

MINUTES City of Stamping Ground

Date: April 16, 2024 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

Place: 3374 Main Street in City Hall

Mayor: Keith Murphy

Police Commissioner: Jennifer Jones

Economic Development Commissioner: David Clark

Public Works' / Parks Commissioner: Kendra Murphy

Streets' Commissioner: Billy Swartz

Police Chief: Don Whitlock, Officer John Giles

Fire Chief: Robert Hendricks ; **Asst. Fire Chief:** Richard Peddicord

Attorney: Joe Hoffman

Financial Consultant: Melissa Bayer

City Clerk: Michelle Randolph (minutes)

Commissioners Absent: None

Opening: Call – to – Order ***Pledge:** Keith Murphy & **Prayer:** David Clark*

Agenda: **1-** Citizen Concerns, **2-** New Business, **3-** Unfinished Business,
4- Department Reports, **5-** Approval of March Financials, **-6** Approval of March 19
Minutes, **7-** Executive Session [Tentative], **-8** Closing Remarks, **9-** Meeting Adjourns

Agenda Item	<u>Discussion/Concerns (All Motions in BOLD)</u>	Action item Follow-up
-1- Citizens' Concerns	<p>> Citizen that works for KU, was asking why KU has flags in his yard to dig. He seemed to think they were going to dig in the wrong area and was concerned if they had called 811 or not. > Asked what the Raven is designed to do and what the benefits of it are. He asked if the pole the Raven is on can be moved out of his yard. > He also expressed concern about people speeding on Burch Street.</p> <p>> Chief Whitlock and Officer Giles agreed they would patrol Burch Street more closely and follow up with him on the pole in his yard. Commissioner Swartz explained they had been working for quite some time on getting speed humps for another road that they would keep Burch Street in mind when they can get them.</p>	
-2-	NEW BUSINESS	
Present Check to SGE Robotics Club	> Mayor Murphy presented the donation check to the SGE Robotics Club members and coach. A picture was taken to commemorate the occasion.	
Golf Cart Permits	> Attorney Hoffman provided a golf cart permit for the city to provide to golf cart owners. Mayor Murphy showed everyone the stickers that will be given with the permit to be placed on the owner's golf cart. To drive on the street, the owner will have to get the golf cart insured, have it inspected by the Sheriff's office and get a permit and sticker from COSG.	

Budget Meeting	<p>> Mayor Keith Murphy stated Melissa had contacted us stating she can be here on any Thursday in May for a budget meeting. The Commission decided to hold a special meeting for the budget on May 2nd, 2024.</p>
<p>-3-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UNFINISHED BUSINESS</p> <p>> None</p>
<p>-4-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DEPARTMENT REPORTS</p>
<p>POLICE DEPT. Chief Don Whitlock and Officer John Giles</p>	<p>> Commissioner Jones explained police officers have limitations on what items they can purchase. Some items require them to be a Lieutenant or Chief to purchase. She suggested changing Officer John Giles’ title to Assistant Police Chief.</p> <p>> Police Chief Whitlock asked if Spring Street could be made a one-way street due to safety reasons when they have an emergency. Commissioner Swartz said that he would check on it. > Chief Whitlock presented a copy of the Police Department’s inventory and discussed the new guns they have as well as their need to trade in the tasers they must get 2 updated ones.</p> <p>> Officer Giles stated all Raven devices are installed and working well. He clarified they will only respond to gun shots inside city limits.</p> <p>> Streets Commissioner Swartz told the Police Department if they would go ahead and order the traffic cones and 15-minute parking sign tomorrow using their credit card, that he would reimburse the Police Department from the Streets account. Officer John Giles stated that they would order.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Vote <u>5 -Y 0 -N</u></p>
<p>FIRE DEPT. Chief Hendricks & Asst. Chief Peddicord</p>	<p>> Chief Hendricks and Assistant Chief Peddicord were traveling and were not at the meeting.</p> <p>> Mayor Murphy stated that Mr. Popp wanted to be here to discuss the roof on the fire department, but he did not make it to the meeting.</p>
<p>ECON. DEV. David Clark</p>	<p>> None</p>
<p>PARKS Kendra Murphy</p>	<p>> Citizen asked who takes care of the park/pavilion as she saw a swarm of bees in one area near the pavilion. Mayor Murphy suggested she let us know when she sees an issue like this as we can have someone come spray the area to help control the issue.</p> <p>> Commissioner Swartz mentioned the need to find a way to add more parking area for the pavilion.</p>
<p>STREETS Billy Swartz</p>	<p>> Police Chief Whitlock asked if we have found a solution on parking space for the Yuppie Puppy. Commissioner Swartz is working on it. The 15-minute parking sign he approved the Police Department to buy, will help with the parking there.</p>

<p>-5- Approval of April 2, 2024 Minutes</p>	<p>Motion by <u>Commissioner Clark, 2nd</u> by <u>Commissioner Murphy</u> to <u>Approve the April 2nd minutes.</u></p> <p>Corrections: <u>None</u></p>	<p>Motion Vote <u>5 -Y 0 -N</u></p>
<p>-6- Executive Session</p>	<p>> None</p>	
<p>-7- Closing Remarks</p>	<p>> Code Enforcement had sent the city an invoice. Mayor Murphy reviewed it and stated that he'd like to see more details to determine if this is for us to pay or the county. City Hall Clerk Reda will follow up with a phone call. > Sarah asked what the city is doing to grow, as there are 40 new families signing their kids into Stamping Ground Elementary (many from Georgetown). With several families coming from Georgetown, she'd like to see more business that these people could do business with while they are here in town. She also stated that the SGE after school program is over full, and she'd like to see an alternate place for kids to go after school. Mayor Murphy discussed a few ideas for after school programs.</p>	
<p>-8- Meeting Adjourns at <u> </u> p.m.</p>	<p>Motion by <u>Mayor Murphy, 2nd</u> by <u>Commissioner Clark</u> to adjourn.</p>	<p>Motion Vote <u>5 -Y 0 -N</u></p>

Meeting Minutes will be approved at the May 7th Meeting.

Mayor

City Clerk