

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024**

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 (arriving at 7:08), 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.

Minutes

March 18, 2024: The minutes from the March 18, 2024 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 retired Tree Commission members Barb Manyet and Mike Rice with a token of the city's appreciation for their dedication and volunteerism to the board.

Ken Bowman 60 Altamont and Crimson McDonald 703 S. Grand Ave. addressed council regarding lighting up the tower orange on June 7-9, 2024 in recognition of gun violence. It was the consensus of council to approve the request.

Peggy Maggio from 37 S. Shaw Lane addressed council regarding looking at the Zoning and Land Use section of the Comprehensive plan before continuing with the Zoning Code Update. *A copy of Mrs. Maggio's speech is available at the City Clerk's office.

Hillary Landwehr from 47 Woodland Place addressed council regarding the zoning code update. She reiterated Peggy Maggio's comments and noted that One Highland was built based on a "misread market and local scene."

Elizabeth Allegrini from 45 Lockwood Place addressed council regarding stopping the Zoning Code Update. She also noted that at the 11/30/23 Design Review Board meeting they approved putting a pergola at 10 Alexander Circle creating a precedence. The DRB then approved construction at 1 Alexander Circle in the rear yard, which is against the Memorandum of Agreement.

Dennis Pompilio from 40 Kathy Lane addressed council regarding re-addressing the Zoning Code update.

Reports of Officers

Fire Department Monthly Report: Chief Chris Amon presented the monthly report for the Fire Department. A motion was made by Mr. Blau and seconded by Mr. Pendery to receive and file the monthly report for the Fire Department. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Police Department Monthly Report: Chief Casey Kilgore presented the monthly report for the Police Department. A motion was made by Mr. Blau and seconded by Mr. Ellison to receive and file the monthly report for the Police Department. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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

- The Finance Committee of Council will meet on Tuesday, April 23rd at 9:30 a.m. to review the budget and tax rate. Staff is looking to have a first reading of the budget ordinance in May and a second reading at the first meeting in June.
- The Tower Park Playground construction is making headway but the crews have run into some setbacks. The playground should be mostly completed by July 4th. The city had to remove one of the large oaks in the middle of the playground because of it being a safety hazard. The city had to take out 8 trees but will be adding 35 trees which will make the canopy nice in the next 10 to 20 years.
- Highland Park Pickleball bid opening is this Thursday.
- Matt is rejecting the bids the city received for the Tower Park Tennis Court trail. They came in around 75K and should have been closer to 50K.
- The school received 5 million dollars projected over a two year period from the State of Kentucky to put toward the construction of the new soccer complex in Tower Park.
- The road from Sergeant Ave. to Army Reserve Road will be switched and the park will likely be blocked off for the rest of the project.
- Legislation: a spreadsheet was sent out to council with new and current appointments and their terms. The terms were not staggered over the past years, which created a large amount of people needing to be re-appointed at one time. The terms are now staggered and this should not happen again.

Councilmembers would like to have Board and Commission agendas sent to them and also have a copy of each boards minutes included in their council packet moving forward.

Finance Committee Report of Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 25197-25313 for the period of **March 16 – April 12, 2024.** 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. Blau and Mr. Strange. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinances, Resolutions and Orders

Municipal Order MO-05-2024: A municipal order re-appointing Dan Fehler to the Planning Commission for a one year term was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mr. Blau to approve municipal order MO-05-2024. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Municipal Order MO-06-2024: A municipal order re-appointing Jim Beineke to the Board of Adjustment for a four year term was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mr. Strange to approve municipal order MO-06-2024. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Municipal Order MO-07-2024: A municipal order re-appointing Dave Wormald to the Planning Commission for a three year term was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to approve municipal order MO-07-2024. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Municipal Order MO-08-2024: A municipal order re-appointing Jerry Noran to the Planning Commission for a four year term was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve municipal order MO-08-2024. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Municipal Order MO-09-2024: A municipal order re-appointing Tim Michel to the Planning Commission for a four year term was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve municipal order MO-09-2024. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Municipal Order MO-10-2024: A municipal order re-appointing Larry Schultz to the Planning Commission for a three year term was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve municipal order MO-10-2024. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Municipal Order MO-11-2024: A municipal order re-appointing Barry Petracco to the Design Review Board for a one year term was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mr. Strange to approve municipal order MO-11-2024. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Municipal Order MO-12-2024: A municipal order re-appointing Mark Thurnauer to the Design Review Board for a two year term was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Blau and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve municipal order MO-12-2024. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Municipal Order MO-13-2024: A municipal order re-appointing Jeff Sackenheim to the Design Review Board for a three year term was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Blau and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve municipal order MO-13-2024. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Municipal Order MO-14-2024: A municipal order re-appointing Benjamin Novosel as a member of the Design Review Board for a three year term was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to approve municipal order MO-14-2024. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Municipal Order MO-15-2024: A municipal order appointing Mike Morgan to the Board of Ethics for a three year term was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mr. Blau to approve municipal order MO-15-2024. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Municipal Order MO-16-2024: A municipal order appointing Randy Schultz as a member of the Board of Adjustment, to complete Susan Wingard's term, expiring on April 19, 2025 was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mr. Blau to approve municipal order MO-16-2024. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Municipal Order MO-17-2024: A municipal order appointing Brandon Raybourne to the Board of Adjustment, to complete Tom Duckworth's term, expiring on October 19, 2024 was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Strange and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to approve municipal order MO-17-2024. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Municipal Order MO-18-2024: A municipal order updating the Citizen's Renaissance Board was presented to council for consideration. Discussion was raised on the subject regarding new members and council review. Matt Kremer noted that we will follow this policy for a trial year and council can always decide to change it if needed. A motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to approve municipal order MO-18-2024. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Mr. Pendery and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk