

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON  
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2021. City Clerk, Melissa Beckett called the roll and the following council members were present: Ben Pendery, Ken Bowman, Lisa Kelly, Jeff Bezold, Adam Blau and Connie Grubbs. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Ron Dill, 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 March 15, 2021 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. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

**Fire Department Annual Report: Chief Chris Amon:** Chief Amon presented his 2020 Annual Report to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve the Fire Department's Annual Report. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Police Department Annual Report: Chief Casey Kilgore:** Chief Kilgore presented his 2020 Annual Report to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to receive and file the Police Department Annual Report. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Consideration of Bids – Tower Park Playground Equipment:** Bids were properly advertised, received and publically opened on Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. The bids included providing playground equipment for two locations in Tower Park, Shelter #3 and adjacent to the ballfield. We received two bids from Logan Creek LLC for \$368,665.61 and from Mid-States Recreation for \$256,823.41. We have done due diligence in reviewing the equivalency of the products and checked references of their product installations for other municipalities. Staff recommends award of bid to Mid-states Recreation in the amount of \$256,823.41. Ken Bowman questioned on whether the city will include a “mother and child” double swing. Ron noted that we can make that adaptation at some point in the future and will be looking at including this option in the main playground in Tower Park when upgrades are considered for that area. A motion was made by Mr Bezold and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve the bid from Mid-States Recreation in the amount of \$256,823.41. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Ms. Kelly, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Ms. Grubbs. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Bowman questioned how the American Rescue Plan funds be utilized. Mayor Haas noted that it will come down to the rules and regulations set forth by the Federal Government and will probably be split into two years. This matter will be brought up in a future Finance Committee meeting.

**2021 Street Program: Report from the Public Works Committee: Ken Bowman:** Ken Bowman presented the Public Works Committee Report to council. The report read as follows:

Honorable Mayor and Board of Council:

We the undersigned members of the Public Works Committee of Council hereby report that a public hearing was conducted on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 regarding the city's proposed 2021 street resurfacing program. The 2021 street resurfacing program consists of the following streets:

**Waterworks Road  
Wilbers Lane**

Committee members and staff conducted the hearing, which was attended by approximately thirty-five (35) residents and property owners, ten (10) of which addressed the committee. Generally speaking, there was support for the proposed improvements outlined within the attached Engineer's Comprehensive Report. Residents on Waterworks expressed frustration with the length of disruption for the SD1 project that replaced the majority of storm & sanitary sewers on this street. They also expressed concern over specific items related to restoration of this project.

Several residents asked questions specific to drainage issues on their streets. A couple of residents requested that their street be designated with a more favorable resident cost share split. There were requests for consideration of speed bumps and lower speed limits. Generally, questions were addressed at the hearing and staff will provide follow-up to other issues discussed.

Based upon the results of the public hearing the Public Works Committee of Council hereby recommends that the city proceed with the street resurfacing improvements as proposed; and that the Board of Council authorize the first reading of the Ordinance acknowledging the city's intent to proceed with the project.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Ken Bowman, Chairman

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Connie Grubbs, member

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Adam Blau, member

Adam Blau indicated that the city should consider lowering the speed limit on Wilbers Lane since we are widening it with the 2021 street resurfacing. A motion was made by Mr. Blau and seconded by Ms. Grubbs to refer this matter to the Public Safety Committee of Council. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Reports of Officers**

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

**Finance Committee Report of Disbursements:** The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 9062 to 9198 for the period of **March 13 – April 16, 2021** was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr.

Bowman and seconded by Mr. Pendery to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Ms. Kelly, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Ms. Grubbs. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Ordinances, Resolutions, and Orders**

**Ordinance O-01-2021:** A second reading of ordinance O-01-2021, amendments to the personnel policy and procedures manual, was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve ordinance O-01-2021. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Ms. Kelly, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Ms. Grubbs. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Ordinance O-02-2021:** A second reading of ordinance O-02-2021, adding short term rentals to the code of ordinances, was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve ordinance O-02-2021. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Ms. Kelly, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, and Ms. Grubbs. Voting "no": Mr. Blau. The motion passed by a vote of 5-1.

**Ordinance O-03-2021:** A second reading of ordinance O-03-2021, amending the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance to allow Short Term Rentals, was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve ordinance O-03-2021. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Ms. Kelly, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, and Ms. Grubbs. Voting "no": Mr. Blau. The motion passed by a vote of 5-1.

**Ordinance O-04-2021:** First Reading of an ordinance setting the place & time for Council meetings in 2021 was presented to council for a first reading. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

**Municipal Order MO-05-2021:** A Municipal Order reappointing Barry Petracco to the Design Review Board was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve municipal order MO-05-2021. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Municipal Order MO-06-2021:** A Municipal Order reappointing Mark Thurnauer to the Design Review Board was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve municipal order MO-06-2021. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Municipal Order MO-07-2021:** A Municipal Order reappointing Jeff Sackenheim to the Design Review Board was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve municipal order MO-07-2021. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Municipal Order MO-08-2021:** A Municipal Order reappointing Barb Thomas to the Design Review Board was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve municipal order MO-08-2021. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Municipal Order MO-09-2021:** A Municipal Order reappointing Carol Dixon to the Board of Adjustment was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Penderly to approve municipal order MO-09-2021. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Municipal Order MO-10-2021:** A Municipal Order reappointing Mark Leopold to the Tree Commission was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Grubbs to approve municipal order MO-10-2021. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Municipal Order MO-11-2021:** A Municipal Order reappointing Steve Dauer to the Board of Adjustment was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve municipal order MO-11-2021. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Municipal Order MO-12-2021:** A Municipal Order reappointing Susan Wingard to the Board of Adjustment was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Penderly to approve municipal order MO-12-2021. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Ron Dill spoke on the city's boards and commissions. He noted that the city has great volunteers that are very dedicated to the city. Mayor Haas indicated that we are very blessed in Fort Thomas to have such awesome volunteers.

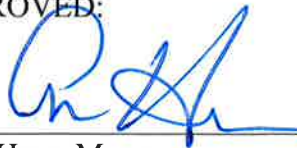
Adam Blau asked if the city could provide some information on the members so that council can familiarize themselves with our members.

**Executive Order EO-01-2021:** An Executive Order appointing Christopher Vance to the position of Patrolman in the Police Department was presented to council with no action necessary.

**Executive Order EO-02-2021:** An Executive Order appointing Jeremy Moore to the position of Patrolman in the Police Department was presented to council with no action necessary.

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

APPROVED:



Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk