

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON  
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 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 Eric Haas led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the April 17 and May 1, 2017 meetings were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve both sets of 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**

**Proclamation: Jerry and Bonnie Jansen Day:** Mayor Eric Haas read a proclamation to honor Jerry and Bonnie Jansen. It reads as follows:

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, we are gathered here today to celebrate 60 years of unconditional love and dedication between Jerry and Bonnie Jansen; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jansen’s have 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jansen’s have lived in Fort Thomas most of their married life, Jerry is a retired Union Electrician and a Real Estate Broker professional for over 50 years and Bonnie has dedicated her life to her husband and the raising of their children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jansen’s have always been willing to answer the call to serve this community and set great examples for us all. The Jansen’s were instrumental in guiding and revitalizing the “Fort Thomas Community and Military Museum” with many others while sitting on its board; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry and Bonnie Jansen are an inspiration to all as an example that unconditional love and commitment can withstand the test of time.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ERIC HAAS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FORT THOMAS, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE AND DECLARE, MAY 18, 2017 AS BEING,

**“JERRY AND BONNIE JANSEN DAY”**

within the City of Fort Thomas and hereby declare best wishes to the Jansen’s on their 60th Anniversary and wish them many more to come!

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.

**Senator Wil Schroeder: Legislative Update:** Senator Schroeder updated council on the legislation that passed through the General Assembly. These included education reform, fentanyl and other opiates, hate crimes, prevailing wage laws, and retirement transparency. Mayor Haas thanked Senator Schroeder for the update.

**Reports of Officers**

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

**Police Department Monthly Report for April: Chief Mike Daly:** Chief Mike Daly presented his report for April to council. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to receive and file the monthly report for the Police Department. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**City Administrator’s Report: Ron Dill:**

**Proposed TANK Route changes:** Several residents spoke to council at your April meeting regarding proposed route changes, specifically consolidation of Ft Thomas #11 into Ft Thomas #16. This proposal would effectively eliminate bus service north of Highland Ave. in Ft Thomas. I forwarded all emails received from residents and I attended the public meeting/forum to reiterate concerns expressed by our residents to the representatives from TANK, including their General Manager Andy Aiello. Additionally Mayor Haas forwarded a letter requesting their reconsideration of this proposal.

**Visioning Process Worksheet:** Ron Dill referred to a worksheet regarding the visioning process. This worksheet is for council to choose a committee that they might want to chair and write down suggestions for residents that may be interested as well. The city is looking to meet near the end of summer to discuss.

### **Old Business**

**VA Homes Update:** Staff is continuing the process of finalizing the terms in the “Development Agreement”. There are several items that remain unresolved so the matter will not be brought to the floor for vote at this meeting. I will be updating on the acquisition process with the VA and will request council to call for executive session to discuss financial aspects of the acquisition from the developer.

**2017 Street Resurfacing Program:** At the April council meeting, staff was directed to meet with residents regarding the proposed widening of Washington Avenue. This on-site meeting took place on Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>. There were approximately twenty residents in attendance who spoke with the city delegation. Most in attendance were of the shared opinion that aside from some additional maneuverability associated with the proposed widening, their primary concern of “cut through” traffic and/or speeding could be exasperated from widening of the street. Rob Hans, City Engineer submitted a report regarding the widening of the street. He feels the portion of Washington Ave from Highland Ave to Fischer/Lafayette intersection should be widened as proposed. Additionally, although presented by opportunity of this project with full curb replacement to consider widening, there is merit in not widening the remainder of Washington Ave. for the reasons stated in his report. Staff recommends incorporating this recommendation into the program before voting on the intent to proceed ordinance. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to accept the recommendation from Rob Hans, City Engineer. 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.

### **New Business**

**Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch Rate Adjustment:** A resolution pertaining to the Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch rate adjustment will be read later in the meeting. If passed, the rate will increase from \$45 per unit to \$70 per unit for the revenue tax that funds the budget of the Campbell County Dispatch Center and its operations. The rate increase is necessary to support the proposed P25 digital radio system conversion that is being implemented in Boone, Kenton & Campbell counties. This increase was voted into ordinance by the Campbell County Fiscal Court at their May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The purpose of the resolution is to satisfy the terms of the interlocal agreement between the Fiscal Court, Ft Thomas and Newport. Details of this proposed project were presented to council at our January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting by Judge Executive Pendery.

**Finance Committee Report on Disbursements:** The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 1915-2041 for the

period of **April 17- May 15, 2017**. 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-02-2017:** An ordinance closing and vacating a portion of Tower Place was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Slawter to approve Ordinance O-02-2017. 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-03-2017:** The Intent to Proceed ordinance for the 2017 Street Resurfacing Program was presented to council for consideration. Please note that the portion of Washington Avenue from Highland Ave. to Fischer/Lafayette intersection will be widened as proposed. Additionally, although presented by opportunity of this project with full curb replacement to consider widening, there is merit in not widening the remainder of Washington Ave. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Slawter to approve Ordinance O-03-2017. 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-04-2017:** An ordinance for the recommendation from the Fort Thomas Planning Commission to change the zoning on the V.A. homes property from Residential One-AA (R1-AA) and Residential One-C (R1-C) to Residential One-C (R1-C) and Residential Cluster Development (RCD) Overlay. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve Ordinance O-04-2017. 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.

**Resolution R-02-2017:** A resolution approving the Campbell County Fiscal Court 911 Service Fee Increase to \$70 per unit in accordance with the interlocal agreement was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve Resolution R-02-2017. 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.

**Municipal Order MO-04-2017:** A municipal order re-appointing Steve Dauer as a member of the Board of Adjustment for a four (4) year term was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold. 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.

**Executive Order EO-03-2017:** An Executive Order appointing Robert Kriege to the position of Parks and Greenspace Laborer I in the General Services Department. No action required.

**Executive Order EO-04-2017:** An Executive Order appointing Colton Ackerson to the position of Greenspace Laborer I in the General Services Department. No action required.

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

- 1) In accordance with KRS section 61.810 (b, c and e) - for deliberation of pending lawsuits, acquisition of property, and negotiations with collective bargaining units.

A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to enter into executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and Mr. Bezold to reconvene the regular council meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Bowman to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

APPROVED:

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Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa K. Kelly, City Clerk