t-shirts and banners for the bicentennial; \$3,500.00 to match the Grant County Tourism for trash cans, benches and flower pots – beautification; \$10,000.00 for events for the bicentennial; and \$650.00 for the Grant County Chamber Dinner – office expense. The vote was: Councilperson Danny Martin –yes; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes; Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey –yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –absent; Councilperson Paula Lowery - yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Patton introduced the new code enforcement officer Shaun Segar to council. Mr. Segar spoke to council about his experience.

Councilperson Todd Roberts presented council with a job description of the Maintenance Superintendent and felt like that covered the code enforcement job. City Attorney Edmondson informed council that isn't the correct job description. In June 2010 ordinance # 212-2010 was passed. It only set pay scales for the city workers. After reviewing the minutes and the ordinance it never set the new personnel policy into place. Alex suggested to council they could go and try to clean up the situation by having him do a new personnel policy.

Councilperson Todd Roberts suggested instead of paying Duke Energy around \$200.00 a pole to place Veterans Banners that the city install poles in yards on Main Street which would cost less. City Attorney said it's would be a big liability to the city. Jamie Baker said she would reach out to her contact at Duke Energy.

Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey asked which councilperson proposed Ordinance # 282-2020. Councilperson Paula Lowery proposed Ordinance #282-2020 to council.

Council heard the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #282-2020 an ordinance of the City of Crittenden, Kentucky, fixing and establishing the annual salary and compensation for the elected office of councilperson of the City of Crittenden for the term of office beginning in January of 2021.

Grant County Sheriff Brian Maines gave a monthly report to the Mayor and Council.

Councilperson Danny Martin asked Sheriff Maines if he could write up a proposal for the cost to have 2 officers assigned to Crittenden. Sheriff Maines said currently they don't have the staffing to have 2 officers assigned to Crittenden. Sheriff Maines is preparing his budget and is going to asked for an increase in his budget from the Grant County Fiscal Court.

Mayor Patton said she would like to see the Grant County Fiscal Court increase the budget since they current pay the Sheriff's Department around \$500,000.00 while the City of Crittenden is paying the Sheriff's Department \$292,000.00.

Crittenden Fire Chief Lee Burton gave a monthly report to the Mayor and Council. He informed council that the fire department applied for 3 grants. The department has be awarded one of them for thermal imaging cameras.

Fire Chief Burton said he agrees with Councilperson Lowery that the council and mayor need a salary increase because in his opinion they are under pay. In his opinion he would like to see council salary be increased to \$10,000.00 and the mayor's salary be increased to \$25,000.00.

Crittenden Baptist Pastor Doug Miller talked to the mayor and council about all the activities they have going on for the youth in the community.

Motion by Councilperson Todd Roberts, seconded by Councilperson Danny Martin to go into closed session per KRS 61.815 (1) (a) (b) regarding 208 North Main Street Property and the Toebben Property and also regarding personnel. The vote was: Councilperson Danny Martin – yes; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey –yes; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –absent; Councilperson Paula Lowery - yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey left the meeting during the closed session.

Motion by Councilperson Danny Martin, seconded by Councilperson Earlene Stumbo to come out of closed session per KRS 61.815 (1) (a) (b) regarding 208 North Main Street Property and the Toebben Property and also regarding personnel. The vote was: Councilperson Danny Martin –yes; Councilperson Todd Robert –yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo –yes; Councilperson Jennifer Humphrey –absent; Councilperson Joseph Dusing – absent; Councilperson Paula Lowery - yes. Motion carried.

No action was taken during executive session.

Councilperson Paula Lowery left the meeting.

Councilperson Danny Martin shared his New Year's goals and resolutions for Crittenden for 2020. Councilperson Martin wanted to see Crittenden cleaned up, like to see new job descriptions for employees, like each department to give a monthly report, city building parking lot be an internet safe shopping zone, inventory of all city property down to the staplers, visit of all city properties, cities board, ethics board, and a 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 year plan for the city.

Motion by Councilperson Earlene Stumbo, seconded by Councilperson Todd Roberts to adjourn to next regular meeting March 3, 2020.

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Camilla "Kay" Patton  
Mayor

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Megan Simpson  
City Clerk / Treasurer