

Code Enforcement Board Minutes August 1, 2017

The Murray Code Enforcement Board met in regular session on August 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 104 North 5th Street.

Board Members Present: Acting Chairman Mitzi Key, Gayle Balentine, Deana Wright and Mike Basiak.

Others Present: Attorney Chip Adams, Officer Tim Fortner, Secretary Maressa Travis, Hathakan Srifa, Katelyn Crane, Paul Jarvis, Audie Malloy, Tim Wallin, Office Jason Stubblefield and Marti Erwin, legal assistant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Key. Officer Tim Fortner advised the board that the video system failed and there would be only an audio recording. Roll call attendance was taken.

Approval of July 11, 2107 minutes: A motion was made by Member Gayle Balentine to approve the minutes of the last meeting and member Deana Wright seconded. A voice vote was taken to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 meeting and all approved.

Public Hearing—Hathakan Srifa: Chairman Key called the meeting to order and Secretary Travis read the case information. Chairman asked the board if any member had any direct or indirect financial for personal interest in this matter and all said no. Chairman called forward Officer Jason Stubblefield and he was sworn in. Officer Stubblefield stated he was checking vehicles for city stickers at the local hotels and issued a violation for the vehicle noted. The board had no more questions. Chairman called forth Hathakan Srifa and she was sworn in. Ms. Srifa indicated that she sold the vehicle in March, 2017 and the new owner did not change the registration so the vehicle was still registered to her. Ms. Srifa could not produce a bill of sale or transfer of title and could not provide any additional proof of sale. Chairman Key called forward Tim Wallin, Ms. Srifa's husband, and said they sold the vehicle in March and the new owner was going to mail the title to transfer ownership but she never received anything back. They gave the original title to the new owner. Chairman asked if Mr. Wallin would like to table the hearing until next month so they could get a duplicate title. **Member Gayle Balentine made a motion to table the hearing until the next meeting and Member Mike Basiak seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried 4-0.**

Public Hearing—Katelyn Crane: Chairman called the meeting to order and Secretary read the case information. Chairman asked the board if any member had any direct or indirect financial for personal interest in this matter and all said no. Chairman called forward Officer Tim Fortner and he was sworn in. Officer Fortner stated he issued a violation for no city sticker to a Jeep Cherokee at 736 Nash Street. There were no questions for Officer Fortner. Chairman Key called forward Katelyn Crane and she was sworn in. Ms. Crane stated she was selling the vehicle and could provide electronic proof the title was transferred to the new owner. Chairman asked if Ms. Crane would provide proof she had a city sticker for the previous year. Ms. Crane said because she was selling the vehicle, she did not purchase a new sticker for that vehicle but she did purchase a sticker for the vehicle she drives now. Secretary Travis was sworn in and stated that Ms. Crane had purchased a city sticker in a timely manner. **Member Deana Wright made the motion to dismiss the fines and penalties and Member Balentine seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion to dismiss was carried 4-0.**

Public Hearing—Paul Jarvis/A-Sap Tree Service: Chairman called the hearing to order and Secretary Travis read the case information. Chairman asked the board if any member had any direct or indirect financial for personal interest in this matter and all said no. Officer Fortner returned to the stand and said he received a complaint on Belmont Street for a tree service with no city sticker. He spoke to the workers at the job site and confirmed they had no city sticker or business license. He issued a violation for no city sticker or business license and that it was his understanding they did purchase a business license. He found out at a later date they did not buy a city sticker and a citation was issued. Chairman called forth Mr. Paul Jarvis, the owner of A-Sap Tree Service and he was sworn in. Mr. Jarvis stated he came to City Hall to purchase a business license but was told he did not have to purchase a city sticker or he would have when he bought one at that time. Member Balentine questioned if the cost of the city sticker could be reduced. Secretary Travis said that the cost of the sticker will be \$150 but the board had the option of dismissing the \$100 citation. **Member Basiak made a motion to dismiss the citation provided Mr. Jarvis purchased a city sticker by September 1. Member Wright seconded and a voice vote was taken. The motion to dismiss was carried 4-0.**

Public Hearing—Audie Melloy: Chairman Brittain called the hearing to order and Secretary Travis read the case information. The City’s Representative, Officer Tyler Coursey, was not in attendance. **Member Wright made the motion to dismiss due to lack of evidence. Member Basiak seconded and a voice vote was taken. The motion carried 4-0.**

Default Hearing—Tammy Cavitt: Chairman called the hearing to order and Secretary Travis read the case information. **The citation was not appealed and there was an order to mow and a fine of \$700. Chairman Key declared the case a default.**

Default Hearing—Timothy Clements: Chairman called the hearing to order and Secretary Travis read the case information. **Chairman Key declared the case a default and the fine of \$100.00 was upheld.**

Default Hearing—William Simmons: Chairman called the hearing to order and Secretary Travis read the case information. **Chairman Key declared the case a default and the fine of \$100.00 was upheld.**

Default Hearing—Zachary or Gregory Brantley: Chairman called the hearing to order and Secretary Travis read the case information. **Chairman Key declared the case a default and the fine of \$100.00 was upheld.**

Default Hearing—Tim Smith: Chairman called the hearing to order and Secretary Travis read the case information. **Chairman Key declared the case a default and the fine of \$100.00 was upheld.**

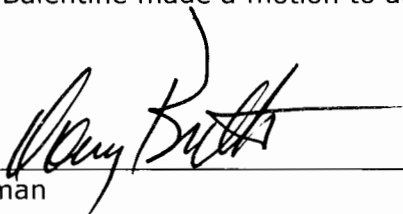
Default Hearing—Martin or Beverly Bone— Chairman called the hearing to order and Secretary Travis read the case information. **Chairman Key declared the case a default and the fine of \$100.00 was upheld.**

Default Hearing—Frank Bartley— Chairman called the hearing to order and Secretary Travis read the case information. **Chairman Key declared the case a default and the fine of \$100.00 was upheld.**

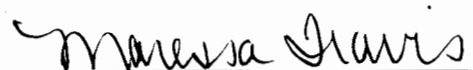
Chairman asked if there were any questions or comments. Officer Fortner came forward; he was still under oath. He stated that there had been several complaints regarding a property located at 210 S. 16th Street. The grass was about three feet tall and neighbors stated they had seen snakes on the property. Officer Fortner stated the property is owned, according to the PVA Office, by James Pridemore. The property has been foreclosed on. Officer Fortner stated he spoke with Legal Assistant Marti Erwin, who spoke with City Attorney Warren Hopkins regarding an emergency order to mow this property as it is adjacent to Murray Elementary School. The Murray School District's schools started the next week and the City of Murray would be liable should a snake travel to the school's property. **Member Deana Wright made a motion for an emergency order to mow. Gayle Balentine seconded and a voice vote was taken. The motion carried 4-0.**

Secretary confirmed the next meeting of the Code Enforcement Board is September 5, 2017.

Gayle Balentine made a motion to adjourn and Deana Wright seconded.



Chairman



Recording Secretary, Maressa Travis