

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2018 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, 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, Fire Chief Mark Bailey, and Police Chief Casey Kilgore, and City Attorney Jann Seidenfaden.

Mayor Eric Haas led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the October 15, 2018 meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold 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**

Abigail Kessinger of 147 Chesapeake Ave. addressed council. Mrs. Kessinger noted that the speeding on Chesapeake where the school bus picks up the kids is becoming more of a problem. She indicated that she has made two formal complaints to the police department and they have been trying to enforce but feels that some changes need to be made in that area. She suggested adding a stop sign or speed humps. CAO Dill and Chief Kilgore reviewed recent efforts performed by the city to address this problem including traffic patrols and working with school officials to monitor bus movements. City staff and the police department will continue to monitor this issue and report findings.

Chief Kilgore introduced Detective Mike Rowland and his drug canine, Rexo to the Mayor and Council.

Christopher Connors, Director of the NKY Drug Strike Force addressed council. Mr. Connors explained how the strike force obtained the dog. The dog was purchased from a donation from the Matt Haverkamp Foundation. The dog came from Belgium where it was trained and vetted. Once arriving in the United States, Detective Rowland went for a 4 week training course and became certified.

Detective Mike Rowland addressed council. Detective Rowland thanked the Mayor and Council. Rexo is a 2 year old passive alert canine. In the three short months he has been on the job, he has located seventeen thousand dollars in cash and many drugs. Mike brought the dog in to do a demonstration on how he locates drugs and how he is handled. Mayor Haas thanked Detective Rowland for the demonstration and his work on the NKY Drug Strike Force.

**Fire Department Monthly Report for October: Chief Mark Bailey:** Chief Bailey presented his monthly report for October to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Ms. Kelly 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 October: Chief Casey Kilgore:** Chief Kilgore presented the monthly report for October to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to receive and file the police department's monthly report. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Slawter. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **City Administrators Report**

**Visioning/Community Plan Schedule:** The Planning Commission has forwarded the *Goals & Objectives* that require formal adoption through council (see Ord. O-25-2018). The Planning Commission held a public hearing on October 17<sup>th</sup> to hear community input on the entire plan. They have met subsequently with the staff/consultant and are into a final version of the plan that should be considered for adoption at their December meeting. The plan should be available on-line and in print by January 1, 2019.

**Crosswalk Safety Initiative:** Permit applications for the four locations verbally approved were formally submitted by staff for authorization from KDOT District 6 officials. The submissions included construction of "bump-outs" and paver crosswalks that will match the design in our business districts and recently constructed on Highland Avenue at Moyer Elementary. The location at the intersection of N. Fort Thomas Ave/Memorial Parkway will be installed immediately upon receipt of permits as the sidewalk/bump-outs already exist at that location. The signage and associated construction of crosswalks at the Highlands High School, Highlands Middle School and St. Thomas Elementary will be scheduled to avoid conflict with school calendars.

**2018 Street Resurfacing Program:** The reconstruction of Pentland Place, Sabre Court & David Drive are near completion. The asphalt base of the east lane on Sabre/David will occur as soon as weather permits. The abundance of rain & low temperature conditions in early Fall have slowed the completion. Temperatures are being monitored and expectation is that asphalt base and final surfaces may be completed in the next two weeks. The city is in hopes to have the public inspection in this calendar year.

**N. Fort Thomas Ave Sidewalk Public Meeting:** Design plans for the proposed sidewalk on N. Fort Thomas Ave. have been prepared for review by the State and for presentation at a public meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm before the Public Works Committee of Council. The meeting will include presentation by the design consultant CT Consultants and Q&A from effected residents. The plans are posted on the city website and residents fronting on the project limits were notified by mail.

**Alexander Circle/Tower Park Roadway Design:** Staff is working with CT Consultants to finalize the roadway circulation & street improvements within Tower Park as it leads to the Alexandria Circle project. The city will be adjusting the alignment & width outside the "left field fence" area of Cochran Avenue, creating the intersection at Cochran near the Mess Hall, and designing the parking area adjacent to the Mess Hall. There will be changes to circulation patterns, reconfiguration of parking and dedication of right-of-way within the park to accommodate vehicular movement and utility placement.

**Health Insurance:** As previously reported, staff has been working toward the option of self-funded health insurance for city employees. Mayor Haas & representatives from the employee insurance committee have recently interviewed agencies that would serve as administrator/consultant for the city. Sherrill Morgan was selected to serve in this capacity and has begun the process for soliciting benefit providers to be reviewed by the committee. Council will receive recommendation from the committee in December.

**Code Enforcement Appointments:** Mayor Haas has been working toward appointments for the three-member Code Enforcement Board since the adoption of the Ordinance. Three Municipal Orders will be read later in the meeting regarding these appointments. Dana Deering, Hawthorne Ave, is an attorney, Mitch Eberenz, Military Pkwy, is the Lighting Division Supervisor at Duke Energy and was a co-op in the General Services office while a student at NKU and Joe Grimme, Pentland Place, is an attorney in Ft. Thomas and have all agreed to serve.

**Other Updates:** The Mess Hall and Armory project is nearing completion; there has been a lot of needed work on these buildings. The Veterans Day Event on November 10<sup>th</sup> went well. Ken Bowman noted that there were some sound system failures and asked staff to look into this. The January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of council will focus on the community plan review.

### **New Business**

None.

**Finance Committee Report on Disbursements:** The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 4659-4829 for the period of **October 12 through November 16, 2018** 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. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

**Ordinance No. O-25-2018:** First Reading of an Ordinance adopting the “*goals & objectives*” for the update of the City’s Comprehensive Plan. The Fort Thomas Planning Commission conducted a public hearing in accordance with statute and has forwarded goals & objectives with recommendation for approval. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

**Municipal Order: MO-08-2018:** A Municipal Order appointing Dana Deering as a member of the Code Enforcement Board for a three-year term was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve Municipal Order MO-08-2018. 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.

**Municipal Order: MO-09-2018:** A Municipal Order appointing Mitch Eberenz as a member of the Code Enforcement Board for a two-year term was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve Municipal Order MO-09-2018. 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.

**Municipal Order: MO-10-2018:** A Municipal Order appointing Joe Grimme as a member of the Code Enforcement Board for a one-year term was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve Municipal Order MO-10-2018. 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.

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