

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 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 Lieutenant Casey Kilgore.

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

Minutes

The minutes from the October 16, 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

Beverly Erschell of 84 Shaw Lane addressed council. Mrs. Erschell was in attendance to discuss a deer control program using a contraception darting method. This method is approved by the FDA and would cost approximately \$75 per deer. The shot lasts 2 years. Mrs. Erschell’s group has raised \$5,500 to offset the cost of the program. Jean Pritchard of Fort Thomas Animal Hospital has agreed to help with this program as well. Clifton, Ohio has been using this method and have had good results. Ron Dill noted that Fish and Wildlife will be attending the council meeting in January and staff will contact Clifton, Oh for more information.

Kathy McMath of 9 Tremont addressed council. Mrs. McMath noted that killing a deer with an arrow isn’t the answer. Birth control is more humane and will take care of the problem.

Sally Gaskins of Grand Lake Drive addressed council. Mrs. Gaskins had a buck die on her front sidewalk that had been shot by a hunter. Mrs. Gaskins has concerns about the amount of land that people are allowed to hunt on and the fact that this particular hunter was hunting at 5:30 p.m. at a time that is not allowed in the ordinance.

Adam Blau of Waterworks Road addressed council regarding his property on Burnet Ridge. Mr. Blau noted that Rumpke had indicated to the neighbors that they will not be able to get down the street if the slippage gets worse. Ron Dill noted that staff has met with the contractor for a temporary repair and the project will be re-bid. Mr. Blau noted that he would not authorize repairs. Ron Dill said that the area of repair is in the right of way so there will be no consent needed. Mr. Blau indicated that if the work isn’t completed within 30 days, he will file a lawsuit for damages and fees. With that, Rob Hassman, Mr. Blau’s attorney addressed council. Mr. Hassman asked council if they could commit to a time frame to get the work done to avoid a lawsuit. Ron indicated that the city will advertise and obtain bids within the next 30 days.

Paul Drury of 30 Tremont Avenue addressed council. Mr. Drury was present regarding the ordinance pertaining to digital signage at the Parochial schools. The two schools that will be affected by this ordinance are St. Thomas and St. Catherine.

Reports of Officers

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. Bowman 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: Lt. Casey Kilgore: Lt. Casey Kilgore presented the monthly report for October to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Slawter 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:

Veterans Day Celebration: Ron Dill thanked Debbie Buckley, Adam Blau, Officer Sean Donelan and all others that were involved in the Veterans Day Celebration on November 11th. Ron also thanked John Slawter for a great speech during the ceremony.

2017 Street Program Update: The street inspection for this year's program has been advertised and is scheduled for Tuesday December 5th beginning at 4:30 pm. This is opportunity for the Public Works committee of Council to inspect the streets with the city staff, engineer and contractor on-site. It is also opportunity for residents to meet with the committee regarding the improvements. Additionally, the committee will have a preliminary meeting regarding the development of the 2018 Street Program that will take place in the City Building immediately following the public inspection.

VA Homes Update: Mayor Haas and Ron Dill attended the hearing at the Department of Local Governments in Frankfort on November 14th. This is the final step in authorization of the IRB financing aspect of the project. We have received the "Recommended Order" from that hearing that recommends approval of the issuance of the bonds. The developer has also recently secured their private financing for the project.

Staff is also working with the developer and the KY Historical Society on the details of the renovation standards. Bloomfield/Schon has developed preliminary design details to determine compliance with historic standards and they are working toward completion of site plans and construction documents for submittal to the city.

Visioning Plan Update: All of the six subcommittees have met multiple times and are working toward completion of the "existing conditions/discovery phase" of the process. Committees have worked on inventory of existing conditions and performed SWOT analysis. Some committees have also taken "field trips" to further their discovery of these conditions. The public survey is in final draft and will be launched before the end of November. Overall the participation level has been strong and we will continue to encourage residents to join as we transition to the next phase.

Health Insurance Committee: The employee health committee has met once and is scheduled to meet to review proposed benefits plans and costs at a meeting next Tuesday. It is anticipated that a recommendation from this committee will be forwarded at the December council meeting.

Vacant Homes Ordinance: City Staff is working on language for an ordinance to address vacant homes within the city. A motion was made by Mr. Cameron and seconded by Mr. Bowman to refer this matter to the Law, Labor and License Committee of council. 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 Promotions: The Public Safety Committee of Council will meet on Tuesday, December 12th at 4:00 p.m. to interview candidates eligible for promotion within the Police Department.

Old Business

Consideration of a Police Department Policy Concerning “Outside Work Details”: The Committee of the Whole met prior to the council meeting to discuss this policy. It was the consensus of the members that the city would allow officers to work outside details at BB&T Arena only for a one year period. After one year this policy will be reviewed again for any potential changes. All compensation must be paid through the city and all deductions will be taken before paid to the officer. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to authorize the mayor to change the FOP contract to implement this policy. 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.

Finance Committee Report on Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 2845-3049 for the period of **October 17 – November 20, 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. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, 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 consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve ordinance O-11-2017. 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.

Ordinance O-12-2017: An ordinance amending the Official Zoning Ordinance to allow digital signage as a permitted use within zones R-1AA, R-1A, R-1B, R-1C, R-1D, R-2, R-3, R-5, and RCD zoning districts was presented to council for a first reading. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

Executive Order EO-12-2017: An executive order appointing Jeff Sackenheim to the Design Review Board was presented to council with no action needed.

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

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk