

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the city building. City Clerk, Melissa Beckett called the roll and the following council members were present: David Cameron, Ken Bowman, Mark Collier, Jeff Bezold, Roger Peterman and Adam Blau. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Ron Dill, City Clerk Melissa Kelly, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Chief Mark Bailey, and Police Chief Casey Kilgore. Absent: City Attorney Jann Seidenfaden.

Mayor Eric Haas asked the children in the audience to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the December 17, 2018 meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Peterman to approve the minutes as written. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Peterman. Mr. Collier and Mr. Blau abstained from the vote due to the fact that they were not on city council in December. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Visitors and Communications**

**Swearing-in Ceremony:** Honorable Cameron Blau, Campbell County District Court Judge was present to administer the Oath of Office to the Mayor and Councilmembers. Individual and family photos were taken.

**City Administrators Report**

**I-Pads:** Ron Dill indicated that the city will be purchasing I-Pads for the Mayor and Councilmembers to use to receive their council packets. This will save on paper and toner for the copier and be a more streamlined process. Council information will be forwarded into a shared document and all council information will be archived in digital form for future reference by members.

**New Business**

**Consideration of Agreement with Sanitation District No 1:** This agreement is the first request under the newest cost-share program offered through SD1. The city has been able to leverage several projects in partnership with SD1 under their 50/50 cost-share program to address a maintenance issue within Fort Thomas. This program offers a 1/3 reimbursement and is designed to assist with remediation of drainage issues on private property. The City would be the applicant and responsible for working with the resident; initiating design, managing completion and filing of permits/reimbursement with SD1.

The location of this project is on Alpine Drive and involves Bob and Jane Broderick’s property at 26 Alpine. There is a significant volume of water that originates in a drainage basin along the south side of Brentwood Place and channels directly to the rear of this home. This owner has already spent considerable funds toward a solution and is committed to additional funds to complete this proposed project. They are still experiencing property damage from the storm water run-off. Staff has worked with our engineers to create a design that would allow the homeowner to reasonably address their private property issue.

The project includes the city’s participation in construction of an extension of a 12” diameter pipe approximately 110 feet into the Broderick property with catch basins installed to take surface drainage. The system would be connected into the existing storm sewer on Alpine Drive. The homeowner will have a separate contract with a private contractor to perform additional work on their property to alleviate their drainage issues. The proposed sewer extension would allow for their drainage system to be connected and therefore divert all drainage from their rear property.

The total cost for the entire project is estimated at \$29,358; including private contract by the homeowner. The SD1 “grant” offer is \$9,786 which will be used to offset city costs. Requested action is for the mayor to be authorized to sign the agreement, staff recommends approval. A motion was made by Mr. Collier and seconded by Mr. Cameron to allow the mayor to sign the agreement with SD1. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Blau. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Presentation and Discussion of the Comprehensive/Community Plan:** The Fort Thomas Planning Commission formally voted and adopted the final version of the Comprehensive Plan. This plan is the culmination of a visioning process that included an expanded look at the community and consideration of elements beyond a traditional comprehensive plan update. Frank Twehues with CT Consultants was in attendance of the meeting and recapped the process and provided council with copies of the plan. Mayor Haas and staff lead the discussion on next steps toward the implementation phase of the project. Staff has discussed the use of the committees of council to work toward the implementation of the Community Plan based on their individual committee’s duties.

Finance Committee Report of Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 4967 – 5029 for the period of **December 15 – December 28, 2018** was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Ordinances, Resolutions, and Orders**

**Ordinance No. O-01-2019:** A first reading of an Ordinance apportioning the assessments for the improvements to David Drive, Pentland Place and Sabre Court for the 2018 Street Improvement Program was presented to council. The summary of the street and actual front foot assessments are noted as follows:

STREET	ACTUAL ASSESSMENT*
David Drive	\$10.07
Pentland Place	\$12.05
Sabre Court	\$11.41

This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

**Executive Session:** Staff is requesting council to enter into executive session for the following purpose:

- 1) In accordance with KRS section 61.810 (b) – for the deliberation of the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency.

A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Peterman to adjourn into Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Cameron to reconvene to the regular meeting of council.

A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to adjourn the regular meeting of council.

APPROVED:

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Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk