

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

**7:00 PM ABC Hearing: The Hidden Chapter Bookstore, Joe Ewald, ABC Administrator:** Joe Ewald opened the public hearing for the Hidden Chapter Bookstore at 7:00 pm. The legal ad read as follows: Application has been received from Hidden Chapter Bookstore, LLC, dba: Hidden Chapter Bookstore, 118 North Fort Thomas Avenue, Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075, for a Quota Retail Drink, NQ-4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink, and Special Sunday Sales Retail Drink License. The application is on file in the office of the ABC Administrator and will be finally considered at a Public Hearing during the Council meeting on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., at the Fort Thomas City Building Council Chambers located at 130 N Fort Thomas 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. **Signed: Joseph Ewald**, ABC Administrator. With no comment from the audience, the hearing was closed at 7:02 pm.

**7:02 PM ABC Hearing: The Green Line Restaurant, Joe Ewald, ABC Administrator:** Joe Ewald opened the public hearing for The Green Line Restaurant at 7:02 pm. The legal ad read as follows: Application has been received from Quarter North Hospitality, LLC, dba: The Greenline, 25 North Fort Thomas Avenue, Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075, for an NQ-2 Retail Drink, NQ-4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink, and Special Sunday Sales Retail Drink License. The application is on file in the office of the ABC Administrator and will be finally considered at a Public Hearing during the Council meeting on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., at the Fort Thomas City Building Council Chambers located at 130 N Fort Thomas 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. **Signed: Joseph Ewald**, ABC Administrator. With no comments from the audience, the hearing was closed at 7:04 pm.

Mayor Haas called the meeting of Council to order at 7:05 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, Jeff Bezold, Adam Blau, and Eric Strange. 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 standing in for City Attorney Tim Schneider was Joseph Grimme.

**Minutes**

**October 16, 2023:** The minutes from the October 16, 2023 meeting of council were presented for consideration. Motion by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mr. Ellison. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Visitors and Communications**

Mayor Haas presented Susan Stewart with a plaque recognizing her volunteerism with the Renaissance Board. He thanked her for all of her dedication to the city over the years. She will be greatly missed.

Joe Kruse from 43 River Road addressed council regarding a no parking from here to corner sign at the bottom of Garrison. Mr. Kremer noted that there is no need for a sign and since parking is tight on that street, he doesn't want to take away additional spaces.

Peggy Maggio from 37 S. Shaw Lane addressed Council regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

Joan Ferris from 66 Burney Lane addressed Council regarding the Design Review Board Ordinance pertaining to the minutes.

Sharon MacKnight from 62 Miller Lane addressed council regarding concerns about the Design Review Board and what they regulate.

Dan Gorman from 159 Tower Place addressed council. Mr. Gorman addressed his time on the Planning Commission.

### **Reports of Officers**

**Fire Department Monthly Report: Chief Chris Amon:** Chief Amon presented his monthly report to council. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to receive and file the monthly report from the fire department. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Police Department Monthly Report: Chief Casey Kilgore:** Chief Kilgore presented his monthly report to council. A motion was made by Mrs. McIntosh and seconded by Mr. Pendery to receive and file the monthly report from the police department. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**City Administrator's Report: Matt Kremer:** Matt Kremer reported the following:

- The 2024 Street Resurfacing Program will be presented to council in the next couple of months.
- The Tower Park Playground project started today on November 20, 2023.
- Mr. Kremer reviewed the legislation listed below on the agenda.

**Finance Committee Report of Disbursements:** The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 24491-34637 for the period of **October 16 – November 17, 2023.** A motion was made by Mrs. McIntosh and seconded by Mr. Pendery to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Mr. Strange. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### **Ordinances and Orders**

**Ordinance O-07-2023:** An ordinance amending the Design Review Board Ordinance was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve Ordinance O-07-2023. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Mr. Strange. The vote passed unanimously.

**Ordinance O-16-2023:** An ordinance adopting the waste contract through Rumpke, Inc. was presented to council for a consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to approve ordinance O-16-2023. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Mr. Strange. The vote passed unanimously.

**Ordinance O-17-2023:** An ordinance amending the committees of council was presented to council for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading. The legislation will be laid over for final approval next month.

**Ordinance O-18-2023:** An ordinance amending the Tree Commission ordinance to require 5 members was presented to council for a first reading. The legislation will be laid over for final approval next month.

**Municipal Order MO-14-2023:** A municipal order declaring surplus property in order to sell at auction. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to approve municipal order MO-14-2023.

Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Pendery, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, and Mr. Strange. The vote passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Ellison to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

---

Eric Haas, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

---

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk