

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON  
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2022. Melissa Beckett, City Clerk, called the roll and the following council members were present: Lisa Kelly, Ben Pendery, Ken Bowman, and Roger Peterman. Absent: Jeff Bezold and Adam Blau. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Matt Kremer, City Clerk Melissa Beckett, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Chief Chris Amon, Police Chief Casey Kilgore, and City Attorney Tim Schneider.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the June 20, 2022 meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bowman made a motion to add Municipal Order MO-13-2022 regarding the school resource officer contract to the agenda for consideration later in the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Pendery. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**7:00 P.M. Liquor License Public Hearing: Joe Ewald, ABC Administrator:** Joe Ewald opened the liquor license public hearing at 7:00 p.m. for Always in Play, LLC. Mr. Ewald read the public notice for the record and called for comments. With no comments received the public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m. The public notice is listed below:

Application has been received from Always in Play, LLC dba: Always in Play, 90 Alexandria Pike, Suite 15, Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075, for an NQ-4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink, Quota Retail Drink, and Special Sunday Retail Drink License. The owner of the property to be licensed is STPC, LLC, 4135 Alexandria Pike, Suite 108, Cold Spring, KY 41076. The application is on file in the office of the Director of Finance and will be finally considered at a Public Hearing during the Council meeting on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the Fort Thomas Community Center / Mess Hall at 801 Cochran Avenue.

With no comments received, the hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

**Visitors and Communications:**

Elizabeth Allegrini of 45 Lockwood addressed council regarding the Renaissance Board minutes being placed on the website and the movement on the splash park proposal. Matt Kremer noted that the Recreation Committee will meet in August to discuss upcoming projects.

David Roth of 106 Robson Avenue addressed council regarding the cancellation of the Drag Bingo and the process in the decision to cancel the event. Matt Kremer explained that the event did not fit into the health and wellness aspect of the Farmers Market.

Pat Lance of 5 Rosemont Avenue addressed council regarding Riggs Park. Mr. Lance noted that he disagrees with a basketball court being installed in the park and feels that it would not be an improvement to take green space away. He is concerned about the existing trees and asked if the city has an arborist. He also indicated that the street is in bad shape. Matt Kremer noted that the Recreation Committee of Council will meet on this later in August.

## Reports of Officers

**Fire Department Monthly Report, Chief Chris Amon:** Fire Chief Chris Amon presented the fire monthly report to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to receive and file the monthly report for the Fire Department. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Police Department Monthly Report, Chief Casey Kilgore:** Police Chief Casey Kilgore presented the police monthly report to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Penderly to receive and file the monthly report for the Police Department. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**City Administrator's Report: Matt Kremer:** Matt Kremer reported on the following:

- Staff met with Brandfuel this week and is waiting on a contract from them to review. They are looking at areas of the city that could use some new branding and areas to help in their research.
- The city will be hiring a Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator. The job advertisement will be posted by the end of the week.
- The municipal order regarding the School Resource Officer Agreement was added to the agenda for later in the meeting, nothing has changed on this.
- City Building Update: Final electrical equipment has arrived and we are hopeful to have a completion date by the end of the week.
- City crews have been working on curbs and sidewalk on Hawthorne Avenue, preparing for the resurfacing and will be done at some point in the next few weeks.

## New Business

**Consideration of Public Works Truck Purchases:** Staff is asking for approval from council to add the purchase of two vehicles that were included in the 21/22 budget to the 22/23 budget because they came in after the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. The Public Works one ton pickup chassis was received today for a total of \$44,000 and a dump bed with snow plow and equipment was also included for an additional \$44,000. The city has located a Durango in Somerset for the city administrator/general city vehicle for \$36K. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Peterman to approve adding both vehicles in the amount of \$88,000 to the capital budget for the next budget amendment. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Ms. Kelly, Mr. Penderly, Mr. Bowman, and Mr. Peterman. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Finance Committee Report of Disbursements:** The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 11347 to 11541 for the period of **June 11 – July 15, 2022.** A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Ms. Kelly, Mr. Penderly, Mr. Bowman, and Mr. Peterman. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Ordinances and Orders**

**Municipal Order MO-12-2022:** A municipal order authorizing the mayor to execute documents related to the Quarter One Development Agreement was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve municipal order MO-12-2022. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Ms. Kelly, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, and Mr. Peterman. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Municipal Order MO-13-2022:** A municipal order renewing the School Resource Officer’s contract with Fort Thomas Independent Schools was added to the agenda and presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve municipal order MO-13-2022. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Ms. Kelly, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, and Mr. Peterman. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Executive Order EO-14-2022:** An executive order authorizing the City Administrative Officer, Matt Kremer, to execute documents in the Mayor’s absence was presented to council with no action necessary.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Eric Haas, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk