

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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, Ben Pendery, Andy Ellison, Jeff Bezold, and Adam Blau. Absent: Eric Strange. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Matt Kremer, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Chief Chris Amon, Police Lieutenant Brent Moening, and City Attorney Tim Schneider.

Minutes: November 18, 2024: A motion was made by Mrs. McIntosh and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2024 meeting of council. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Reports of Officers

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

Recognition for the 2024 Citizens Police Academy: Mr. Blau recognized the businesses/people whose generosity helped to make the Citizens Police Academy a success. These were, Fort Thomas Coffee, Spyder Arms, Tracy Davis State Farm, Highlands High School, Tickle Pickle, Josh McIntosh Law Offices, Campbell County District Court Judge Cameron Blau, Erin Sizemore, Mike Zimmerman, NKY National Airport Police, NKY Drug Task Force and NKY SWAT.

Lauren McIntosh MC'd for the NKY Jr. Fire Marshall Art Show/Contest. She said that Eric Scherpenberg did a great job coordinating it and that she really enjoyed doing it.

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

- Rossford bridge is now open, there is still a few final things to clean up.
- Route 8 was closed for a watermain break, which is now cleaned up.
- Matt reviewed legislation.
- January 2, 2025 Special Meeting will be a generic swearing in for council and Matt will present his State of the City address for 2024.

Council indicated that they would like to look into changing the council meeting for January to the next week due to potential vacations due to the holiday.

Old Business

Midway Streetscape: Council took a look at the plans for the streetscape and the next step will be to put the project out to bid.

Finance Committee Report of Disbursements: The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 26393-26450 for the period of **November 16 to December 13, 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. Bezold, and Mr. Blau. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinances, Resolutions and Orders

Ordinance O-10-2024: Tim Schnieder read the title of the Unified Development Ordinance for the record. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve Ordinance O-10-2024. Mr. Ellison asked for the procedure on how to make updates to the document if needed. Mr. Kremer noted that if there are changes needed, he would meet with Kevin Barbian and Mark Stewart and then relay the information back to council. Mr. Pendery indicated that he looks forward to the feedback on the document and thanked the community on all of their input along the way. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Ellison, Mr. Bezold, Mr. Blau, Mr. Pendery and Mrs. McIntosh. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Municipal Order MO-28-2024: A municipal order appointing Ben Pendery to the OKI Board was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Ellison and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to approve municipal order MO-28-2024. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Mr. Pendery to enter into executive session per KRS 61.810 (b) deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency.

A motion was also made by Mrs. McIntosh to enter into executive session per KRS 61.810 (c) discussions on proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency.

A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Blau to enter into executive session for the reasons listed above.

A motion was made by Mr. Bezold to return from executive session with no action taken. The motion passed by 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.

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk