



Unauthorized Items

The City Clerk reports that there are no unauthorized items on the December 17th agenda.

Information Items

1. Finance Certificate of Excellence

I am pleased to report that the City's Finance Department has received the highest award of achievement issued by the Government Finance Officers Association for the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The City's CAFR has been judged to meet the highest standards of public disclosure and excellence in accounting and financial reporting. (attachment)

2. Ohio Department of Correction Inspection

Chief Peach has forwarded a copy of the 2008 Kent Jail Inspection Report prepared by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The report includes a profile of the current jail housing and it documents areas of non-conformance to Ohio minimum jail standards. (attachment)

3. Board of Zoning Appeals December 15th Meeting

Heather Phile from our Community Development has provided a copy of the staff report for the December Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for December 15, 2008. There are two items on the agenda: 1)the owner of the gas station at 1337 S. Water Street is asking to be allowed to expand the size of his building; and 2)the owner of 1209 West Main Street, Integrated Medical, has requested authorization to display a temporary sign 240 days instead of 90 days. (attachment)

4. Fire Operations Monthly Reports: October, November 2008

Chief Williams has provided copies of his Fire Operations report for October and November 2008. Over the last 2 years, the data shows fire calls have increased 18% (5.4% from KSU + Franklin Township + Sugar Bush Knolls) (12.6% within the City of Kent) and emergency medical calls are up 10% (99.5% within City). (attachment)

5. Parks and Recreation Public Information Request

Jim Silver has completed his review of the concerns raised by Mr. Copley concerning Parks and Rec merit and overtime pay practices. I noted to City Council in my December 3rd communication that there didn't appear to be any inconsistencies in the merit pay provided by the Parks Director. Jim Silver in turn met with Mr. Copley to better understand his concerns with his overtime pay and after this meeting Mr. Silver concluded that Parks and Recreation had mis-interpreted the terms for overtime pay for Mr. Copley. Mr. Silver is working with Mr. Idone and our HR Manager to adjust Mr. Copley's compensation for hours worked prior to his resignation from the City.