

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the city building. City Clerk, Melissa Beckett called the roll and the following council members were present: David Cameron, Ken Bowman, Lisa Kelly, Jeff Bezold, Roger Peterman and John Slawter. 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 Sergeant William Hunt.

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

Minutes

The minutes from the December 18, 2018 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. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Visitors and Communications

Mr. Joe Powers of 34 Overlook Drive addressed council. Mr. Powers noted that there is a large patch of ice that collects at the bottom of Overlook Drive on U.S. 27 and there have almost been accidents. Mr. Powers also asked about moving the traffic light or installing a new one. Ron Dill noted that this would all be the responsibility of the State. Mr. Powers asked if it would be a good idea to contact Bob Yeager from the State. Ron Dill indicated that he would mention the concerns to him when he spoke to him next week.

Reports of Officers

Fire Department Monthly Report for December: Chief Mark Bailey: Chief Bailey presented his monthly report for December 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, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Police Department Monthly Report for December: Sgt. William Hunt: Sgt. William Hunt presented the monthly report for December to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to receive and file the police department’s monthly report. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

City Administrator's Report: Ron Dill:

Promotions in Police Department: Lieutenant Chris Carpenter and Sergeant Adam Noe will be at the March Council meeting to formally receive their promotion /badges.

Patrolman Recruit Joe Paollucci is scheduled for graduation from the police academy on January 26th. We look forward to Joe joining the force immediately following his graduation.

Annual Reports: Department heads will be presenting their annual reports to council beginning in March with General Services and Renaissance and in April with Police and Fire.

Visioning/ Community Plan: The committees have all completed their awareness phase and developed goals & objectives. This effort will culminate with information being shared at the Public Open House scheduled for Wednesday January 24th at 7:00 pm at the Mess Hall. Additionally, the community survey remains available for residents to provide feedback. Committees will transition to the exploration phase in the first quarter of this year. Committees have been active and well attended. Please share the meeting dates and encourage participation.

Old Business

Deer Management Program : The City has set up accounting for contribution to this program with approximately \$3600 received to date. Staff is performing research and developing a proposed plan that would be considered by the Law Labor License Committee of Council.

Vacant Properties Ordinance & Code Enforcement Options: Staff is continuing development of this ordinance and evaluating the options related to code enforcement that tandem with addressing vacant property. We have scheduled to have staff participate in an upcoming KLC training session regarding the code enforcement statutes and reviewing available options. It is the intention that staff will provide recommendations to the Law Labor License Committee of Council.

Since both issues are referred to the Law, Labor and License Committee, staff is recommending a special meeting be set independent of the regular council meeting to appropriate sufficient time to consider all these topics. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to refer both issues to the Law, Labor, and License Committee of council on March 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Slawter. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

New Business

Consideration of a Real Estate Transfer Agreement with Bloomfield/Schon: The real estate transfer agreement was presented to council regarding the V.A. Homes. This document provides detail beyond the existing development agreement between these parties and is specific to the terms and timing of an actual transfer. The document is a vehicle necessary for securing financing for the project.

The request is to authorize Mayor Haas to sign an amendment extending the finalization of these details to March 31, 2018. Again, the developer has continued with their commitment to the project. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to authorize the mayor to sign the amendment with Bloomfield/Schon. Upon call of the roll, the following

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

Consideration of Road Stabilization Bids for Burnet Ridge: Staff solicited bids for this project after Council rejected the bids received in October 2017. The bids received at that time ranged from \$145,510 - \$224,700 and far exceeded the engineer’s estimate of \$86,000. At that time, remedial repairs were performed and re-bid for the project was initiated.

The scope of the project was maintained with adjustment to the timeframe for submitting bids and an extended timeframe for performance. The public bid opening on Thursday December 21, 2017 resulted in receipt of four (4) lump sum bids as follows: Smith Construction- \$89,200; JDC Excavation- \$92,553.40; Lonkard Construction- \$129,200; Len Riegler Blacktop Inc - \$134,200; and Sunesis Construction - \$211,083.

As suspected, the timing of the project was significant and the outcome resulted in a substantial reduction/savings (\$56,310) from the first – low bid (\$145,510). Staff recommends acceptance of the low bid submitted by Smith Construction in the amount of \$89,200. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve the bid for \$89,200 for Smith Construction. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Consideration of IAFF Local #1928 Working Agreement: The city and the IAFF Fire Union have reached a settlement and are preparing final contract documents and “Pay Ordinance” for First Reading at this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve the IAFF Local #1928 Working Agreement. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman 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 3177-3320 for the period of **December 29, 2017 – January 12, 2018** was presented to council for consideration. 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”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Slawter. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Orders

Ordinance No. O-01-2018: First Reading of an Ordinance apportioning the assessments for the improvements to Custis Avenue, Diana Court, Highview Drive, Lafayette Court, Lilac Lane, Washington Avenue; all in accordance with the 2017 Street Improvement Program. The summary of street, estimated assessment, the actual assessment and the difference are noted as follows:

STREET	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
Custis Avenue	\$ 11.84	\$ 9.64	\$ 2.20
Diana Court	\$ 10.51	\$ 8.03	\$ 2.48
Highview Drive	\$ 11.81	\$ 9.00	\$ 1.81

Lafayette Court	\$ 9.19	\$ 6.93	\$ 2.26
Lilac Lane	\$ 12.36	\$ 9.40	\$ 2.96
Washington Ave	\$ 13.53	\$ 9.74	\$ 3.79

This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

Ordinance No. 02-2018: First Reading of an Ordinance adopting a 4% adjustment in pay for members of IAFF Local #1928 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year; retroactive to beginning of fiscal year. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

Executive Order EO-01-2018: An Executive Order reappointing Barry Petracco to the city's Design Review Board for a three (3) year term. Barry has served on this Board since 2012.

Executive Order EO-02-2018: An Executive Order reappointing Dan Gorman to the city's Planning Commission for a four year term. Dan has served on this Board since 2001.

An alcoholic beverage application for 15 N. Ft. Thomas Avenue has been received by the city. A public hearing will be held on February 19, 2018 at 6 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk