

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON  
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 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, and Adam Meier. Absent: Roger Peterman. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Don Martin, City Clerk Melissa Kelly, Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Lieutenant Tammy Webster, 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 15, 2015 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. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Meier. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Visitors and Communications**

Mr. Louis Hlebiczki of 2516 Memorial Parkway addressed council. Mr. Hlebiczki was concerned about wild animals in the area. He feels that the wild turkey and deer are attracting predators such as coyote. Don Martin noted that he had spoke to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife some time ago and they indicated that most coyote will move into an area for a short period to have their family and move on. He also said that there are steps to be taken by the homeowner such as not leaving dog food outside and keeping small dogs on a leash or confined within a fence. Mayor Haas said the city will look into this and post information on the website.

**Reports of Officers**

**Fire Department Monthly Report: Lt. Tammy Webster:** Lt. Tammy Webster presented the monthly report for the fire department to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Muller 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, 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, 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:

**VA Homes:** Bloomfield Schon, CT Engineers, VA Representatives and city staff are coordinating schedules to facilitate a meeting to review the abatement requirements. The purpose of the meeting is to determine the extent of flexibility, if any, regarding federal abatement requirements. As has been previously discussed, the abatement requirements and the fact that the abatement must be completed prior to transfer of ownership, are two of the biggest barriers to the project. The VA was not able to meet in late June or early July. We are now attempting to schedule for late July.

**Franklin Avenue Storm Water Issue:** The temporary access agreement has been completed which will allow the city to enter upon private property to install a drainage swale to divert storm water. All six property owners have now signed the agreement. The work should soon commence to complete the project. Once completed, this should resolve the issue.

**Water District Project:** A representative from the NKY Water District contacted the city to inform us of their project to rehab two of the concrete basins at the Alexandria Pike facility. Work will begin this fall and continue through the spring. Work will be suspended during the summer months, then completed in the fall of 2016. Little impact is expected on surrounding residents.

**New Business**

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application: Fort Thomas Convenient Mart:** Application has been received from Lloyd Ventures & Investments, Inc. (Amy Lloyd) dba Fort Thomas Convenient Mart, 42 North Fort Thomas Avenue, Fort Thomas, KY, for a NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package License. The owner of the property is Fort Thomas Enterprises, Inc., 11 South Fort Thomas Avenue, 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, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m., in the Fort Thomas City Building Council Chambers.

**Consideration of a Contract for Covert Place Pier Wall:** Bids were received and opened on June 26, 2015 for the Covert Place Pier Wall project. Three bids were received. The apparent lowest bid is from SP Drilling Services in the amount of \$115,436.00. Alternate Bid #1 was for a different type and diameter of pier. Alternate Bid #1 was rejected because it was not more economical. Alternate Bid #2 was for a wooden guardrail instead of a typical steel one, the residents asked for this for aesthetics reasons. The price for the typical steel guardrail was \$4,282.30. The wooden guardrail is \$14,146.50. The difference of \$9,864.25 would need to be paid by the residents if they decide to install a wooden guardrail. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Muller to accept the base bid from SP Drilling Services and conditionally accept Alternate Bid #2 if the residents pay the difference of \$9,864.25. Upon call of the roll,

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

**Consideration of an Easement:** NKY Water District will be replacing the water tower behind the city building. Duke has asked if the city would consider providing them an easement across city property for the placement of electric service to the new tower. This easement would be 20 ft. wide and located at the rear of the city’s property to the east of the public works garage, and generally running along the property line from Bluegrass Avenue to the tower. There is no action necessary on this issue until a formal request is submitted.

**Sign Ordinance:** Adam Meier asked that the city reconsider the sign ordinance due to a decision passed through the U.S. Supreme Court to administer new standards. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Meier to ask the Planning Commission to review the sign ordinance in the city’s zoning code. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Meier. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Finance Committee Report on Disbursements:** The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 70411 through 70556 and 300500 through 300518 for the period of **June 16 – July 20, 2015.** A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Meier 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, and Mr. Meier. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

**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 consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Meier to approve ordinance O-11-2015. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye” – Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Meier. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**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 consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Muller and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve ordinance O-12-2015. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye” – Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Meier. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Ordinance O-13-2015:** An ordinance confirming the sale and awarding a non-exclusive franchise to Duke Energy for a natural gas franchise within the City of Fort Thomas was presented to council. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

**Ordinance O-14-2015:** An ordinance confirming the sale and awarding a non-exclusive franchise to Duke Energy for the sale of electrical energy was presented to council. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

**Resolution R-03-2015:** A resolution allowing Mayor Haas to enter into an agreement with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security for a Fire Department grant. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Muller to approve Resolution R-03-2015. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye” – Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Meier. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Executive Session:** In accordance with KRS 61.810 (c) and KRS 61.801 (e), a motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Muller to enter into executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to return to open session.

With no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Ms. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Bezold to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa K. Kelly, City Clerk