

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 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, Jeff Bezold, and John Slawter. Absent: Lisa Kelly and Roger Peterman. 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 July 17, 2017 and the July 31, 2017 meetings were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve both sets of minutes as written. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Visitors and Communications

Distribution of Parade Trophies: Mayor Eric Haas: Mayor Haas presented the 4th of July Parade winners with their trophies. The winners were as follows:

Best Representation of our Sesquicentennial: 1st Place: Fort Thomas Education Foundation, 2nd Place: Tower Place Families. Most Original: 1st Place: Dance Realm, 2nd Place: Fort Thomas Florist. Most Entertaining: 1st Place: Shriners, 2nd Place: Highland United Methodist Church. The Mayor thanked all who participated in this being one of our largest parades in Fort Thomas history!

Sesquicentennial Update: Linda Slone, Chuck Keller, Courtney Shannon, Sean Donelan, and Kim Rehtin presented updates on the Sesquicentennial events to council. The committee thanked Lonnie Slone for all of his help with the event as well as the hundreds of volunteers that participated. Mayor Haas thanked everyone and invited them to a celebration at the Hofbrauhaus House in Newport on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Bryan and Jordan Dunbar were present and addressed council regarding their chicken coop located at 103 Ohio Avenue. The Dunbars have a unique situation as they are located on a corner lot. The Dunbars originally had 2 roosters but quickly found homes for them once they were able to distinguish them from the rest of the hens. The coop is located approximately 22

feet away from the neighboring home. The regulations state that the coop must be located 50 feet from the closest neighboring structure. The coop is concreted into the ground with a buried fence to keep the chickens secure and would be very difficult to move. The Dunbars offered to install another privacy fence on the property line. This issue falls under the Code of Ordinances so the Board of Adjustment or other zoning regulations would not apply. The Dunbars also submitted pictures and letters from neighbors approving the coops location. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Cameron to refer this matter to the Law, Labor, and License Committee of council for review. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Lori Secaur of 5 Ridgeway was present. Mrs. Secaur noted that she has no issues with the chickens and she never sees them out of their yard.

Quinton (small child, no address noted) told council that he watches the chickens when the Dunbars are out of town.

Laura Chambers of 9 Ridgeway addressed council. Mrs. Chambers noted that if the neighbors would have let her know about the roosters and that they were trying to find a home for them, she never would have called the city. She is certain that there can be a resolution to this issue with the chickens.

Joe Bartos of 92 Garden Way addressed council. Mr. Bartos indicated that a car recently turned over in his front yard. He is concerned with the speed at the intersection of Holiday and Garden Way. He asked if council would consider lowering the speed limit to try to slow drivers down or look into installing a 4-way stop sign. Mr. Bartos indicated that there is a specific resident that has hit 3 parked cars. Ron Dill indicated that the city will have their engineer look at it and increase police patrol in the interim.

Joe Schwerling of 192 Holiday Lane addressed council. Mr. Schwerling indicated that there was a stop sign at the intersection of Holiday Lane and Garden Way fifty years ago and all it did was cause problems, particularly in the winter months. Joe suggested eliminating parking on one side of the street. He also indicated that there used to be a “no outlet” sign on Garden Way that is no longer there and needs to be put back.

Reports of Officers

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

Police Department Monthly Report for July: Chief Mike Daly: Chief Daly presented his monthly report for July to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to receive and file the police department’s monthly report. Upon call of the roll, the

following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

City Administrator’s Report: Ron Dill:

2017 Street Program Update: General Services crews have completed sidewalk and curb replacement on Highview Drive, Lilac Lane, Diana Court and Lafayette Court. Additionally, catch basin and storm sewer replacement on these streets have been completed. General Services crews are now doing curb/sidewalk replacement on Washington Avenue and will finish on Custis Avenue. Riegler Paving Company is expected to begin resurfacing in October. Burnet Ridge culvert repair is designed and awaiting approval of permits from the Division of Water. This project should go out to bid by the end of August.

Tower Hill Pier Wall Project: The most recent pier wall constructed on Tower Hill Road experienced deterioration of two of the drilled piers. Staff has worked with our engineer, the geotechnical consultant and contractor to design an appropriate repair. This work is scheduled to be performed in the next couple of weeks and will require short term closure of the road during that period.

Armory/Mess Hall Exterior Restoration: Staff has met with CT Consultants Architects to review the scope of the project and request a proposal for the bid document preparation/project oversight for the exterior renovation of these buildings. These items were placed in the 2017-2018 budget and include: Armory- tuckpoint masonry, box gutter repair, soffit repair, and paint trim. Mess Hall – tuckpoint masonry, gutter repair, paint trim and replace roof covering. Upon acceptance of the proposal, it would be the intention of bidding this work in September.

New Business

Consideration of Waste Collection Bids: Staff advertised and received bids for waste collection that were read aloud at the bid opening on July 31, 2017 at 3:00 pm. The bid specifications matched our current service provisions (collections per week, recycling, etc) We received bids from Rumpke of Kentucky Inc. and Republic however, the Republic bid did not include costs for commercial pickup and it was a five year proposal. Our bid specifications were for a two year contract with 2- two year renewals. Regardless, the Rumpke bid was the lower bid received.

The Rumpke proposal represents a 28.6% increase over our current rate and each renewal term (two years) would have an additional 6% increase. Our existing contract with Rumpke had a 3% increase in each of the two-year renewal terms. The bid numbers translate to an annual residential fee of \$157.92 for 2017-18 versus the current residential rate of \$122.76 per household. The renewal periods would increase fees to \$167.40 in years 2019-20 and \$177.44 in 2021-22.

A comparative analysis of other communities that have recently bid waste collection services revealed: Dayton \$128 with no recycling service; Union \$138; Bellevue \$148.80; Alexandria \$171.12; Southgate \$191.40; Fort Mitchell & Lakeside Park \$203.88; and Newport \$231.

A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Cameron to accept the waste collection bid from Rumpke. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Consideration of Inter-local Agreement for Sidewalks with City of Southgate: The City of Southgate is requesting that the city maintain the sidewalk on U.S. 27 between Highland Ave. south to the Fort Thomas Plaza site. This area represents one of those “odd” corporation lines where the line is on the east side of US 27 but the houses fronting on that side are actually in Fort Thomas.

We have fielded complaints regarding the sidewalk and storm water in that area and over the past year and worked with the Kentucky Department of Transportation officials to have the storm drains, curbs and sidewalks replaced. The issue is to address the long term maintenance of the sidewalks that serve these Fort Thomas residences. The proposed agreement sets terms in which the City of Fort Thomas would assume this responsibility for future repairs. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Cameron to approve the agreement between the City of Fort Thomas and the City of Southgate for maintenance of sidewalks on U.S. 27. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Establishment of RFQ Bid process for N. Ft Thomas Ave Sidewalk Project: As reported at the July council meeting, the city received award of a federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for construction of sidewalk on the section of N. Ft. Thomas Ave. north of Covert Run. Staff has submitted initial documentation required to proceed with the project. The next component requires the selection an engineer for design of the project. To be eligible for reimbursement for engineering costs within the grant, the project engineer must be selected through an RFQ process. Staff researched and prepared RFQ bid documents and is recommending council authorize the process and refer the review of the RFQ submittals to the Public Works Committee of Council for recommendation. This process should allow council to consider final selection of a project engineer at the October 16th meeting. The schedule would be to complete design and surveying over the winter, hold public hearing and bid work in Spring of 2018 and initiate construction next Summer. A motion was made by Mr. Slawter and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve the request for proposal process for the installation of sidewalks on N. Ft. Thomas Ave. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, 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 2398-2568 for the period of **July 18 – August 21, 2017.** A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Slawter to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Orders

Resolution R-04-2017: A resolution approving the NKY Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold

to approve Resolution R-04-2017. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Executive Order EO-08-2017: An Executive Order appointing Heidi Neltner as a member of the Renaissance Board for a two –year term was presented to council with no action necessary.

Executive Order EO-09-2017: An Executive Order appointing Adam Blau as a member of the Renaissance Board for a two year term was presented to council with no action necessary.

Executive Order EO-10-2017: An Executive Order appointing Andrew Rice to the position of Parks & Greenspace Laborer I in the General Services Department was presented to council with no action necessary.

Executive Order EO-11-2017: An Executive Order appointing Andrew Roetting to the position of Parks & Greenspace Laborer I in the General Services Department was presented to council with no action necessary.

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

In accordance with KRS section 61.810 (b) – deliberation of future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency (Stables Building)

In accordance with KRS section 61.810 (e) - collective bargaining negotiations between public employers and their employees or their representatives.

A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to adjourn in to executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Slawter to reconvene the meeting.

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

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk