

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 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, and Roger Peterman. Absent: Council member Jeff Bezold and Council member Adam Meier. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Don Martin, City Clerk Melissa Kelly, Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Chief Mark Bailey, Police Lieutenant Rich Whitford, and City Attorney Jann Seidenfaden.

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

Minutes

The minutes from the March 16, 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, and Mr. Peterman. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Visitors and Communications

Preston Manning of 42 Altamont addressed council. Mr. Manning questioned how the city determines the budget for Merchants and Music. He also asked why the city increases taxes each year.

Joe Schwerling of 9 Mayfield addressed council. Mr. Schwerling commented on the street resurfacing program. He feels we should leave it the way it is, because if we eliminate the assessment, everyone in the city will want their street resurfaced. He mentioned maybe looking at a slight reduction in cost to the property owner.

Reports of Officers

Fire Department Monthly Report: Chief Mark Bailey: Chief Mark Bailey presented the monthly report for the fire department to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly 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, and Mr. Peterman. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Police Department Monthly Report: Lt. Rich Whitford: Lt. Rich Whitford presented the monthly report for the police department to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and

seconded by Mr. Muller 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, and Mr. Peterman. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

City Administrator’s Report: Don Martin: Don Martin reported on the following:

Water Tank Replacement: The water tank behind the city building is scheduled for replacement by the NKY Water District. Construction is anticipated to begin in mid-November. The size of the existing tank is 275,000 gallons. The size of the new tank has yet to be finalized, but they are considering increasing it to 500,000 gallons. The project is currently going through Planning Commission.

Covert Place Pier Wall Update: CT Engineers has finalized the bidding information for the Covert Place pier wall. This project will require 29 piers drilled to a depth of 30 feet and 53 plugs drilled to a depth of 20 feet. The engineer’s opinion of probable cost is near \$200,000. The project will be advertised in June, the contract awarded in July, and the work completed in August and September.

New Business

Consideration of VA Developer Proposals: A “Request for Qualifications” (RFQ) process was established by city council to solicit qualification packets from developers interested in partnering with the city to effectuate the restoration of the VA Homes. Qualifications were received by the city and reviewed by CT Engineers for compliance with the advertised requirements. Mayor Haas established a review committee consisting of himself, Councilman Roger Peterman, Don Martin, Ron Dill, Debbie Buckley and CT Engineers. This committee interviewed potential developers on Wednesday, May 13. At the conclusion of the interviews the committee unanimously recommends that the city council select Bloomfield/Schon & Partners as the developer. If council agrees, over the next two weeks a contract will be finalized between the city and Bloomfield/Schon, which will be presented to city council for consideration. Roger Peterman noted that just because we have a developer doesn’t mean this project will necessarily happen. There is a lot of steps to go through in the process and they could pull out at any time. Council members were in agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman to direct staff to prepare a contract that council can take action on at the next meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Bowman. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, and Mr. Peterman. 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 70132 through 70209 for the period of **April 21 – May 18, 2015.** 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, and Mr.

Peterman. Voting "no" - none. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, and Mr. Peterman. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Orders

Ordinance O-05-2015: An ordinance creating and soliciting bids for a Gas Franchise was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Muller and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve Ordinance O-05-2015. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, and Mr. Peterman. Voting "no": none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance O-06-2015: An ordinance creating and soliciting bids for an Electric Franchise was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Ms. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve Ordinance O-06-2015. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, and Mr. Peterman. Voting "no": none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance O-07-2015: An ordinance establishing the city's intent to proceed with the 2015 Street Resurfacing Program was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Muller to approve Ordinance O-07-2015. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, and Mr. Peterman. Voting "no": none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Municipal Order MO-03-2015: A municipal order declaring fire radios as surplus property was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve municipal order MO-03-2015. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, and Mr. Peterman. Voting "no": none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Municipal Order MO-04-2015: A municipal order re-appointing Megan deSola to the Tree Commission was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Muller to approve municipal order MO-04-2015. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Muller, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Kelly, and Mr. Peterman. Voting "no": none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Executive Order EO-02-2015: An executive order appointing Kevin Barbian as the Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator was presented to council with no action necessary.

Executive Order EO-03-2015: An executive order appointing Daryl Flanagan as a General Services Laborer was presented to council with no action necessary.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Muller to enter into executive session in accordance with KRS 61.810(1)(C) for the purpose of discussing union contracts.

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

With no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Mr. Muller and seconded by Mr. Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Kelly, City Clerk