

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020**

7:00 p.m. Liquor License Public Hearing: Joe Ewald read the advertisement for the application: Application has been received from Padrino Fort Thomas LLC, *dba:* Padrino Fort Thomas, 14 N Grand Avenue, Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075, for an NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package License, Quota Retail Package License, and Special Sunday Sales License. The application is on file in the office of the City Alcoholic Beverage Control Administrator and will be finally considered at the City Council Meeting on October 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at the Fort Thomas City Building Council Chambers. Any person having good cause or reason to object to the granting of this license may appear before the ABC Administrator and be heard or may submit written comments prior to the meeting.

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020. City Clerk, Melissa Beckett called the roll and the following council members were present: David Cameron, Ken Bowman, Mark Collier, Jeff Bezold, Roger Peterman and Adam Blau. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Ron Dill, City Clerk Melissa Beckett, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Chief Mark Bailey, Police Chief Casey Kilgore and City Attorney Jann Seidenfaden.

Minutes

The minutes from the September 21, 2020 meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Collier and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve the minutes as written. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Visitors and Communications

Bravery Award: Chief Bailey addressed council regarding an incident that happened last week and deferred to Josh Edmondson and Matt Fite to elaborate. Josh Edmondson noted that a husband had come to the firehouse saying that his wife was having a seizure on the other end of town. Upon arrival at the location, their 8 year old daughter, Addy Kremer had administered aid to her mom and called her father. She was able to answer all of the paramedic’s questions. FF Edmondson and FF Fite recognized her with a bravery award, coins, and a build-a-bear. Mayor Haas thanked Addy for what she did for her mother.

Reports of Officers

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

Police Department Monthly Report, Chief Casey Kilgore: Chief Kilgore presented his report for September to council. Chief Kilgore noted that October is Pedestrian Safety Month and there are several resources on the police website for residents. The Police Department has restarted the traffic officer position, Brad Reichenbach will be taking this position. This Saturday is the drug take back event at the

city building. Mr. Bowman asked about the training that Nick Hoffman took regarding crisis intervention. Chief Kilgore noted that almost every officer has been through this training. Mayor Haas asked if there is a way for the officers to share some of the knowledge that they bring back from these trainings. Chief Kilgore noted that the Police Department does do quite a bit of cross training. Mr. Bowman asked if there was collaboration with some of the mental health agencies in the area as it relates to suicides. Chief Kilgore indicated that the Police Department does collaborate with these agencies, but do not have a mental health professional that goes out with them. Mr. Collier noted that during the drug take back they are also taking old eyeglasses for the Lions Club. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Bowman to receive and file the monthly report for the Police Department. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Peterman, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

City Administrators Report:

Farmers Market: The success of the Farmer’s Market has been record breaking this year in attendance, sales, vendor participation and basically any measurable. After some discussion, organizers (Debbie/committee) requested that we consider an indoor market for this year. We have transitioned to an “indoor” market utilizing the Mess Hall location and the first two weeks have been very successful. The market is scheduled to run into December and pick back up in early February.

Halloween: The city has finalized events with a featured drive through event in Tower Park scheduled for Thursday October 29th from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. This event will combine the Jack-o-lantern contest with a visual display through the park for families within their vehicles, no pedestrians. Entry will be from River Road and exit will be at the Tower onto S Ft Thomas Ave.

Veterans Day Event: We are planning a virtual Veterans Day Event. We will be highlighting our veterans that are on city staff and will honor all of the veterans that are on the banners. There will be several speakers recorded as part of this virtual event. This will be aired on our YouTube Channel on Veterans Day.

Tower Park Ballfield: The infield grading is complete and Mills Fencing has started installation of backstop fencing. The restroom/concession building was razed and final grading was completed on the remainder of the site. Seeding & sod is being completed in outfield areas and sod between the field & fence will be completed after fencing installation is complete.

Shelter 3 Project: The shelter structure is complete except for the roof covering. The basketball courts were paved and require a thirty (30) day cure before placement of color coating/lining. City crews have poured the traffic islands, some sidewalk and planted trees & landscaping on a portion of the site. Work will continue with city crews until weather/schedule interrupts. Mr. Peterman questioned the locations of the restrooms. Ron Dill noted that we are designing a smaller shelter by the Tower Park ballfield with a small restroom structure. Another similar restroom structure is scheduled to be constructed between shelter 2 and shelter 3, near the tennis courts.

Street Resurfacing: The paving in Tower Park will begin on Wednesday and should be completed as long as weather doesn’t set them back.

Questions from Councilmembers:

Statue of General Thomas Statue: Mr. Dill responded that the General Thomas Statue has been placed on hold. There is still fundraising to establish more funds toward the project.

Mr. Bowman asked if the city is advertising the Department of Health's recommendations regarding Trick or Treat and how we are going to get the word out to residents. We have posted literature talking points provided by the Health Department regarding this and emphasized that people do not have to participate. We provided flyers that will be sent out by the school as well.

Report of Public Safety Committee: Adam Blau noted that the Public Safety met before the council meeting to review traffic policies. It was discussed to consider performing a comparative analysis on streets with common characteristics (ie. grade, width, parking, etc.) to determine appropriate speed limits. Another strategy discussed was to perform a case study over a few subdivisions in town with data collection occurring over multiple occasions at different times of the year. This information would then be analyzed to consider possible changes to speed limits and/or street geometry. The committee also recommends lowering the speed limit on Glenway to 15 MPH based on recent speed studies. A motion was made by Mr. Blau and seconded by Mr. Peterman to accept the staff memo submitted to the Public Safety Committee that outlined the proposed studies, and direct staff to draft an ordinance to lower the speed limit on Glenway to 15 MPH. Mr. Peterman requested that a \$10K limit be placed for the total cost of the case study. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Blau. Voting "no": none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

Chesapeake Avenue Study: Mr. Dill updated council on the speeding issues previously considered for Chesapeake Avenue. He indicated that staff had met with several residents who are interested in applying for the Vision Zero grant. Frank Twehues from CT Consultants addressed council. He explained that there is a potential phased approach for addressing these issues. CT Consultants designed a rolled curb median in the middle of the street and reduced lane width as a first step that could be included in the Vision Zero grant application. Another option to be considered in the future would be a roundabout near Villa Grande entrance. Additional street lights are being requested through Duke Energy to be added near the Villa Grande entrance. Mr. Twehues discussed the option of stop signs near the same intersection; however it does not meet current traffic standards and is therefore not recommended.

Other Old Business Topics:

Mark Collier asked about the Cares funding that the city has received. Joe Ewald indicated that we received the check on Friday afternoon for roughly \$600K and should have the second application done by the end of the week for the remainder of the total appropriation.

New Business

None.

Finance Committee Report of Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 8185-8315 for the period of **September 15 to October 12, 2020** was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Collier to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Peterman, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Blau. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Orders

Ordinance No. O-14-2020: Second Reading of an Ordinance to initiate the process of bond issuance documents through the Kentucky League of cities to finance the City Building Renovation project. A motion was made by Mr. Collier and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve Ordinance O-14-2020. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman, and Mr. Blau. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Blau asked if we could schedule a special meeting to do a first reading of the ordinance to reduce the speed on Glenway Avenue. Council concurred with Mr. Blau’s request.

With no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Collier to adjourn.

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk