

City

“Bubby” Isham said that in all the years he has served on the city commission, they’ve always had to use the city’s financial reserves to balance the budget.

“We’ve never been able to balance the budget without taking money out of the bank,” Isham said.

He said any cuts they made would cost the city more.

“I can’t see where we can deduct any money,” Isham said.

Williams inquired about other expenses, such as contributions to organizations the city has no vested interest in. The mayor stated that “meeting the needs of essential services” is the city’s top priority. Maynard said the money had been provided for outside agencies as far back as she could find. The only increases in this year’s budget were for Anderson-Dean Community Park and the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Industrial Development Authority.

“It’s something you all could decide,” Maynard said, but she said it did not add up to a lot of money. Not including line items, the city splits with the Mercer County Fiscal Court, which amounts to approximately \$40,000.

“Not a huge amount,” Maynard said.

In the past, Isham said the shortfalls were covered mainly by unspent money from the previous year.

“You can’t count on that,” Williams said. “You can’t budget for something in the hope it’s going to be there.”

The mayor asked if Maynard anticipated any residual revenue at the end of this fiscal year.

“I don’t anticipate a very large balance on the water and sewer side,” Maynard said. “By the time of our next meeting, we should have a better idea.”

Harrodsburg must approve the budget before the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1. If they were to revise the budget, they would have to hold at least two special-called meetings.

Commissioner Jack Coleman stated that, given Harrodsburg’s growth over the last five years, the city commission has placed itself in a financial bind. As more residents and businesses increase demand for city services, which are becoming more expensive, the city commission last year voted to lower the property tax rate from 0.067 to 0.061. While the state calculated the rate to generate four percent more revenue than the compensating rate of 0.059, it left the city in the position of having to draw on its fiscal reserves to pay for public services.

“I’m not saying raise taxes four percent,” Coleman said, referring to the legal limit established under state law that requires a public hearing before it can be put into effect.

“I’m saying raise revenue,” Coleman said.

With increasing property appraisals, the city can raise revenue without increasing the tax rate. Coleman estimated 150 families had moved into the community over the past 10 years, but the city commission had not raised any revenue.

“It’s something we need to take into consideration,” Coleman said.

“We’re still experiencing growth,” he said. “It’s a great thing as long as you can take advantage of it.”

Maynard said the city is planning to conduct a rate study over the next year. The commission recently approved a 2.9 percent cost-of-living increase for utility rates, but the cost of chemicals used to treat water and sewer increased by 10 percent.

“We’re sitting here spinning our wheels,” Williams said. “We’ve got to figure out where other sources of revenue are.”

Maynard also announced that a crew was in town dedicated to cleaning up city streets damaged by the winter and spring weather.

“Hopefully, people around town will see some improvement,” Maynard said.

She announced the city has purchased a hot box to keep

asphalt hot instead of using cold patch to repair potholes. Maynard said the hot box, which has a capacity of four tons, will enable the city to purchase asphalt even when the local plant is shut down due to weather.

“It does look a lot better when they use that,” Isham said.

There have been numerous complaints about potholes on city streets over the past several months. Officials say the city has been hindered by the weather, which has caused the local asphalt plant to remain closed for extended periods and impeded public workers’ efforts to make effective repairs.

Williams said he has been approached by drivers complaining their vehicles have been damaged by potholes.

In other business, the Harrodsburg City Commission:

- Gave first reading to an ordinance creating a procedure for public comment.

- Made appointments. The commission appointed Jason Tyler to the Property Valuation Administration Local Board of Appeals for a three-year term. Tyler’s term will end June 23, 2028.

They appointed Maynard to the Harrodsburg Mercer County Tourist Commission for a three-year term which ends June 30, 2028.

- Authorized Mayor Williams to sign the McGregor ACA agreement, the McGregor 125 Premium Only Cafeteria Plan agreement and the Kentucky Department of Workers’ Claims Drug-Free Workplace Renewal Affidavit.

- Approve closing Chiles Street from Mooreland Avenue to the entrance of Lee’s Famous Recipe June 23 to June 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30

p.m. for Harrodsburg Baptist Church Vacation Bible School.

- Made personnel moves. The commission accepted the resignations of Patrolman Austin Price from the Harrodsburg Police Department effective June 21 and Fire-fighter Trevor Moore from the Harrodsburg Fire Department effective June 28. They also approved a \$ 1-per-hour pay raise for Kevin Messer at the water treatment plant for passing his drinking water treatment IV license, effective June 17.

The next regular meeting of the Harrodsburg City Commission will be Monday, July 7, at noon at Harrodsburg City Hall (208 South Main Street). A calendar with meeting dates and other information—including minutes and city ordinances dating back to 2005, can be found online at harrodsburgky.gov.

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ity to affordable products; the generation of tax revenue and access to Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants,” Matthew Simonsen, Dollar General’s senior vice president of real estate and store development, said in a press release. “As part of our mission of Serving Others, we look forward to being a strong business partner and good neighbor, as well as welcoming customers to our new store.”

The Dollar General on Ashley Camp Road, which is already open, is expected to employ approximately six to 10 people. In a press release, Dollar General said employees will earn competitive wages, world-class and award-winning training and development programs and benefits including day-one telemedicine eligibility as well as health insurance coverage options, 401K savings and retirement plans, tuition reimbursement, paid parental leave and adoption assistance to eligible employees. Interested candidates can review and apply for available positions online at careers.dollargeneral.com.

Schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of the store can also apply for Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants. Since 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$271 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 23 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information, visit dgliteracy.com.

Plans to build the store at the intersection of Ashley Camp and Chimney Rock Roads date back to at least 2019. In that year, a conten-

tious series of public meetings were held to decide whether or not to allow the applicants to build the store, which required a zoning change for the site from agricultural to business. In three separate meetings, the Mercer County Planning and Zoning Commission was unable to reach a consensus on the zoning change and forwarded it to the Mercer County Fiscal Court without making a recommendation. When the fiscal court finally approved the rezoning in June 2019, someone from the crowd yelled “Boo to the fiscal court! Boo!”

Not long after the zoning commission approved the site plan, a group of residents and local property owners filed suit to stop the project. County officials say that the lawsuit has gone before the Kentucky Supreme Court twice. In the time the case has taken to work its way through the courts, Dollar General has built three more stores in the area: on U.S. 127, on Cane Run Road and a 10,640 square foot store at 2910 Louisville Road.

Founded in 1939, Dollar General operates 20,582 Dollar General, DG Market, DGX and pop shelf stores across the United States and Mi Súper Dollar General stores in Mexico. The company employs more than 193,000 and last year brought in \$40.6 billion in sales.

The Dollar General on Ashley Camp Road is already open for business. The grand opening event will take place on Saturday, June 28, starting at 8 a.m.

Regular hours of operation may be found through the Dollar General app or online at dollargeneral.com.

AREA CHURCH NEWS

Mercer Baptist Association

The Mercer Baptist Association will host Family Fireworks Fellowship on Sunday, June 29, from 7-10 p.m. at Devine’s Corn Maze, located at 623 Mayo Road, Harrodsburg. The event is free and open to the public.

Southside Christian Church

The Agape House, located at 1950 Danville Road, will be open to the public Saturday,

June 28, 9-11 a.m. Free clothing and home decor. Housewares and furniture will be given away if available.

In the event of closing due to bad weather, an announcement will be made on the Agape House Facebook page.

(Editors Note: The Harrodsburg Herald will reserve the Church News Section for special events including: concerts, special services and benefits. Submit church news to The Herald by noon on Mondays to be included.)

Church Directory

St. Barnabas Church of the Encourager

312 S Main St
We are a home church with a focus on relationships & living our Faith. We are liturgical, evangelical & charismatic.
(859) 734-3377
Sundays at 10 a.m.

Unity Baptist Church

2782 Harrodsburg Rd.
859-481-2664
Rev. Jordan A. Simpson
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
“Hebrews 13:5”

Harrodsburg United Methodist Church

128 South Chiles Street
859-734-3704
Rev. Sylvia Baker-Noren
In-person worship services 11 a.m. in sanctuary
Worship services can also be viewed on our Facebook page

Fellowship Baptist Church

481 Cornishville Street
*Residing in His Presence
Reigning in His Power
Resting in His Peace*
Pastor Lynn Releford
(270.562.4097)
Fellowshipbaptist.life
Sun. 11am & 6pm & Wed. 6pm

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

131 Short St.,
(859) 734-3569
www.stphilipsharrodsburg.org
The Rev. Jim Winborn
Sunday Services 10 am
All are welcome!

Tim Murphy's Hair Company

734-2591
Paul Mitchell, Nioxin, Bare Minerals
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United Presbyterian Church

Rev. John White
326 South Main Street
Harrodsburg, KY 40330
www.upcharrodsburg.org
734-4710
Sunday service 10:45 a.m.
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

The Carpenter's Christian Church

1340 US Hwy. 127
Senior Minister Greg Warren
734-0670
www.carpenterschristian.church
Sunday School 10 am
Sun. Morning Worship: 8:30 & 11 am
See website calendar for Sunday evening schedules
Wed. Small Groups

Harrodsburg Community Church

1501 Danville Rd.
859-734-3036
Pastor Terry Morrison
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Wednesday 7 pm
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HOLD TIGHT



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Tingling tension and nervous giggles mingle. White knuckles grasp steel bars; the ride is about to begin. The little cars carry their passengers up that first steep hill approaching the crest of the mighty, curving coaster. There’s no turning back now! HOLD TIGHT!! As you plummet to the bottom...up another hill...around sudden curves...one more hill...and finally the wild ride ends. You emerge somewhat blown and tossed, but maybe feeling a little stronger and braver than before. You held tight...and you made it! When life takes you for a ride, remember the roller coaster and hold tight to God and His Word. He will protect you with His loving guidance. Worship God at His House every week and have His support on the roller coaster ride of life.

Daily Devotional Reading

Hebrews	Hebrews	Hebrews	Hebrews	Daniel	Haggai	Haggai
8:1-13	9:1-22	9:23-10:18	10:19-39	1:1-21	1:1-15	2:1-23

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When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church.

Corinthians 14:25-27

Harrodsburg Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Rev. Micki McHugh
Senior Minister
305 South Main Street
734-3224
Sunday School 9:30 am
Fellowship 10:15-10:30 am
Family Worship Service 10:30 am

Mercer Church of Christ

1200 Louisville Road
Sun. Morning Bible Study 9:30 am
Sun. Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Bible study 7 pm



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