

Georgetown City Council Meeting  
Monday, April 11, 2011  
6:00 pm

The Georgetown City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Everette Varney with all members present. After a moment of silence Councilman Thompson led the pledge.

1. **Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilman McEuen and seconded by Councilman Thompson to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2011 city council meeting. **Motion unanimously approved.**

2. **Acknowledgement Receipt of Bills:**

Mayor Varney requested council acknowledge receipt of bills. **Council acknowledged receipt of bills.**

3. **Public Concerns:**

**Cherry Blossom Festival 5K**

Nathan Patton reminded the city of the 5k run beginning at 8:30 Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Patton also said proceeds from the festival this year would be donated to the Japanese relief fund.

**Keystone Montessori 5K**

Rebecca Tilly a teacher at Keystone Montessori requested the streets being used for the 5K be closed beginning at 7:00AM until 9:15. She also requested that the section of Main Street in front of The Lock and Key be closed for an awards ceremony ending by 10:15AM. A motion was made by Councilman McEuen and seconded by Councilwoman Skinner. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Northside Christian Church Easter Egg Hunt**

Ginny Kladis speaking on behalf of Northside Christian Church invited the public to an Easter egg hunt on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Ed Davis Center.

**Steve Price – Turnip greens**

Mr. Price expressed concern about the turnip greens growing on the Bradshaw farm property as well as the greens that grow on his property. He referred to ordinance number 06-027 which encourages the preservation of native plants.

**Steve Price – Bridge Street Bridge**

Mr. Price made a suggestion about the pot holes on the Bridge Street bridge. He thinks if holes were filled with gravel or patched it would alleviate the vibration felt by motorist when using the bridge.

#### **4. Mayors Comments:**

##### **National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 10-16**

A joint proclamation from the office of the Mayor and the Scott County Judge Executive declaring the week of April 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> as “National Public Safety Telecommunicator’s Week”.

##### **Earth Day April 22, 2011**

A joint proclamation from the office of the Mayor and the Scott County Judge Executive pledging to support green economy initiatives and to encourage others to undertake similar actions.

##### **Alternate Member for Board of Ethics**

Mayor Varney, by executive order, recommended David Davila as an alternate for the board of ethics. A motion was made by Councilman Singer and seconded by Councilman Thompson to approve the executive order to appoint Mr. Davila as an alternate to the board of ethics. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### **5. Human Resources:**

##### **Workers Compensation**

Rodney Vinegar reviewed the state of workers compensation losses in the City of Georgetown. He discussed frequency and severity of incidents and the fact that both have declined over the last three years. Medical costs have gone down but lost time has increased. Most injuries are due to slips, falls, and strains.

Employee can be trained to prevent these types of accidents. Mr. Vinegar told council that there are incentives given for having safety policies in place. Mr. Vinegar would like to implement a light duty policy to decrease lost time and work with all departments on training employees about awareness in the work place.

#### **6. City Attorney:**

##### **Marshall Park**

Logan Askew said that Planning and Zoning has been working with developers and received a plat of the property for the Kroger development which must now be approved by P&Z in order for the development to proceed. Mr. Askew explained to council that there are three issues that need to be addressed by council.

First issue is the Marshall Park deed- property is currently owned by Kentucky Municipal Finance Corporation, a Kentucky League of Cities subsidiary. The property was transferred by the City to KMFC as part of the barrowing of bond funds to obtain financing Airport Road fire station and we leased back the property from the Kentucky Municipal Finance Corporation. The underlying debt was refinanced, and the property is to be deeded back to the city. There will be a deed for council to approve at the next regular meeting April 25, 2011.

The second issue concerns a road that was dedicated on the original plat from the bypass to the aquatic center. This road was never completed and it will not be used for the current development. Because this is the plat of record, the road will need to be closed and a consensus from the abutting property owners will need to

be obtained to officially close the road by ordinance. The ordinance will then be recorded.

Lastly, the council will have to approve the construction of two portions of a new road. Mr. Askew will be getting a copy of the plat with a road that connects to Grisham Drive. There is a portion between property that is owned by the developers and Grisham Drive that is a part of the Marshall Park property and as 0.001 of an acre. Askew proposed that a construction easement be obtained by the Developer to ensure the road is built to City specifications. Once the City confirms the road has been built to City specifications, the City will accept this property for maintenance. On the other end the road will go all the way from the Bypass connect with Grisham Dr. and up the side of the property up to the parking lot in Marshall Park. The Developer proposed to erect a mechanical gate, for safety reasons. The GFD will be able to open /close this gate. In addition this will allow for the closing of the gate in the event the parking lot is crowded. Also it will not allow drivers to use it for a "cut threw" to get to the other side of Marshall Park. The developers also propose to construct a turnaround where the new road connects to the Marshall Park property parking lot. Mr. Askew will propose a construction easement for these two projects and, after the road is completed to the city's specifications, the city will accept the road for maintenance.

At the P&Z meeting, residents of Grisham Dr. opposed the connection of Grisham Drive to the new road. Askew said the Mayor and himself wanted to bring these issues to the council for informational purposes and also allow anyone the opportunity to address the council on these issues.

Mayor: "Has the plat been approved?" (directed to Earl Smith, Director of Planning and Zoning)

Askew: No. it has not. Planning Commission got it last week. "Earl, do you know when you are going to get it processed?" Planning Commission would like Council to approve the 2 areas where pavement will be laid before the plat approval.

## **7. Finance:**

### **Resolution Safety Deposit Box**

A resolution designating the Mayor, Finance Director, and City Clerk to access the city's safe deposit box at Whitaker Bank was read. A motion was made by Councilman Singer and seconded by Councilman McEuen to approve the resolution. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

### **Financial Statements**

Ms. Pendergrass stated she would spend more time explaining the financial reports due to misinformation written in an editorial. In February Ms. Pendergrass warned that the positive results at month end could easily turn negative before fiscal year end. The \$6,000,000.00 reserve that was reported did not mean that the city had unlimited resources. If compared to the budget, that fund balance, would pay for four or five months. Ms. Pendergrass referenced the "lose" of \$675,000.00. This revenue will likely be received in July but is accrued as we close the fiscal year. The insurance premium tax that will sunset to five percent in July will decrease the city's revenues by \$750,000.00 thousand dollars not \$1,400,000.00.

Ms. Pendergrass distributed an updated balance sheet as of March 31, 2011 which shows the components of the \$4,300,000.00 that are currently available. What is currently owed must be subtracted from this amount.

Ms. Pendergrass is currently analyzing the City's financial transactions to help the council and the Mayor make important policy choices for next year. The forecasts for next year are not complete and will not be completed until council completes their discussions in May. The project is not complete because the annual budget is complex. Ms. Pendergrass is developing a budget document that will provide the basis for council to make policy decisions and be user friendly for the public.

### **First Reading FY 2011 Budget Amendment-Ordinance No. 11-001**

An ordinance related to budget amendments for the city of Georgetown in fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 was read. The second reading of this ordinance will be April 25, 2011 at the regular council meeting.

### **Approval of Audit Fees**

Ms. Pendergrass asked for council's review and approval of the Fiscal Year 2011 audit invoice. Ms. Pendergrass explained that the invoice was substantially more than what was initially agreed upon. The audit firm incurred charges of \$29,000.00 more but is only billing the city for \$17,445.00. The auditors had to perform work that should have been done in house. Councilman Singer asked if the auditors had asked if they could do the extra work. Ms. Pendergrass said that she had not been here during that time but if they had not done the work we would not have had a completed audit which is required. A motion was made by Councilman Singer and seconded by Councilman Lusby to approve the charges of \$20,750.00 and request a detailed report outlining the \$17,445.00. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

### **Budget Timetable**


Ms. Pendergrass let council know that the month of May would be used for budget discussion workshops. Ms. Pendergrass said she would attend all of these workshops along with the Mayor. Department heads can also be invited to these workshops if the council would like to discuss an individual department's budget.

### **Community Development Block Grant**

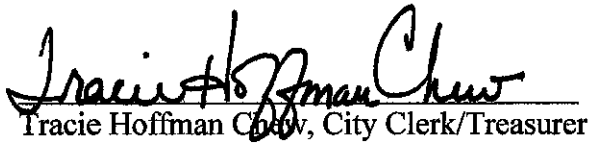
A resolution to accept the CDBG grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 for use by the Salvation Army to renovate the former Whitaker Bank building was read. A motion was made by Councilman Lusby and seconded by Penn to approve the resolution. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

A motion was made by Councilman McEuen and seconded by Councilman Thompson to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

APPROVED BY:

  
Everette Varney, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

  
Tracie Hoffman Chow, City Clerk/Treasurer