

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023**

Mayor Haas called the meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Melissa Beckett, City Clerk, called the roll and the following Council members were present: Ben Pendery, Lauren McIntosh, Andy Ellison, Adam Blau, and Eric Strange. Absent: Jeff Bezold. 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.

Pledge to the Flag

Minutes

June 5, 2023 Minutes: The minutes from the June 5, 2023 meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Blau and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Visitors and Communications

Rob Geglein from 108 Waterworks Road addressed council. Mr. Geglein wanted information on who was in charge of the parade and how the city controlled it. Matt Kremer stated that he would follow up with Mr. Geglein regarding information on the parade.

Ken Weidinger from 52 Mayfield addressed council regarding excessive traffic on Mayfield and read a letter into the record.

Roger Neff from 39 Mayfield Avenue addressed council and agreed with Mr. Weidinger's letter and also noted that Mayfield Avenue cannot support additional traffic due to more amenities in Highland Park.

Joe Kruse from 43 River Road addressed council regarding making Garrison Avenue and adding a "no right turn" sign at the bottom of the street. This would require residents to drive up Garrison to S. Fort Thomas Avenue to access River Road. Mr. Kruse submitted a petition with signatures from all residents on Garrison that are in agreement of the change. The police will give it a couple of weeks for people to adjust to the traffic change but after that period of time, the police will start issuing citations.

Debbie Hamel from 33 Madonna addressed council regarding pickleball and more events for senior citizens.

Jim Doepker from 40 Walden Lane addressed council regarding the need for more pickleball courts.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mr. Pendery to adjust the agenda to have the reading of Municipal Order MO-07-2023 prior to the remainder of the meeting because Mr. Morgan was present and may not prefer to stay for the entire meeting.

Municipal Order MO-07-2023: A municipal order appointing Mike Morgan as an alternate to the Board of Ethics was presented to council. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to approve municipal order MO-07-2023. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. Mr. Morgan addressed council and gave a brief overview of his experience. He is an attorney and moved to Fort Thomas about 6 years ago.

Nancy Golden from 207 Holiday Lane addressed council regarding issues with deer overpopulation and the danger to other animals. Her dog was attacked by a mother deer in her back yard.

Megan Krieg from 59 Henry Avenue addressed council regarding adding pickleball courts to Highland Park and utilizing James Avenue as an access to lower Highland Park if they are added.

Reports of Boards, Committees and Commissions

Reports of Officers

Fire Department Monthly Report: Chief Chris Amon: Chief Amon presented his monthly report to Council. A motion was made by Mr. Ellison 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. Pendery and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh 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:

- There will be a Recreation Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 21st at 9:00 a.m.

New Business

Consideration of 2023 Street Resurfacing Bids: On Thursday, May 17, 2023 bid proposals for 3 projects pertaining to the street resurfacing program were opened and read aloud. The bids were awarded as follows:

2023 Street Resurfacing Program was awarded to Riegler Blacktop, Inc. for \$393,373.00.

Kyles Lane Reconstruction Project was awarded to Eaton Asphalt for \$765,732.50.

Sidewalk and Curb Replacement Program was awarded to Hendy, Inc. for \$180,410.00.

No action was needed from council, as all of these projects were included in the budget.

Mr. Blau attended the art show that Rick Griewe put on at One Highland and noted that it was spectacular and they did a fantastic job with the show. He also said that the condominiums had very nice views and said that it reinforced the conversation regarding the height restrictions that were discussed at the joint meeting with the Planning Commission.

Finance Committee Report of Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 12976-13146 for the period of **May 12 – June 14, 2023.** A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mr. Ellison to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Upon call of the roll, the following voted “aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Blau, and Mr. Strange. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinances and Orders

Ordinance O-11-2023: An ordinance amending the 22/23 Fiscal Year Budget was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mrs. McIntosh and seconded by Mr. Strange to approve ordinance O-11-

2023. Upon call of the roll, the following voted “aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Blau, and Mr. Strange. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance O-12-2023: An ordinance establishing the 23/24 Fiscal Year Budget was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mrs. McIntosh and seconded by Mr. Blau to approve ordinance O-12-2023. Upon call of the roll, the following voted “aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Blau, and Mr. Strange. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance O-13-2023: An ordinance updating the Personnel Pay and Classification Plan for the City was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve ordinance O-13-2023. Upon call of the roll, the following voted “aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Blau, and Mr. Strange. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mr. Pendery to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk