

MINUTES City of Stamping Ground

Date: June 4, 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: Reda Conn (minutes)
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Kendra Murphy

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 May Financials, -6 Approval of May 21
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	Ashleigh Perry asked for the business license fee be waved for the merchants set up at the Farmers' Market. Motion by Mayor Murphy 2nd by Commissioner Swartz to wave the business license fee for the merchants participating at the Farmers' Market.	Motion Passed 4 - 0
-2-	NEW BUSINESS	
TAXES	Mayor Murphy stated they wanted to discuss the possibility of raising property taxes. Attorney Hoffman spoke about how we can only raise the revenue by 4%. As property value goes up the tax rate drops. He stated we do 4% every year. Our CPA Melissa spoke on the ways we have improved our income resources. She discussed our income stream, which were alcohol fees, insurance tax and franchise tax. We also receive intergovernmental monies from Georgetown Fiscal Court. Commissioner Clark and Attorney Hoffman discussed and agreed that we could craft a letter to the Fiscal Court expressing the need for more monies.	
-3-	UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
BUDGET	CPA Melissa discussed budget and ways to balance income with expenditures. The Commission agreed to have a special meeting for the first reading of the 2024-25 budget Ordinance on Thursday June 13 th .	

<p>Updated Code Enforcement Invoice</p>	<p>The Commission compared the previous CE invoice to the present one and agreed to pay it.</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Swartz 2nd by Commissioner Jones to approve the payment of the Code Enforcement invoice in the amount of \$3,947.61</p> <p>A few citizens voiced their opinions on the matter, as well.</p>	<p>Motion 4 Y 0 N Passed</p>
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-4- DEPARTMENT REPORTS

<p>POLICE DEPT. Chief Don Whitlock</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Asst. Chief Giles stated there will be a speed limit transition from 55 mph to 45 mph down to 35 mph at the city limits. This will be north of Cedar Road going south into the city.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The police department is working on fixing the speed radar signs on 227.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Everyone discussed ways to potentially help with the issue of pulling out onto Main Street from some of the side streets where it is hard to see.</p>	<p>A retirement party will be planned for Asst Chief Peddicord</p>
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<p>FIRE DEPT. Chief Robert Hendricks</p>	<p>Chief Hendrix reported the following:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The FD received the approval letter for the Fire Department’s Training Center inspection.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The paint for the training center has been secured. Some of the usable roof metal was also used to repair the structure at the training center, as well.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The generator is now on the concrete pad.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The receipts for the Wildland Grant have been submitted.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 10 used air packs have been acquired from the Lexington FD</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Fire Chief Richard Peddicord gave his two-week notice</p>	<p>A retirement party will be planned for Asst Chief Peddicord</p>
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<p>ECON. DEV. David Clark</p>	<p>Commissioner Clark reported that he wants to update the Stamping Ground Business Directory and publish it in the paper, as well as send one to each household.</p> <p>The News-Graphic will be publishing a Business Milestone ad if the COSG would like to be a part of it. Clark said that he’d rather use the money for the Business Directory.</p>	
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<p>PUBLIC WORKS’ / PARKS Kendra Murphy</p>	<p>Mayor Murphy spoke on behalf of Commissioner Kendra Murphy, who was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. A grant to Kentucky Fried Wishes has been submitted requesting \$15,000. The money will be used to purchase the mulch and tables for Buffalo Springs Park. The request will be answered in a few months.</p>	
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<p>STREETS Billy Swartz</p>	<p>Commissioner Swartz said that the DOT could wedge the bridge at the Dollar Store. Mayor Murphy said he had spoken to them concerning this.</p>	
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<p>-5- Approve Financials May, 2024</p>	<p>Motion by Mayor Murphy, 2nd by Commissioner Clark to approve the May, 2024 Financials.</p>	<p>Motion 4-Y 0-N Passed</p>
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<p>-5- Approval of May 21, 2024 Minutes</p>	<p>Motion by <u>Commissioner Clark, 2nd by Commissioner Jones</u> to approve the May 21, 2024 Minutes.</p>	<p>Motion 4-Y 0-N Passed</p>
<p>-6- Executive Session</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
<p>-7- Closing Remarks</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>-8- Meeting Adjourns at <u>7:40</u> p.m.</p>	<p>Motion by <u>Mayor Murphy, 2nd by Commissioner Swartz</u> to adjourn.</p>	<p>Motion Passed 4-0</p>

Meeting Minutes will be approved at the June 18, 2024 Meeting.

Mayor

City Clerk