

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2015 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 Adam Meier. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Don Martin, City Clerk Melissa Kelly, Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Chief Mark Bailey, Police Chief Mike Daly, and City Attorney Jann Seidenfaden.

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

Minutes

The minutes from the June 1, 2015 meeting were presented to council for consideration. Adam Meier noted an amendment stating that during the June 1st meeting, he asked for the city to consider a revenue neutral budget approach. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Meier to approve the minutes as amended. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Meier. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Visitors and Communications

Ron Dill introduced Katelyn (Kat) Disney, the city’s new Recreation Coordinator and Kevin Barbian, the city’s new Building Inspector to council. Mayor Haas and council welcomed them to Fort Thomas.

Reports of Officers

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

Police Department Monthly Report: Chief Mike Daly: Chief Mike Daly presented the monthly report for the police department 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. Meier. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

City Administrator's Report: Don Martin: Don Martin reported on the following:

Utility Franchises: Bids were due at 10:00 a.m. on June 11, 2015. Duke Energy was the only utility to submit bids. The bids for gas and electric were forwarded to Linda Ain for review and recommendation. It is anticipated that council will consider the bids via two separate ordinances at the July 20 council meeting. These ordinances will also allow the mayor to execute copies of the two franchise agreements.

Covert Place Pier Wall: The city has published a legal advertisement seeking bids for the Covert Place Pier Wall which is necessary to stabilize the roadway adjacent to the creek. Bids will be due on June 26. The bid documents specify that the project shall be completed no later than October 3 to accommodate resurfacing of the driving surface. Bids will be considered at the July 20 city council meeting.

Tower Hill Road: A section of roadway near the bottom of Tower Hill Road has begun to slip. The engineer is currently investigating the cause. The fix will most likely involve the installation of a section of pier wall to stabilize the roadway.

Tree Commission Vacancy: One of our Tree Commission members decided to no longer serve on the commission. We have a vacancy for an individual that have a balanced and realistic approach to managing the city's trees. This includes tree plantings/removals as part of development plans. The city is asking for a letter of interest and resume.

Report of Committees

Recreation Committee Report: Lisa Kelly reported that the Recreation Committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss smoking in the parks. It is the recommendation of the Recreation Committee to place signs near play areas that read "Kid Zone, No Smoking within 25 ft of Play Area". An ordinance could be considered at some point in the future if this is not effective. A motion was made by Mr. Muller and seconded by Mr. Bowman to direct staff to order and install the signs at the parks. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Meier. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

New Business

Consideration of MOA with Bloomfield/Schon: The city provided a draft copy of the "Preferred Developer Agreement" to Bloomfield/Schon for their review. Their attorney has reviewed and approved it. Jann Seidenfaden is also satisfied with the agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Meier and seconded by Mr. Peterman to allow Mayor Haas to enter into the agreement with Bloomfield/Schon. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Meier. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Consideration of the AFSCME Local #286 Working Agreement: Negotiations have concluded with AFSCME (General Services Department Laborers). The changes to the contract were not unreasonable. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by

Mr. Bowman to approve the AFSCME Local #286 Working Agreement and allow Mayor Haas to execute the agreement. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Meier. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Alcoholic Beverage License Application: Christ Church: Application has been received from Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas Avenue for a NQ-4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink License. The owner of the property is Christ Church, United Church of Christ located in Fort Thomas, KY.

The application is on file in the office of the City Purchasing Agent and will be finally considered at a Public Hearing which will be conducted on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Fort Thomas City Building Council Chambers.

Alcoholic Beverage License Application: Midway Café: Application has been received from Dave & Matt, Inc. dba Midway Café, 1017 S. Ft. Thomas Avenue, for a Quota Retail Drink License, NQ-4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink License, and a Special Sunday Retail Drink License. The owner of the property is A. Jane Properties, LLC (Matt Albers and Dave Edmonds), 1017 S. Ft. Thomas Ave.

The application is on file in the office of the City Purchasing Agent and will be finally considered at a Public Hearing which will be conducted on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 4:35 p.m. in the Fort Thomas City Building

Finance Committee Report on Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 70324 through 70410 for the period of **May 18 – June 15, 2015.** 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. Meier. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Orders

Ordinance O-09-2015: An ordinance amending the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year Budget was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve ordinance O-09-2015. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye” – Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Meier. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance O-10-2015: An ordinance establishing the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year Budget was presented to council for consideration. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye” – Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Meier. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance O-11-2015: An ordinance establishing the salary for Non-Union Employees and General Services Laborers part of AFSCME #286 Union was presented to council for a first reading. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

Ordinance O-12-2015: An ordinance establishing a policy regulating the donation of vacation time from one employee to another was presented to council for a first reading. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

Municipal Order MO-06-2015: A municipal order reappointing Jann Seidenfaden as city attorney was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve municipal order MO-06-2015.

With no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Mr. Muller and seconded by Mr. Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Kelly, City Clerk