

MINUTES FROM MARCH 10, 2022 BANCROFT MEETING

The regular scheduled meeting for the City of Bancroft, KY was called to order by Mayor pro tem Ed Evers at 7:02 pm on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at The Churchill Downs Building, 600 N. Hurstbourne Lane, Louisville, Kentucky. Those present: Mayor Pro Tem Ed Evers, Commissioner Jaimie Schapker, Commissioner Mike Borders, Treasurer Arnold Shaikun, Police Chief David Mudd and Councilwoman Paula McCraney. Absent: Mayor Magers; Commissioner Paul Chumbley.

REVIEW MEETING MINUTES:

Mayor Pro Tem Evers proceeded to review the February meeting minutes. Commissioner Schapker made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Borders seconded. All in favor and the minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

Clerk

I received a packet from the Jefferson County Board of Elections with filing forms for Mayor and commissioners. And a reminder that the deadline is June 7.

I personally feel that the amount of insurance premium checks we receive is slowing down. We need to remind new residents to list City of Bancroft as their city with all insurance companies. I will place a reminder in the next newsletter.

I will be on vacation from March 30-April 6. For this reason, I will need to have the newsletter ready to go prior to March 30 or I will have to send it out on April 7 when I return.

American Legal has updated our ordinance books and sent me an electronic file as well as a CD.

Updated withholding tax and direct deposit information for police chief.

I am working on an ongoing request for storage fees, legal fees and unpaid property tax amounts for the foreclosure action on Old Salem.

Met with Treasurer Shaikun to sign checks.

With Commissioner Schapker's help I was able to once again create and distribute newsletter with Mailchimp.

Still need to work on a new Directory. I haven't received anything from residents with changes.

We need to add information in newsletter about upcoming election for commission.

We need to upgrade Quickbooks as the current version will not be compatible with payroll after May.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Magers was not able to attend meeting but asked that the following report be read and included in minutes.

I called the March 2022 City Commission as an in-person meeting because the Kentucky Senate passed a resolution to end the state of emergency on March 7, rather than April 14th as originally designated. The resolution has been sent to the Kentucky House of Representatives for consideration. If the resolution passes the KY House before our March 10th meeting, we could not have a Zoom meeting, which would have required us to cancel the meeting. I cannot attend the March city commission meeting in-person, so Mayor Pro Tem Ed Evers will preside over the meeting.

The following 2022 Property Reassessments Information was received from the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator (PVA). It was included in the newsletter and posted on Facebook. The Jefferson County PVA is preparing for 2022 property assessments and it is important for you to understand the process and your right to appeal your property valuation.

Increasing public understanding of property assessments and the right to appeal is a top priority of Property Valuation Administrator Colleen Younger to fulfill her agency's mission: to provide fair and equitable assessments with best-in-class customer service.

The role of the PVA is to fairly assess the value of all property. This is an important part of the process to determine the taxes collected to fund our city, school districts, and emergency services. The PVA tries to determine accurate median property value for comparable homes, but they do not know every detail of all properties. The condition of a home could mean it falls substantially below or above the median value. That's why it's so important residents know about their right to appeal.

The PVA has shared the following information to enhance attendance at their public meetings is extremely important because the first step of the appeals process in 2022 is available from April 22nd to May 16th.

Click the links below for helpful resources:

Map of our 2022 reassessment areas (Bancroft is in Area 9)

Printable bulletin/flier to promote the community meetings for your area:

Prospect City Hall

Norton Commons Elementary

All People's Church

Link to Facebook Event for the community meetings:

Prospect City Hall

Norton Commons Elementary

All People's Church

If you need additional information, go to www.JeffersonPVA.ky.gov, call the PVA office at 502-574-6380.

City Attorney Rich Schiller provided the following report on the new legal developments in the bank foreclosure of 7616 Old Salem, where the City of Bancroft has outstanding liens. This information is public record and can be made part of the record of this meeting.

After extensive legal wrangling between the occupant of the property and the mortgage company about the standing and status of the occupant to reside in the property, and the appointment of a receiver to manage the property during the pendency of the foreclosure action, those issues have been resolved. The resolution is that the occupant has agreed to vacate the property by 4/26/22 and the Judge has ordered a Receiver (a lawyer named David Mour) to be responsible for the preservation of the property until it is sold.

Additionally, the mortgage company has requested the depositions of Chief David Mudd and Mayor Magers concerning Bancroft's liens and its communications with the occupant and owner of the property. Those depositions have not yet been scheduled but will likely take place later in March or early April

The FY 2021 audit of Bancroft finances was due March 1st. We were informed the auditor could not complete the audit by the deadline. Commissioner Ed Evers filed for an extension. The Kentucky Department for Local Government (DLG) approved the extension until December 1, 2022. Due to the workload on city auditors, filing an extension is not an unusual occurrence.

City Maintenance

Commissioner Borders reported A new driveway, fence, seeding and installing a reasonable number deep root trees and evergreens are needed to finish the MSD pipe replacement project on Old Orchard Court. After the work is completed, we need to review the street for equipment damage.

Had a bush trimmed back on Bancroft Lane near the entrance.

The tree at the corner of Bancroft and Brownsboro Road will have the low hanging branches removed and other parts trimmed. The trees for this year's planting are in the process of being dug up. Also, we are looking to make landscaping changes in order to make the sign more visible.

Plan to plant flowering trees this year to fill in gaps on Bancroft Lane.

Need to contact Paving Company that repaved streets and get information on the paving repairs from MSD work.

Communication and Public Outreach

Commissioner Schapker reported she is planning city Easter Egg hunt the evening of April 10. Went out in March Newsletter. We will hopefully be having this in the same location as last year, but since the Harpers are working on their pool, we need to make sure construction is wrapping up. Otherwise, we will find another location. I hope to have a Steel City Pops cart or food truck this year.

The neighborhood yard sale will coincide with Graymoor-Devondale on the second Saturday in June.

Planning on doing the 4th of July parade again this year. Welcome any suggestions to enhance it from last year.

Public Services

Commissioner Chumbley was not present but left the following report:

Received a report on March 8, 2022 from a resident on Tavener advising of missed recycling collection. Contacted Rumpke and resident advised that recycling had been collected on March 10, 2022. Resident advised others along Tavener had issues with Rumpke service but I have not received any additional complaints. Asked resident to let others know to contact me with any service issues so I can help address them.

Asked Rumpke to create a calendar with recycling/yard waste service dates to be able to post on City website. Rumpke advised they will coordinate the local marketing department and forward the same.

Continuing through March 2022, yard waste will be collected once per month on the second Monday of the month. Starting in April, yard waste will be collected weekly.

Treasurer Shaikun mentioned that he was unaware that Rumpke would not be picked up off the ground. He called and asked for a pickup and it was not picked up. So, all extra recycling was just put in with the trash.

Place in newsletter that trash or recycling will not be picked up off the ground if not in container. If you have large items you need to call ahead for pickup.

Police Department

Mayor Magers left the following report. I want to take this opportunity to recognize Chief David Mudd for his first anniversary as Police Chief of the City of Bancroft. Chief Mudd has been outstanding in

exemplifying the principles of community policing. He implemented a bike patrol that has been very popular. He has been appropriately aggressive in traffic and criminal enforcement, while being equally aggressive in community service activities. He has developed positive relationships with neighboring police departments, including LMPD, Graymoor-Devondale, Northfield. Chief Mudd attended all city events, riding his police bike, meeting residents, and becoming the face of public safety in Bancroft. He has been very effective in obtaining voluntary compliance from residents in resolving code enforcement violations. Thank you Chief Mudd for your service to the residents of the City of Bancroft. We hope you are with us for many years to come.

Chief Mudd gave the following report: There were 17 days of patrol in the city. There were 13 Radar/Stop Sign details performed for high police visibility. There were 0 dispatched calls for service: There were 18 traffic stops made for traffic infractions. There were 6 citations issued - charges included: No Registration Plates - 4, Speeding - 1, No Insurance - 2, No Operators License - 2, Disregarding Traffic Control Device - 2. There were 11 verbal warnings and 1 written warning issued. There was 1 motorist assist. There were 0 arrests. There was 1 warning given for parking infractions. There was 1 day of bike patrol. There were 61 visits to residents homes for the "House Watch" program. There were 0 vehicles towed. There was 1 assist to other agencies: Northfield - 1 There were 0 ordinance investigations. I attended the February Commission meeting. I had the oil changed and rear brake pads replaced on the city vehicle. I provided a transport for an 8-year-old child in pajamas walking down Hayward to his home at 7202 Wesboro (snow on ground).

We should be receiving the body camera very soon. Upon receipt, we will set it up as soon as possible. Commissioners asked for feedback from cities already using the camera service. Chief Mudd said someone was going to come to meeting to explain all the uses.

Finance and Administration

Commissioner Evers reported that the auditor needed us to file extension for completing audit and this has been completed. Asked for commissioners to give numbers on what they plan to spend in the next budget and what to spend it on.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of the effects of Herr Lane traffic on Bancroft residents.

Mayor Magers' written comments:

The question of Herr Lane traffic congestion is still on the March 2022 meeting agenda (Old Business). After the February meeting I contacted Councilwoman McCraney to express the City Commission's concern about the traffic congestion on Herr Lane and the adverse effects of more traffic as a result of the apartment complex project on Herr Lane and the VA Hospital project near US 42 and KY 22. I indicated that a viable solution for the hundreds of homeowners on both the east and west sides of Herr Lane was a traffic light at Greenlawn and Herr. It is the only four-way intersection on Herr Lane between KY 22 and Westport Road. Here is her reply below. Herr Lane is a state road in Louisville Metro. CW McCraney is aggressively working on the issue with KYTC.

I reviewed the traffic studies and it reminded me of a point a District 7 resident made to CW McCraney at one of her Saturday open meetings. The resident made the point that the traffic study was completed during the period of time JCPS schools were closed and classes were presented via NTI. So, the traffic studies did not reflect what we know are the real traffic conditions at morning and evening rush hours during school months.

My suggestion is for Commission members to attend all meetings related to the Herr Lane Improvement Project and express your concerns. I will attend all that I can, consistent with my schedule.

Commissioner Evers read that a decision was made to widen Herr Lane on the east side so as not have to move utilities. Westport Road up to Bedford would be widened. There will be sidewalks on both sides of Westport Road.

Council woman McCraney's conversation with engineer is part of a podcast to air next Tuesday. She asked specific questions about Herr Lane and when we will get funding. The immediate funding is for shopping center at Heritage Lane to remove two lanes. She asked that everyone should be receiving her newsletter. She was able to get Louisville mayor set aside one million dollars for road repairs. This doesn't go far with road work. Planning a light at Langdon place entrance is one use.

2. Second Reading of Ordinance #1, Series 2022 – An Ordinance Adopting an Amended Budget for the City of Bancroft, Kentucky for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022.

Commissioner Evers proceeded with Second Reading of Ordinance #1, Series 2022 – An Ordinance Adopting an Amended Budget for the City of Bancroft, Kentucky for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022. Change will be one column for ARPA funds. Commissioner Schapker made a motion to approve the Amended Ordinance. Commissioner Borders seconded. Question was do we know what we are using the funds for or just amending budget to include the funds. Commissioner Evers stated part of the money for police body camera. Other funds to be determined. Commissioner Borders asked if there are other things we can use the funds for to contribute to our community. We are still exploring possibilities to use the funds in the future. All three commissioners voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Second Reading of Ordinance #2, Series 2022 – An Ordinance Adopting a City Official Compensation for the City of Bancroft, Kentucky effective January 1, 2023.

Commissioner Evers proceeded with second reading Ordinance #2, Series 2022 – An Ordinance Adopting a City Official Compensation for the City of Bancroft, Kentucky effective January 1, 2023. Commissioner Borders made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Schapker seconded. Question will this be distributed every six months. Likely, so there is no need to change. All 3 in favor and motion passed unanimously.


4. Reminders to submit Annual Financial Disclosures for City Elected Officials

Reminded everyone to submit financial disclosures form. Commissioner Evers had copies for everyone and will get them to clerk once prepared.

Councilwoman McCraney

Councilwoman McCraney thanked everyone for allowing her to come meeting. Mentioned she had tried to meet with Mayors of all the cities but that was prior to Covid and has not been able to. She asked that in order for her to get action she needs residents to show up at the city council meetings.

Commissioner Schapker made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Borders seconded. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.



Mayor Pro Tem



City Clerk