

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023**

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

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call: Melissa Beckett, City Clerk, called the roll and the following Council members were present: Lauren McIntosh, Ben Pendery, 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.

Visitors and Communications

Happy Birthday to Lauren McIntosh!

Mayor Haas presented the parade winner trophies. The winners are as follows:

2023 Fort Thomas Independence Day Parade Winners:

Most Original

- 1st Place: CR Carving
- 2nd Place: Padrinos
- 3rd Place: Tracy Davis

Most Entertaining

- 1st Place: Groove Crew
- 2nd Place: Bella Dance
- 3rd Place: Manyet Dance

Best Represents Theme

- 1st Place: Chicks & Chucks
- 2nd Place: Hometown Mortgage
- 3rd Place: Blue Marble

Grand Marshal: Ken Warden

Proclamation for First Presbyterian Church: Mayor Haas read a proclamation for First Presbyterian Church's 100-year anniversary.

Debbie Hamel from 33 Madonna Place addressed council regarding the new striping on the lower tennis courts for pickle ball. She thanked the city for the striping and also for pressure washing the "slime" off of the concrete which makes it much safer for players. She asked for an update on Highland Park pickleball courts.

Dennis Pompilio from 40 Kathy Lane addressed council regarding the breakdown of cost on the Tower Park Playground and when we will receive bids on the project.

Jim Doepker from 40 Walden Lane didn't get up to address council directly, but was also just asking for an update on Highland Park Pickleball Courts.

Nancy Golden from 207 Holiday Lane addressed council regarding the deer attack on her dog and the city needing more community education. Matt Kremer noted that the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife will be giving a presentation at the Farmers Market on Wednesday.

Minutes

July 17, 2023: The minutes from the July 17th meeting of council were presented for consideration. Motion by Mr. Pendery and second by Mr. Ellison. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports of Officers

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

- Matt reviewed the three items of legislation on the agenda.
- The city staff has started using the new budget software, Springbrook. Everything seems to be going well.
- The Tower Park Playground project goes out to bid on Thursday, and will be due on September 14th by 2 p.m.
- City staff are installing cameras around Tower Park to hopefully stop some of the vandalism issues.
- The city is still waiting on Stantec for information on Carlisle Park drainage issues.
- Matt met with representatives for Pickleball at Highland Park regarding the courts and to make sure they are installed properly.
- Matt has been working with Joe Grimme on an agreement for the baseball field in Highland Park and will be meeting with the school to wrap this up. He will report at the next council meeting.
- Fort Thomas Avenue is almost complete with the resurfacing project. The block between Highland and Miller lane will be completed by mid November.
- KYTC soil nail team has begun work on Route 8 to stabilize the road.
- Work on Kyles Lane reconstruction will begin this week.
- Public works crews are completing sidewalks and curbs in conjunction with the street resurfacing program. Resurfacing should begin in early October.
- The Fire department received a grant for \$60,000 grant with a 5% match to get rid of the extra engine and the Police department received a \$30,000 with zero percent match to allow the city to purchase an accident reconstruction black box reader.
- Mr. Kremer noted the city that depends heavily on the citizens to alert staff of things that need to be addressed within the city.
- Sharrows are painted in travel lanes to remind motorists that they should expect to see and share the road with bicyclists. These markings will be added on the 4 lanes of N. and S. Fort Thomas Avenue. The purpose of this is to try to put vehicles more toward the center of the road and leave the outer lane for scooters, golf carts, bikes, etc. These lanes can still be used by drivers.

Finance Committee Report of Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 24000-24189 for the period of **July 15 – August 18, 2023.** A motion was made by Mr. Blau and seconded by Mr. Pendery 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

Municipal Order MO-09-2023: A municipal order adopting the police policies and procedures manual was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mr. Blau to approve municipal order MO-09-2023. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Municipal Order MO-10-2023: A municipal order pertaining to the school resource officer agreement with the Board of Education. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mr. Blau to approve municipal order MO-10-2023. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Municipal Order MO-11-2023: A municipal order allowing the city to dispose of surplus property was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mr. Blau to approve municipal order MO-11-2023. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mr. Blau to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk