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Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2015

JCLC President, Mayor Bill Dieruf, City of Jeffersontown, welcomed everyone and opened the JCLC Monthly Meeting at 7:00PM, Central Bank/Hurstbourne, 2nd floor Community Room. He opened the floor to introductions from attendees.

He referred attendees to the JCLC January 15 Monthly Meeting minutes at their seats and emailed to members. A motion to accept report as presented by consensus, approved. Mayor Dieruf stated that there were no February meeting minutes do to the cancellation of February meeting due to weather.

Mayor Dieruf called on JCLC Treasurer, Mayor Jim Ising, City of Windy Hills, for a Treasurer's Report. He reported a February 27, 2015 balance of \$8,601.87; monthly expenses of \$1,612.71 which was within the JCLC budget. Balance is on schedule with the projected 2014-2015 JCLC Budget and parallels the 2013-2014 budget. Motion to accept report as presented by consensus, approved.

Mayor Dieruf called on the following for reports:

- Marty Nemes, Kentucky League of Cities: 300 people attended the recent Safety Conference in Lexington, Kentucky. He distributed the January-February issue of KLC's Kentucky City Magazine and advised attendees to review upcoming training sessions.
- Sara Massey, Metro Mayor Greg Fischer's office: She thanked Mayor Dieruf for his assistance on some key legislative issues during the recent 2015 Kentucky Legislative Session. She reviewed and encouraged attendees to have their cities participate in the upcoming annual Mayor's Give A Day program in April.
- Mayor Dieruf introduced and called on Neville Blakemore, candidate for State Treasurer in the Democrat Party Primary, for remarks. He asked all attendees for their support and reviewed his volunteer leadership role in local community events and programs. He outlined the responsibilities of the Office of State Treasurer and the importance of the office to all citizens. These responsibilities were the primary reason for his candidacy based on his professional business experience and personal volunteer leadership positions.
- Mayor Dieruf called on Ellen Schweinhart of the Jefferson County Master Gardener Association for an announcement. She encouraged all cities to participate in the Association's Annual Arbor Day Tree Give Away program. It is April 11, 2015, 9AM-1PM, Louisville Nature Center, 3745 Illinois Ave. There is a three tree limit per person and all cities were encouraged to participate.

Mayor Dieruf called the 2015 JCLC Annual Meeting to order. It was deferred to the March meeting because of the weather cancellation of the February meeting. He gave a report of the Board Nominations Committee on behalf of Mayor Sherry Conner, Mayor Mary Rose Evans and himself. Two year terms, 2015-2017: office of Secretary, Mayor David Brown, City of Seneca Gardens; office of Treasurer, Mayor Jim Ising, City of Windy Hills. He opened the floor for additional nominations. There were no other nominations. He asked for a motion to accept the Nominations Committee report and elect the nominees by consensus, approved.

Two year terms for Director, 2015-2017: Mayor Byron Chapman, City of Middletown; Mayor Bill Conway, City of Rolling Fields; Mayor John Evans, City of Prospect; Mayor Bonnie Jung, City of Douglass Hills; Mayor Mark Petruska, City of Broeck Pointe. He opened the floor for additional nominations. There were no additional nominations. He asked for a motion to accept the Nominations Committee report on Director nominees and elect them by consensus, approved.

He called on Mayor Bill Lile and Councilmember Brenda Moore for recognition. He presented them with a gift for their service to the JCLC Board since their terms are ending this month.

Mayor Bill Dieruf called on Steve Porter, City Attorney for several Suburban Cities, for a community report. He wants to alert City Mayors and officials to an issue related to Air B & B which is being reviewed by the Metro Council. Air B & B enters into a contract with each host, some of which could be located in private residences within cities. He is alerting attendees to the contents of these contracts.

Air B & B is a shared housing concept by the host and are identified through the internet where signup occurs. Kentucky State Law and Metro Government requires a permit if you rent rooms from your home. A local Air B & B does not have to have a permit. There is a current movement to legalize them without regulations. He said most of these Air B & B's are in single resident homes in neighborhoods. A required conditional use permit is not sought. Also, he is an owner of a Bed & Breakfast and all B & B's have to be in compliance with local Health Dept. inspections and regulations. Air B & B's do not have to meet these regulations. Steve is alerting City officials to this issue because the Air B & B's may be within their cities. Local Bed & Breakfast owners are asking that they be held to the same standards that Bed & Breakfast owners are and for the safety of the neighborhoods which they reside.

Mayor Dieruf called on the primary program presenter, Tyler Campbell, Legislative Affairs Manager for the Kentucky League of Cities, for a presentation on the issues within the current Ky. Legislative Session. Tyler thanked Mayor Dieruf for his assistance to KLC during the legislature. He stated that KLC tracks 400 bills and resolutions during the 2015 session. He will review some of the bills of importance to cities.

- SB 130: It places restrictions on local communities, Home Rule, in implementation of the sale of goods and services. It required public hearings, study and advertising through the public hearings. It called for separate accounting standards in different city accounts from the regular City budget which is an undo burden for cities.
- HB 1: Local Option Sales Tax Constitutional Amendment or LIFT proposal. It advanced to the Senate where it stalled within committee. This was further than expected. KLC and CACO helped to move it. There were questions on the enabling legislation from the heavy industrial users because of a perceived potential increase in their bills if this type of tax was approved. It had bipartisan support in the House and Senate. It will come back before the 2016 Legislative Session.
- HB 213/SB 192: Heroin Legislation/ There was a consensus among legislators regarding the need for this bill do to the heroin epidemic in Kentucky. It is currently in a House-Senate Joint Committee and a compromised version is likely to pass. The Senate had some issues with HB 213. It is perceived to pass out of committee and approved for signature by the Governor.
- HB 299: This is a revenue bill. This is referred to as the Gas Tax and is in Conference Committee. The State Gas Tax income relates to the balance of dollars in the State Road Fund. There is current discussion to freeze the current gas tax at \$2.35 vs the current \$1.78. There is a projected \$19.2m loss in Municipal Road Aid if nothing is done because of the current decline in gas prices.
- SB 28: This is a KLC initiative and clarifies OAG, illegal gaming activities through new types of devices for gambling setup. It passed and has been signed.
- HB 136: Procedures & Municipal Taxes. It clarifies collection of taxes within cities.
- HB 223: This relates to previous 2nd Class Cities. It extends exemption to Fire Department officers and staff related to on duty time.
- HB 333: Policeman's Bill of Rights. It is a partnership between the KLC and FOP and clarifies various sections.

Mayor Dieruf opened the floor for discussion. There were several questions related to these and other issues. In addition, there was discussion on the LIFT proposal and its future.

Mayor Dieruf thanked Tyler for his presentation. He thanked all for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 8:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor David Brown, Secretary