

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 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. 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 18, 2016 meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold 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

Proclamation for Clara Ann Klocke: Mayor Haas presented a proclamation and flowers to Clara Ann Klocke, thanking her for serving 25 years on the City of Fort Thomas Board of Adjustment. She will be greatly missed.

Terry Rasche: Progress with Preservation: Mr. Rasche asked for a letter of support for a program called Progress with Preservation. The program would establish new trade programs at Gateway Community and Technical College relating to rehabilitation of historic property. The letter would be presented to Gateway’s new president, board members, and college staff. City staff will send a letter of support to Gateway.

Jen Paolucci of 1 Rosement addressed council. Mrs. Paolucci indicated that in the intersection of Strathmore and Rosemont, no one stops at the stop sign, they just roll right through it. Chief Daly has observed this and is looking into ideas to correct this situation.

William Hunt promotion to Sergeant: Chief Mike Daly presented William Hunt with his sergeant’s badge and stripes for his uniform. Mayor Haas and Council congratulated Sergeant Hunt for his promotion.

Reports of Officers

Fire Department Monthly Report: Chief Mark Bailey: Chief Bailey presented his report to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly 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 Daly: Chief Daly presented his report to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Thompson to receive and file the police 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.

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

2016 Street Program: City crews have completed sidewalk and full curb replacement on Barrett Drive. The crews are currently working on curb replacement on Gaddis Drive where NKWD just completed their water main replacement. The program is on schedule to have actual street resurfacing to occur in late September.

Highland Park Ball Field Renovations: The Fort Thomas Independent School District, at their August 8, 2016 Board meeting, authorized execution of the agreement between the City and FTISD as presented at the last council meeting. Demolition of existing fencing/structures will begin next week and construction will commence in early September.

Crosswalk Update: Mr. Thompson asked for an update on the crosswalk safety project. The City continues to work with the Kentucky Department of Transportation on installation of the signs on the state routes. The signage the City originally looked at is not accepted under state regulations. The City is looking into another sign with an alternating beacon that is an accepted standard and have submitted a request for approval to the KDOT district office. Once approval is received, the City will move forward with installation. The City will move forward on the installation at Johnson and Moyer because they are not on state routes. Mr. Thompson noted that this is a growing concern regarding crosswalk safety.

Tax Rate Hearing – September 1 at 6:00 PM - Kentucky Revised Statute requires specifically that a tax rate hearing be advertised *not less than seven (7) and not more than ten (10) days before the meeting*. This restriction does not permit us to conduct a hearing on the same date as the scheduled council meeting on September 6th when we have traditionally held this hearing immediately prior to our regular meeting. Staff has scheduled the hearing to occur on September 1st in compliance with this statute.

New Business

Consideration of Waterworks Pier Wall Bids: The City solicited bids for two sections of pier walls adjacent to Waterworks Road. These two pier walls total approximately 190 lineal feet with varying depths and are necessary before the potential resurfacing of Waterworks Road. The

work on this project is anticipated to be completed by the end of this calendar year. Thelen & Associates have been retained to monitor the geotechnical aspects of this project. Bids were received from five contractors ranging from \$79,394.50 to \$183,644.10. CT Consultants has verified the bids and recommends that Smith Construction be awarded the contract for this project with their bid proposal of \$79,394.50. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve the pier wall bid from Smith Construction. 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.

Consideration of Sewer Lateral Agreement with SD1: Sanitation District No. 1 has revised their Private Sewer Lateral Replacement Program for FY 2017 and is requesting the City again sign an agreement that would accept the terms for participation. Last year the City was presented a program that required cities to participate with repair/replacement of street, sidewalks, driveway aprons within the right of way. The program this year transfers these repair items back to SD1, as they will assume responsibility for all trench repair associated with the lateral repair/replacement. This year’s program lessens the city’s participation level and financial obligation for addressing these repairs.

It should be noted that the inter-local agreement for participation in this program is still valid. This request is to authorize the Mayor to sign the new agreement for the terms of SD1 FY 2017 program. A motion was made by Mr. Muller and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve the agreement with the Sanitation District. 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.

Consideration of Bids for City Entrance Signs: The City accepted and read aloud closed bids on July 22, 2016, for the purpose of providing “entrance signs”. The bid proposal included the manufacturing for eight (8) signs that are two different heights with design to allow for additional sign panels to be constructed at multiple locations throughout the city. There was only one bid received, from Elsmere Ironworks in the amount of \$26,883.92.

The design and specification of this signage was a culmination of effort by the City’s Renaissance Board over the past several years that included much discussion and consultation with outside resources with the intention of creating a unique sign that captures the history of Ft Thomas. This is a carry-over item from previous budgets due to the extended timeframe to accomplish final design. Mr. Bezold questioned if the panels would be consistent to the quality of the original sign. Mr. Dill indicated that they would be made of the same material. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Peterman to accept the bid from Elsmere Ironworks in the amount of \$26,883.92. 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.

Trick or Treat: Trick of Treat in the City was set for October 31st from 6-8 p.m.

Finance Committee Report on Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 302284 through 302515 for the period of **July 19 – August 15, 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

Municipal Order MO-09-2016: A Municipal Order declaring seven (7) vehicles originally purchased as patrol vehicles and work trucks, seized radio and amplifier equipment, and tools utilized in the city garage, as surplus property. These items are recommended for disposal through sealed bid process in accordance with Kentucky Revised Statute. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve Municipal Order MO-09-2016. 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.

Executive Order EO-09-2016: An Executive Order appointing Lieutenant Tammy Webster to the position of Captain was presented to council with no action necessary.

Executive Order EO-10-2016: An Executive Order appointing Firefighter/Paramedic Rick Daugherty to the position of Lieutenant Grade 4 was presented to council with no action necessary.

Executive Order EO-11-2016: An Executive Order appointing Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Scherpenberg to the position of Lieutenant Grade 4 was presented to council with no action necessary.

Executive Order EO-12-2016: An Executive Order appointing Officer/Patrolman William Hunt to the position of Sergeant was presented to council with no action necessary.

Executive Order EO-13-2016: An Executive Order appointing Michael Strady to the position of Firefighter/ Paramedic Grade 3B was presented to council with no action necessary.

Executive Order EO-14-2016: An Executive Order appointing Brandon Fromeyer to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic Grade 3B 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