

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022**

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 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 November 24, 2022 regular council meeting were presented to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Visitors and Communications:

Mayor Haas presented the outgoing council members with their parting gifts, thanking Ken Bowman, Lisa Kelly and Roger Peterman for their service.

Ron Dill from 48 Burney Lane addressed council. Ron thanked outgoing councilmembers, Lisa Kelly, Ken Bowman, and Roger Peterman for their service to the city.

Joan Ferris from 66 Burney Lane addressed council. Mrs. Ferris asked about oversight of variances on homes that are approved through the Board of Adjustment. She said that the restrictions were put there for a reason and should not be lessened.

Don Siebert from 300 Hill Street addressed council. Mr. Siebert discussed adding more pickleball courts in the city and resurfacing the current courts. Matt Kremer noted that the city is working on upgrading and adding more pickleball courts in Fort Thomas.

Reports of Officers

Fire Department Monthly Report: Chief Chris Amon: Chief Amon presented his monthly report to council. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Pendery 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. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Kelly 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:

- A special meeting of city council has been scheduled for January 23, 2023. Staff is hoping to have the meeting at the city building.
- The Vietnam Veterans Association of Campbell County would like to have a Campbell County Vietnam Veterans Memorial placed in Tower Park. Matt has spoken to Chris Manning about this and there is an area near the Charters of Freedom that would work nicely.

- Staff has scheduled a meeting with the State regarding Route 8. More information will be provided at the January meeting.
- Campbell County Soccer League have asked to make improvements to Pendery Park by adding lighting and a sprinkler system. The city will help with the electric portion of the project.
- Legislation for tonight: Municipal Orders: Appointing Ben Pendery to the OKI Council of Governments, appointing Pam Schweiss as a member of the Planning Commission, appointing Rex McBride as a member of the Tree Commission. Rex was present and introduced himself to the Mayor and Council. Other legislation on the agenda is, a resolution allowing the Mayor to enter into a joinder agreement with the Kentucky Deferred Compensation Board.

Finance Committee Report of Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 12168-12308 for the period of **November 18 – December 16, 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

Municipal Order MO-23-3022: A municipal order appointing Ben Pendery as the City council representative to the Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana Council of Governments (OKI) was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Blau to approve municipal order MO-23-2022. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Order MO-24-2022: A municipal order appointing Pam Schweiss as a member of the Planning Commission was presented to council for considerations. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve municipal order MO-24-2022. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Blau abstained from the vote due to the fact that he purchased his property from the company that she works for, Towne Properties.

Municipal Order MO-25-2022: A municipal order appointing Rex McBride as a member of the Tree Commission was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve municipal order MO-25-2022. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution R-02-2022: A resolution allowing Mayor Haas to enter into a Joinder Agreement with the Kentucky Deferred Compensation Board was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Blau and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve resolution R-02-2022. 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.

Adam Blau would like to see a council member included in the process of appointing new members boards and committees.

Ben Pendery thanked Lisa, Roger, and Ken for their service and he has enjoyed his time working with them.

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 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk