

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016**

City Administrator, Ron Dill called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the city building. City Clerk, Melissa Kelly, called the roll and the following Council members were present: John Muller, Ken Bowman, Lisa Kelly, Jeff Bezold, Roger Peterman and Chuck Thompson. Absent: Mayor Eric Haas. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Ron Dill, City Clerk Melissa Kelly, Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Chief Mark Bailey, Police Chief Mike Daly, and City Attorney Jann Seidenfaden.

Appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem: Due to the absence of Mayor Eric Haas, a Mayor Pro-Tem was appointed. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to appoint Roger Peterman as the Mayor Pro-Tem for the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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

Minutes

The minutes from the April 18, 2016 meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve the minutes as written. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Thompson. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Visitors and Communications

Mr. Mark Villegas from 62 Blue Grass Ave. addressed council. Mr. Villegas indicated that the property next to his at 54 Blue Grass has many property maintenance issues that have been an ongoing problem over the past 4 years. Some of the issues noted were tall grass and weeds, rotting debris, gutters falling off of the house, etc. Letters have been sent by the city but it has not corrected the problem. Ron Dill indicated that there is a process by ordinance that must be followed. Mr. Dill indicated that the Law Labor and License Committee could look into making the ordinance more firm. Kevin Barbian has sent the initial violation letter for the property and will be following up with the complaint.

Reports of Officers

Fire Department Monthly Report: Chief Mark Bailey: Chief Bailey presented the monthly report to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Thompson to receive and file the Fire Department's monthly report. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Thompson. Voting "no": none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Police Department Monthly Report: Chief Mike Daly: Chief Daly presented the monthly report to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to receive and file the monthly report from the Police Department. Upon call of the roll, the following

members voted “aye”: Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Thompson. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

City Administrator’s Report: Ron Dill: Ron Dill reported on the following:

Annie’s Nightclub - Noise Complaint - At the last Council meeting the issue of noise originating from “Annie’s” nightclub located off Kellogg Ave. in Cincinnati was discussed. Acknowledged as a previous and on-going issue before council, staff was directed to review efforts toward addressing this issue.

A review of City records revealed that significant correspondence, meetings and even noise calculations were shared among city officials in Ft. Thomas, City of Cincinnati and the owner of this establishment between the period of April 1998 and June 1999. It appeared that all parties worked toward some resolution and that some issues had been at least temporarily addressed, however, the City has fielded complaints in the years since then.

Our Police Department has indicated that seasonally, typically in the Spring, they will receive complaints through dispatch regarding noise. They do have a contact in the local Cincinnati precinct and have generally experienced measurable response to their calls. Our shift supervisor, Lt. Jamie Gadzala will be documenting all inquiries/complaints moving forward so we can quantify the volume of complaints/concern to determine if other measures are necessary and the PD will continue to contact authorities in Cincinnati with complaints.

City Wide Yard Sale – The City’s first annual city-wide yard sale is scheduled for next Saturday May 21st and has been well received by our residents. The Ft. Thomas Business Association is promoting this event and encouraging businesses to have sidewalk sale/open house opportunities at their respective locations. We currently have over two hundred (200) residences signed up to participate with more joining every day.

2016 Street Program – Sealed bids will be received on Wednesday May 18th with a recommendation from staff and the city engineer expected to be presented for consideration at the June 6th council meeting.

Ky. Dept. of Transportation Projects – As you are aware from some notices that are forwarded from staff, there are several projects currently under control of KDOT that effect the travel of Ft Thomas residents. Updated information on these are as follows:

Memorial Parkway (bridge over I-471) – This is the most recent closure/partial closure that will take place beginning this week. This work will at some point re-route traffic into/from Ft Thomas and will probably see most effect on Grand Ave. This work will continue into Fall.

Waterworks Road – The bridge/culvert failure that caused closure in Newport, just outside Ft Thomas, has a contract being bid in June. Work on replacement of that structure will commence later this Summer with completion expected by end of 2016.

Route 8 – You may have read or heard that there is a study commissioned by KDOT to evaluate all options for the section of Route 8 from the Dayton floodwall to River Road. The purpose is to determine the viability of this stretch and identify ALL options for future use and maintenance of this roadway. The final report is due to KDOT officials soon and they will be scheduling to meet with affected cities in June.

Legislative Update – I was in a NKCCMA meeting last week with a representative from KLC to review their legislative update which summarizes how recent legislation affects cities. I have enclosed a copy of their summary for your review. There are few appreciable changes that affect our city and the most notable item was the lack of addressing the “pension spiking” issue that does impact us each year.

Anderson Property: The sitting area at the corner of St. Nicholas on the old Anderson property is completed.

Highland United Methodist Church: The fountain in front of the church is completed and running nicely.

Finance Committee Report on Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 301861 through 301903 and 302000 through 302086 for the period of **April 15 – May 16, 2016.** A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to concur in the recommendation of the finance committee of council. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye” – Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Thompson. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Orders

Ordinance O-05-2016: An ordinance regarding the city’s intent to proceed with the 2016 Street Resurfacing Program was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve Ordinance O-05-2016. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye” – Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Thompson. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance O-06-2016: An ordinance amending the Personnel Pay and Classification Plan was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve Ordinance O-06-2016. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye” – Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Thompson. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Municipal Order MO-04-2016: A municipal order appointing Mike Rice to the Tree Commission was presented to council for consideration.. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve MO-04-2016. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Executive Order EO-06-2016: An executive order re-appointing Dave Wormald as a member of the Planning Commission was presented to council with no action necessary.

Executive Order EO-03-2016: An executive order re-appointing Jerry Noran as a member of the Planning Commission was presented to council with no action necessary.

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

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Kelly, City Clerk