

PUBLIC HEARING
August 3, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

Public Hearing called to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Clint Hurley and Commissioner Brian Metzger present.

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:05 PM.

CITY OF BANE BERRY
COMMISSION MEETING
August 3, 2017

A prayer was offered by and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hurley.

Regular Meeting: The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Mayor Hurley, Vice - Mayor Metzger, and Commissioner Hernandez were present.

Minutes: Minutes of the July 6, 2017 meeting were provided to the Commissioners prior to this meeting. Public copies were available at this meeting. Vice-Mayor Metzger moved that the minutes be approved; Commissioner Hernandez seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was provided to the Commissioners prior to this meeting. Commissioner Metzger moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as read; Commissioner Hernandez seconded; motion carried.

June Treasurer's Reports:

(May 2017)	General Fund	Vol. Fire Dept. Fund	St. Street Aid Fund	Drug Fund	BI Fund
Previous Balance	\$ 125,354.46	\$ 58,108.91	\$ 87,848.07	\$ 665.00	\$ 105.22
Receipts	\$ 8,281.06	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,297.93	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Disbursements Cleared	\$ -23,124.20	\$ -1,950.76	\$ -22,650.06	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Bank Balance	\$ 110,511.32	\$ 66,158.15	\$ 67,495.94	\$ 665.00	\$ 105.22
Disbursements NOT cleared	\$ -4,913.30	\$ -534.11	\$ 199.10	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Receipts NOT posted	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
05/31/2017	\$ 105,598.02	\$ 65,624.04	\$ 67,296.84	\$ 665.00	\$ 105.22

	General Fund	Vol. Fire Dept.	St. Street Aid
Cert of Deposit	18 mo. CD \$150,000 12 mo. CD \$200,000 90-day CD of \$260,000	90-day CD \$40,000	90-day CD \$50,000
Accumulated Interest (Reported Quarterly)	\$1,791.02	\$179.62	\$224.52

REPORTS:

City Manager: No report.

Planning Commission: Planning met prior to the city commissioner's meeting and took action on the following : (1) After lengthy discussion, disapproved the fabricated building on Mountain View; (2) Approved new house plans to be located on Back Nine, and (3) Approved combining lots on Pashley Court.

Road Commission: Working on getting the property lines correct on Stoneway Court to establish where the property lines are in relation to where the road is located. Survey work is completed and we have a good solution with property lines established. Are meeting with affected property owners – one owner not to happy but still hoping to work things out. Have spoken to 6 of the 9 property owners and hoping to track down the other three; we know who they are.

Parks and Rec: Next meeting on Monday August 7 at 7 pm in that the community center. Some survey results have been turned in and the committee will be reviewing them at next meeting. Still accepting suggestions.

Police Department: Jefferson County Sheriff, G.W. "Bud" McCoig stated that there had been 15 calls this month with 4 of them being complaints about animals, only one crime which was a theft by phone. The patrolling officers expressed thanks for the friendliness of the residents of the city. This is a great and safe city.

Fire Department: Mayor Hurley gave report in place of Chief Williford. For the month of July we had eight total calls of which one for mutual aid and four motor vehicle collisions, one structure fire, one smoke alarm and one smoke investigation. There were some pretty serious injuries in a couple of the car wrecks. A public service announcement Nina Road conditions when wet are pretty slick so please slow down so when raining need to slow down. Chief Cotter requested \$10,000 from the city to help with the cost of the new fire/police tower repeater tower currently being built in White Pine. The new tower is being built due to White Pine water department expanding the water tank that is currently next to the tower. Currently White Pine and Baneberry share same the same tower. New tower will be both analog and digital. Total cost is going to be between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Baneberry has the option of going to the county tower; however the issue would be the response time to from the White Pine fire department. Mayor asked about the type of radios – anyway we go city is going to have to have eventually purchase new radios. Commissioner Metzger asked about whether the tower is for the White Pine police and Fire Department and Chief Cotter stated only the Fire Department would be using the tower. Commissioner Metzger asked about if there are options for installment payment or lump sum. Chief Cotter said that White Pine was hoping for a lump sum since this was an unexpected move. The city did an additional \$10,000 from the county which would cover the cost. There was some discussion of type of radios and if the city stays on analog do we have to by new radios if we go analog at a later date. White Pine brought

radios that can be reprogrammed. Each radio costs are approximately \$700. Commissioner Hernandez asking about the radio purchased by the police department and Mayor Hurley stated that were not Kenwood. Commissioner Hernandez asked if we could sell old radios and use those funds to offset the cost of the new ones.

Metzger made a Motion to contribute a lump sum amount of \$10,000 for Baneberry's contribution toward the cost of the repeater tower to White Pine Fire Department. Motion seconded by Hernandez. Motion passed.

Firewise Community: Carol Lloyd submitted her resignation from the Chairman position of the Firewise committee as of August 3, 2017 due to family health issues. She thanked all the support and trust that she has received since the start in 2016. All information will be turned over to the City Manager.

Web Site Report: No report. Mayor Hurley did announce that he has received a letter of resignation from David Hobson as the Web Master for the City Website. We will need to find a replacement. Mayor also expressed appreciation for everything that Mr. Hobson has done.

Old Business None

New Business: None

Commissioner's Update: The mayor asked the city Manager to check into the process of returning some of the 1033 military surplus items that were received under the military surplus program. The items that are to be returned have to go to Fort Campbell (above Clarksville TN). Donnie Williford has agreed to return those items. The remaining items (generators, etc.) will become City property after first of September and City is responsible for disposal after that date. Commissioner asked about getting into the city safe. Commissioner Hernandez stated that former Police Chief Kian was not returning calls. Mayor Hurley stated that he was informed by the City Manager that the issued has been resolved. Commissioner Hernandez stated that some of the item's to be returned were in the safe and that no inventory was taken. Mayor Hurley stated that there was an inventory and Park Slot (former reserve officer) assisted in the inventory.

A question arose about whether the Web Master position was a paid position and the Mayor and Commissioner Hernandez both stated no. It's a volunteer position.

Mayor stated that some members of the Fire department participated in high angle rescue training.

Commissioner Hernandez asked when the commission was going over the resume for the police chief position and the Mayor stated that he was not and that it was the City Manager's job. Vice- Mayor Metzger asked how many resumes were received and Commissioner Hernandez stated that 5 were received. Mayor Hurley stated that if the City Manager looked at the five and was not comfortable then we could proceed up other avenues.

If the City manager wanted to interview then interview; leaving up to the City Manager. Mayor Hurley stated that we need to proceed cautiously and not hire someone just to be hiring. One question from the audience was “Do we have to hire a police chief?” Mayor Hurley stated that this was not the open discussion period.

Open Floor Discussion:

Cliff Best –Made another plea not to hire another police chief. We had little or no police enforcement since last March (2017). There has only been on one criminal charge. Went to court and got all affidavits that Police Chief Kain filed and the vast majority of those cases were vehicle searches on outside city residents and contractors. Most of the cases were people that had previous charges and could not make bond. Almost all of the cases were misdemeanor with a couple of 11 month 29 days cases just short of a felony. It appears to be me that our community was under the assault by criminals as we were lead to believe by Chief Kain when he was here. He lived a long away, when you have the sheriff can appear in a few minutes they can call in a host of specialist criminal activity to evaluate the situation which we get that as an added benefit. We are paying him for 40 hours per week but we are not getting 40 hours per week since he gets annual leave, sick leave, going to court, and fixing a vehicle we are getting just as much patrolling as Chief Kain did without the cost. If you look at the hours that he is actually patrolling it is not much more than we are getting from the sheriff’s department. Like to renew by suggestion that we try out the sheriff patrol for a period of one year; if it does not work out then we hire a police chief, if it does then we have saved \$62,000 and help stopped the bleeding.

Carman Kammann – I think that Cliff Best stated what I was mainly going to say because I think maybe a lot of you have noticed that the Jefferson County Sherriff’s Department have been around and have been noticeable and pleasant, made conversation and taken care of everything we can think why don’t we think seriously about continuing the service and not interviewing for a police chief; of a that continuing extremely good service and we are paying taxes in Jefferson County and money well spent.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Commissioner Meltzer made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hernandez seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest: _____
Thomas M. Blair

J. Clint Hurley, Mayor

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