

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017**

Ron Dill updated council on Mayor Haas and shared his regards and good news on his recovery. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Ms. Kelly to appoint Roger Peterman as the Mayor Pro-Tem for the council meeting. Mr. Peterman called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2017 in the Council Chambers of the city building. City Clerk, Melissa Kelly called the roll and the following council members were present: David Cameron, Ken Bowman, Lisa Kelly, Jeff Bezold, Roger Peterman and John Slawter. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Ron Dill, City Clerk Melissa Kelly, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Joe Ewald, City Attorney Jann Seidenfaden, Fire Chief Mark Bailey, and Police Chief Mike Daly.

Mayor Pro-Tem Roger Peterman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the September 18, 2017 meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve the minutes as written. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Visitors and Communications**

Ann Winkler of 738 S. Ft. Thomas Avenue was present and addressed council. Ms. Winkler asked council to consider a public garden where residents could manage their own plot. Ron Dill noted that the issue would be the location. Ms. Winkler noted that there is a hill between the track and stables in Tower Park that would make a nice garden plot. Mr. Bezold noted that we are in the middle of a community action plan and would like to have Ms. Winkler attend a meeting. He asked for her contact information so that she could be notified of the meeting.

**Reports of Officers**

**Fire Department Monthly Report for September: Chief Mark Bailey:** Chief Bailey presented his monthly report for September to council. Chief Bailey noted that October is Fire Prevention month. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Slawter to receive and file the fire department’s monthly report. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Police Department Monthly Report for September: Chief Mike Daly:** Chief Daly presented his monthly report for September to council. Mr. Cameron asked if there has been increased enforcement on Garden Way and Summit and what the results of this were. Chief Daly noted that there has been many complaints on speeding lately and the police is trying to get out more in the community and this area is one of them. At this time, there is no data or statistics, it would

be something that Chief Daly would need to research and get back to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to receive and file the police department's monthly report. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Slawter. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **City Administrator's Report: Ron Dill:**

**2017 Street Program Update:** City crews have completed all sidewalks, utility adjustment and curb construction work in this program. Riegler Asphalt will begin resurfacing on these streets beginning Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>. The city did sidewalk and curb replacement on Highview, all curbs on Custis, and curb replacement on Washington. Riegler should be completed within a week.

**VA Homes Update:** The developer is continuing effort toward securing financing and establishing their work plan and schedule. They are completing site plan and construction documents for the project and working with city staff on timing for all aspects of the project including transfer of property, marketing and commencement of construction. The hearing at the Department of Local Governments in Frankfort is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> that will finalize authorization of the IRB financing aspect of the project.

**Deer/Archery Ordinance:** As indicated previously, the NKY City Manager Association did host at their October meeting, representatives from the KY Division of Fish & Wildlife for a discussion of their interest in development of a statewide Urban Deer Management Ordinance. At the meeting the KYDFW discussed different methods of controlling the deer. There are many challenges involved with this process. Transporting deer is not offered because it is too traumatic to the animal and potentially spreads disease into other regions. Sterilization was discussed, the issue with this is cost and that it has to be repeated on a regular basis. KYDFW does not offer assistance with this program but the city has been approached in the past by residents willing to help with this process. Lisa Kelly noted that it might be a good idea to put information on the website regarding deer safety during the rut.

**Visioning Sessions:** City staff is encouraged by the participation in the Fort Thomas Community Plan. To read more about this, residents can visit [www.ftcommunityplan.com](http://www.ftcommunityplan.com) and the city encourages residents to take part in an upcoming survey. Committees have met multiple times and the consulting group is working on the survey that will go out to all of the residents in Fort Thomas.

### **Old Business**

**Review of Request for Stop Signs at Holiday Lane and Garden Way:** Staff has consulted with CT Consultants traffic engineer, Jay Korros, who has taken opportunity to review this area and to review data collected in this area. He has determined that through engineering standards, weighing traffic counts, street width, grade, site distance, proximity of other intersections, etc. that stop signs at this location are not warranted. Regarding the issues of traffic/speeding, Jay will be joined with Rob Hans in attendance and available to comment on his findings. Rob Hans with CT Consultants addressed council. Mr. Hans noted that this intersection does not meet the requirements for a stop sign at this location. Roger Peterman noted that council had a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to discuss traffic policies and anything that can be done that makes sense the city will look into but there are more complicated rules and standards that the engineers need to look into. We are looking into enhancing safety beyond what it is within the city. Rob

Hans noted that installing a stop sign should not be used as a traffic control device to control speed.

Joe Schwerling of 192 Holiday Lane addressed council. He noted that the city might consider changing parking to one side in some critical areas where there are no homes. This may help protect cars and from being hit. He also asked that the city consider widening streets in the future as a part of street resurfacing programs.

### **New Business**

**Consideration of Road Stabilization Bids for Burnet Ridge:** Staff has solicited bids for this project with public bid opening on Thursday October 12th at 3:30 pm. There were three lump sum bids as follows: Len Reigler Blacktop -\$145,510; John R Jergensen Co. -\$191,526.35; and R.B. South Inc.- \$224,700.

All bids exceeded the engineer's estimate of \$81,145 provided by CT Consultants. Although this is a unique project with some challenges, the disparity in cost estimates from projected cost resulted in recommendation to reject all bids and reevaluate/re-bid this project. Ron Dill noted that there is a continued movement there and the road serves 2 houses and will be address in the interim to do basic repair to keep the drainage out of the slippage area.

Mr. Adam Blau of 541 Waterworks Road addressed council. Mr. Blau indicated that this is a serious issue. Mr. Blau passed out photos of the slippage around the catch basin. Without this project extending the culvert, this hill will continue to slide. Mr. Blau asked that the city prepare an executive order to have the additional funds ready to get the work done once the project is re-bid. Mr. Bowman noted that the city does not need to set the money aside, the proceeds will be available. If the road gives way, it will crush the sanitary pipe that runs along the road.

Mr. Cameron asked how much it would cost to do basic repair to this project. Mr. Dill noted that some of the work the city crews would do would be what the contractor would do in the project, so that portion would be taken off the work needed. The timeline to advertise and bid the city is looking at approximately 30 days. Mr. Blau also noted that the new city signs at the entrances to the city need to be landscaped. Ron Dill noted that the city is working with the Green Team to get these landscaped. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to reject the bids for the Burnet Ridge road stabilization. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Peterman, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Slawter. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Consideration of Police Department Policy permitting "Outside Work Details":** The City of Fort Thomas city policy only permits outside police details to be assigned if the details are located within the city through an agreement with the agency/event i.e. Ft. Thomas Schools, St. Thomas Church Festival etc. A draft policy was presented to council that would set parameters and establish rates/terms for work details "outside the City". The main interest with our department is the BB&T Arena events. All funding would be reported and submitted to the city and paid through the city to meet IRS standards. Mr. Bezold asked what would happen if a Police Officer was injured. Mr. Dill noted that since they are a uniformed officer and an employee of Fort Thomas, it would fall under our workers compensation. Some cities do direct payment but this does not relieve them from liability. Joe Ewald noted that the idea is to take the base rate and reduce it to a rate that takes into account our cost for Pension, Social Security and Medicare so that our costs are covered. Mr. Bezold asked if council could eliminate some of the detail options, mainly the ones that are less than \$42 per hour. Mr. Peterman noted that this should be looked at further so council has a better grasp of cost to the city. Mike Daly indicated that this topic came up through negotiations that the officers would like to be able to participate

in outside work detail. All other departments in Campbell County are permitted to work outside detail. Mr. Bowman asked about pension spiking and potential issues for the city with the pension. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Peterman to adopt the Outside Work Detail policy with the only detail being allowed at this time being the BB&T arena. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Peterman, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to refer the remaining details listed in this ordinance to the Committee of the Whole. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Peterman, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Finance Committee Report on Disbursements:** The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 2728-2844 for the period of **September 19 – October 16, 2017** was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Peterman, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Ordinances, Resolutions, and Orders**

**Ordinance O-11-2017:** An ordinance amending the Police Policies and Procedures Manual regarding outside city details was presented to council for a first reading. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council.

With no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

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Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk