

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

7:00 p.m. Liquor License Public Hearing: Joe Ewald presented the information on the application that was received from DSYP Corp. *dba* Fort Thomas Shell, 1429 Alexandria Pike, Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075, for an NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package License. The application is on file in the office of the City Alcoholic Beverage Control Administrator. With no comments received, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2020 via Zoom teleconference. 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 July 20, 2020 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. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Collier, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Peterman and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4th of July Winners: Mayor Haas presented the winners of the 4th of July contests. The winners will receive a trophy at some point in the future.

Best Americana Street was Avenel Place, the theme was Covid can't stop our 4th! They will be receiving a sign to post at the top of the street for best Americana Street.

Best Business: Fort Thomas Coffee

Old Glory: 21 Fairfield Place, hung over 130 flags.

Moment in History: 11 Azalea Terrace

Patriotic Attire: 128 Manor Lane:

National Symbol: 34 Sunset Ave.

Patriotic Poem: Anna Grace Philippe

Patriotic Son: Kylie Grace Richard, God Bless America

Patriotic Instrumental: Kate Schroeder

Best Photo: Nancy Schneider

Reports of Officers

Fire Department Monthly Report, Chief Mark Bailey: Chief Bailey presented his report for July to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Bowman 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 July to council. 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:

Alexander Circle Update: There are four houses recently occupied and two additional closings scheduled for next week. We have worked closely with the developer to delay resurfacing of Alexander Circle & Douglas & Cochran Ave. The city completed the intersection and we have accepted significant fill material to be placed for the ballfield renovation. We now have street resurfacing scheduled for the first week in September.

N. Fort Thomas Ave. Sidewalk Project: The project is still awaiting approval of the bid documents from the KDOT to release it for bid. At this time, it appears that we are working toward a schedule that would bid the project this Fall with construction to be performed next Spring/Summer. Unfortunately, we are not able to accelerate this project because it is tied to federal funding, distributed through KDOT.

2020 Street Resurfacing Program: As previously reported, we are intending to move forward with this program with the actual resurfacing occurring in early 2021. The preparation work (sewer repair, curbs, driveway aprons, sidewalks) will still be performed in this calendar year. The project will be bid in Fall with resurfacing next Spring. The public hearing for this year’s program will be held on Thursday, August 27th at the Community Center.

We will proceed with planning and performing the 2021 Street Program under normal timing/schedule.

Community Plan Implementation Update: The Tower Park ballfield renovation has commenced with removal of existing backstop fencing, concrete, bleachers, etc. We have placed the required fill material (approx. 1700 cubic yds.) to support the field elevation that was brought in from the One Highland site. Bids are being solicited/accepted for finish grading, fencing and field prep. City crews will be installing the underdrain system.

The Shelter #3 project that has been delayed is now scheduled to continue with work on the shelter erection over the next thirty days. Additionally, the city crews will be performing sidewalk construction & utility installation in that same period.

The city building design & preliminary estimates are being completed and will be available for review in committee.

2020 Merchant & Music Festival: The city officially announced the postponement and rescheduling of this event until *September 25, 2021*. The COVID pandemic has affected offering this type of event and we worked with representative of the headliner Bret Michaels to work out contractual obligations and confirmation of a rescheduled date.

Report of the Public Safety Committee: Adam Blau updated council on the meeting of the Public Safety Committee. Speed limits were discussed, the parking in the Midway District was discussed and Mr. Blau would like to add some handicapped parking in that district. Staff will talk to the owners to see what their needs are. Ron Dill explained the traffic policy on how the city establishes speed limits. Mr. Bowman noted that the 85th percentile portion of the policy was adopted in the 60s. Mr. Bowman feels that this should be re-evaluated.

Report of the Finance Committee: Roger Peterman updated council on the meeting of the Finance Committee. The tax rate was discussed and a decision was made to freeze the tax rate and not increase it.

Mr. Bezold noted that we were anticipating a much larger impact on the payroll tax in Fort Thomas. It was not as bad as it seemed initially. Council will meet on September 8th for the Tax Rate public hearing. The other matter of discussion was the city building remodeling. The committee agreed that this was a capital need priority.

Mr. Collier requested that the Recreation Committee meet on September 21st to discuss the fill at Highland Park. Ron Dill noted that he would like to get the Public Utilities and Buildings committee together on that date to discuss the city building renovations.

New Business

Consideration of bids for Backhoe: The city properly advertised and solicited bids for the purchase of a new backhoe for the Public Works division that is included in their department budget. Three (3) bids were received and reviewed for compliance with bid specifications. The bids included a trade-in for the city’s 2005 Komatsu backhoe. The following bids were received:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Brand / Model</u>	<u>Vehicle Cost</u>	<u>Trade-In Amount</u>	<u>Net Cost</u>	<u>Other Costs* Total Costs</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Southeastern Equip. (Case)	2020 Case Model 580 SN 2020 Caterpillar Model	99,445.83	(7,000.00)	92,445.83	- 92,445.83	92,445.83
Ohio Cat (Caterpillar)	420-07	99,498.09	(14,000.00)	85,498.09	85,498.09	85,498.09
Murphy Tractor Equip. (John Deere)	2020 John Deere Model 310L	79,620.00	(12,000.00)	67,620.00	* 1,854.00 69,474.00	69,474.00

*** 5 Year / 5,000 hour - extended warranty**

This Komatsu backhoe was purchased new in 2005 (\$55,606) and has served the city for about 9800 hours of use. Staff recommends acceptance of the low bid from Murphy Tractor & Equipment for \$69,474.00. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Collier to approve the purchase of the 2020 John Deere Backhoe for 69,474.00. 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.

Consideration of bids for Backstop Fencing at Tower Park Ballfield: Sealed bids for providing thirty (30) foot high backstop fencing were accepted on Friday July 31st at 2:00 pm. Only one bid was submitted from Mills Fencing Co. with a base bid of \$79,000 for backstop/sideline fencing and an alternate bids for netting (\$33,000) or fencing (\$16,000) in the area of left field (in front of homes on Alexander Circle.) With only one bidder, we were able to meet with the representative from Mills Fencing Co. to review and consider value engineering. Upon revisions that reduced some of the fencing height and support specifications, the base bid is now \$60,800 and the alternate bid for left field fencing is \$16,000; staff recommends acceptance of the total bid for the project at \$76,800 to be awarded to Mills Fencing Co. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve the bid from Mills Fencing Co. in the amount of \$76,800. 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.

Consideration of bids for Tower Park Basketball Court Resurfacing: Sealed bids for performing asphalt resurfacing, color coating & striping of the outdoor basketball courts in Tower Park were opened on Thursday August 13, 2020 at 2:00 pm. We received four bids for the project that were: \$43,895.00 (Westside Paving), \$41,758.75 (Michaels), \$36,227.69 (JK Meurer) and \$32,960.00 (Riegler Paving). Staff recommends acceptance of the low bid for the project at \$32,960.00 be awarded to Riegler Paving. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve the bid from Riegler Paving for the resurfacing of the Tower Park Basketball Courts in the amount of \$32,960.00. 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.

Finance Committee Report of Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 7923-8037 for the period of **July 18 – August 12, 2020** was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold 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-08-2020: Second reading amending the golf cart ordinance to omit section IV (6) that limits hours of operation. This reflects the recent change under state statutes approved under HB382 in the last session. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve ordinance O-08-2020. 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.

Ordinance No. O-09-2020: Second reading of an ordinance adopting a 3% adjustment in pay for members of AFSCME (public works), FOP (Police) and all non-union employees (recreation, administration, finance, department heads, greenspace, and part-time employees). Staff is still working to finalize negotiations with the IAFF (Fire). The Finance Committee of Council reviewed all proposed rate of pay adjustments as a component of their budget review and recommend approval. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve ordinance O-09-2020. 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.

Ordinance No. O-10-2020: Second reading of an ordinance amending the Personnel Pay and Classification Plan. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve ordinance O-10-2020. 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.

Ordinance No. O-11-2020: First reading of an ordinance adopting a 3% adjustment in pay for the members of IAFF (fire). This ordinance will be laid over until the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

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