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Area America 250 events

America will turn 250 on July 4th and Paducah and Murray are offering opportunities to celebrate with them!

Paducah's Independence Day

Celebration will be downtown on July 4, with events starting at noon. There will be food vendors, a Ferris wheel, live music and more. Fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m.

Murray, Kentucky Freedom Fest is set for July 3-4. The Murray Art Guild Summer Art Party runs from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday. The main event is

Saturday, starting at 7 a.m. Fireworks begin at 9 p.m.

For the full schedule and list of events, visit <https://www.tourmurray.com/freedomfest>

Wickliffe council addresses infrastructure needs, water system upgrades and ATV concerns

By Laurna Todd
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WICKLIFFE — The Wickliffe City Council met in regular session on May 12 at City Hall, addressing a variety of city business ranging from infrastructure improvements and water system maintenance to public safety concerns involving off-road vehicles.

Mayor David Phillips

presided over the meeting, with council members Jacque Jones, Lynn Lane, David Kissiar, Karen Lawrence and Tony Meggs in attendance. Council member Cathy Pigg was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Bethany Cain, Water and Sewer Superintendent Grant Dunning, and resident Michael Draheim.

Council approved the

April meeting minutes and April Treasurer's Report.

One of the evening's key actions was the approval of Ordinance No. 676, authorizing bids for the city's trash collection franchise. The ordinance received its second reading and was unanimously approved by council members present.

Mayor Reports Cost Savings and Upcoming

Street Work

Mayor Phillips reported that the city had saved money by replacing culverts on Frederick Lane and Case Circle using local resources. He also announced that blacktopping projects would begin soon and encouraged residents to submit street repair requests to City Hall.

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Barlow advances fire station grant effort, approves budget and employee raises

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BARLOW — The Barlow City Commissioners met May 12 at the City Hall Annex, addressing infrastructure needs, grant opportunities, financial matters, and plans for the coming fiscal year.

Mayor Peggy Meriedeth called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance before welcoming visitors.

Resident Renee Reynolds spoke to commissioners about the condition of Greenlawn Avenue, replacement of speed humps, and maintenance concerns involving a drainage gully behind her property. City officials noted that the city was unsuccessful in securing state LARP funding for road projects and will explore other options for needed street improvements. The city will also follow up on maintenance concerns regarding the drainage area.

A major topic of discussion was the potential construction of a new fire station. Emma Wibbeler of the Purchase Area Development District outlined a grant opportunity through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Commissioners approved moving forward with the grant application process and authorized

the Purchase Area Development District to begin soliciting qualifications for architectural services.

The commission also approved the April meeting minutes, monthly financial reports, and payment of city expenses.

Maintenance updates included repairs to a sewer line near Monroe Drive. Commissioners also noted that the city received full funding through a Southern Foundation grant to purchase new playground equipment for the city park.

Mayor Meriedeth reported that representatives of the gas company would meet with attorney Ted Hutchins to continue discussions regarding the formation of a nonprofit organization. She also shared that 25 seventh-grade students participating in a 4-H Leadership Class recently visited City Hall to learn about local government and tour Barlow's historic Smallest Jail.

Under new business, commissioners approved renaming the Christmas Light Fund Savings Account to the Barlow Beautification Savings Account. The fund will continue supporting projects such as park improvements, holiday decorations, and community

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