

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022**

**7:00 p.m. Liquor License Public Hearing: Padrino:** Joe Ewald opened the liquor license public hearing at 7:00 p.m. and read the legal ad that appeared in the Campbell County Enquirer. The ad read as follows: Application has been received from Richard Hunter Thomas, dba: Padrino, 14 North Grand Avenue, Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075, for an NQ-4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink, an NQ-2 Restaurant Retail Drink 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 17, at 7:00 p.m., at the Fort Thomas Community Center / Mess Hall at 801 Cochran Avenue. 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. With no comments from the audience, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:03 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2022. Melissa Beckett, City Clerk, called the roll and the following council members were present: Lisa Kelly, Ben Pendery, Ken Bowman, Jeff Bezold, Adam Blau, and Roger Peterman. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Matt Kremer, 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 September 19, 2022 regular meeting of council were presented to council. Mr. Bowman noted that he would like to amend the minutes regarding deer hunting. This item was tabled until later in the meeting.

The minutes from the September 19, 2022 Finance Committee were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes from the October 5, 2022 Finance Committee meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mr. Blau to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Visitors and Communications:**

Debbie Hamel from 33 Madonna addressed council regarding city events geared toward older adults. Ms. Hamel would like to see pickleball courts installed in Highland Park where the proposed splash pad would be located. She noted that the lower tennis courts are in bad repair and need upgrades. Mr. Kremer responded that by the spring the city will have 6 lined pickleball courts and 2 lined inside of the armory. He asked Ms. Hamel to contact him regarding her ideas on senior citizen programs and he would take a look at the lower tennis courts.

Jim Due from 1603 N. Fort Thomas Avenue addressed council regarding pickleball. Jim would like to see more pickleball courts installed in the city.

Bonita Frentzel from 35 Bonnie Lane addressed council. Ms. Frentzel is concerned about children in the street that are riding scooters. Chief Kilgore indicated that the police have had conversations about this for the past few months. KRS 189.289 is the statute that addresses scooters. Mr. Kremer said that the city have been working with the schools on how to educate students on scooter safety.

Joan Ferris from 66 Burney Lane addressed council. Mrs. Ferris asked about the trees that were taken down in Alexander Circle and what was the status of the matter. Mayor Haas indicated that the state came in and said that the majority of the trees were not valuable and they will eventually come back. She then asked about an item on the Planning Commission agenda which was clarified by Mr. Kremer. Next she said that the grow grant ordinance is a step in the right direction.

Sharon MacKnight from 62 Miller Lane addressed council. She questioned an item on the Planning Commission agenda being the 10 N. Fort Thomas Ave. property. Mr. Kremer noted that his has been taken off of the agenda at this time. She also asked if a business has to go to the Design Review Board if the back of the building is being altered. That is a grey area and city staff will look into this.

Elizabeth Allegrini 45 Lockwood Place addressed council. She asked about the discussion at the last meeting regarding the deer. Discussion on this matter will be postponed. She also questioned the status of the splash pad and whether it came out of committee. Mr. Kremer stated that there was a motion at a council meeting prior to his tenure with the city to approve beginning the bidding process for the splash pad.

Mr. Bowman read his amendment to the minutes from the previous council meeting. It read “Mr. Bowman stated his concerns over proposed changes to the permitted deer hunting hours. The current hours are ½ hour before sunrise to 10 a.m. The proposed hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.” A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Peterman to approve the amendment to the minutes from September 19, 2022. The mayor called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Report of Boards, Committees, and Commissions**

**Report from the Finance Committee:** Ben Penderly updated council on the Grow Grant ordinance. The committee met on October 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the ordinance. Mr. Penderly feels that the ordinance works well as written. There was one small change that the language referencing “blight” be removed and be replaced with “improved property aesthetics.”

### **Reports of Officers**

**Fire Department Monthly Report: Chief Chris Amon:** Chief Amon presented his monthly report to council. Chief Amon said that this month is when you set the clock back an hour and people should make sure to change their fire detector batteries. Mr. Bowman asked about a warning about burning due to the dry weather conditions. Chief Amon said that it would be put out on all social media platforms. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve the monthly report from the fire department. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Police Department Monthly Report: Chief Casey Kilgore:** Chief Kilgore presented his monthly report to council. Chief Kilgore noted that the Merchants and Music Festival went well with no major incidents. He also said that the police department will once again offering the DEA Drug Take back event so people can drop off old and unused prescription drugs and glasses on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 2 p.m. at the city building. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve the monthly report from the police department. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**City Administrator’s Report: Matt Kremer:** Matt Kremer reported on the following:

**18 North Fort Thomas Ave Parking Lot:** 18 North parking lot has been completed and looks great.

**Merchants and Music:** The event was excellent and went over very well. He thanked all that were involved in making the event a success.

**Trick or Treat:** Trick or Treat will be held on October 31, 2022 from 6-8 p.m.

**Ladder Truck Purchase:** The city has signed the ladder truck contract and added a few items in the contract that will protect the city.

### **New Business**

**Bike Bells from Reser Bicycle:** Mr. Bowman presented a bike bell that he has been working on with Reser bicycle to help improve safety for bike riders and pedestrians. Jason Reser has donated 500 of the bells to the city. These will be available at the city building and at Reser Bicycle.

**New OKI Representative:** A new OKI will need to be appointed due to Mr. Bowman stepping down off of council.

**Finance Committee Report of Disbursements:** The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 11857-12012 for the period of **September 14 – October 12, 2022.** 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”: Ms. Kelly, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau and Mr. Peterman. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **Ordinances and Orders**

**Ordinance O-11-2022:** An ordinance putting the Grow Grant into ordinance form so that it can be codified into the Code of Ordinances was presented to council for a first reading. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

**Ordinance O-12-2022:** An ordinance establishing the position of Zoning Administrator/Building Inspector and setting the starting salary 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-20-2022:** A municipal order allowing the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services was presented to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve municipal order MO-20-2022.

**Municipal Order MO-21-2022:** A municipal order appointing Leonard Beck as a member of the Tree Commission was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Blau to approve municipal order MO-21-2022.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Eric Haas, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk