



**Florence City Council
Business Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, Kentucky, with Mayor Diane E. Whalen presiding as chair.

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:

Mayor Diane E. Whalen called the regular meeting to order and declared the regular session open for the presentation of all city business.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called, and the following five (5) members of council were present: Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, Duane Froelicher, J. Kelly Huff, David A. Osborne, and Gary Winn.

Councilmember Mel Carroll was absent.

Staff members present were: City Attorney, Hugh O. Skees; Business & Community Development Director, Joshua Hunt; Police Captain, Eric Bowles; Public Services Director, Eric Hall; Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll; City Engineer, Bill Viox; City Clerk, Nancy Zeilman; Deb McCarty, Community Projects Administrator; Videographers, Sean Kreke and Matt Miller; and, Police Officer, Josh Koors.

The following were also present: family and friends of the Fire/EMS Department, Battalion Chief of Prevention/Fire Marshall, Randy Childress.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020, business meeting. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Councilmember Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020, special meeting. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

OATH OF OFFICE

Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll, introduced the newest member of the Florence Fire/EMS Department, Battalion Chief of Prevention/Fire Marshall, Randy Childress. Mayor Whalen administered the oath of office to Mr. Childress and welcomed him to the City of Florence Fire/EMS Department.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE O-1-20:

An Ordinance adopting and approving a change in Concept Development Plan for a 0.09 acre portion of the 26.32 acre lot located at 4990 Houston Road, Florence, Kentucky to allow an electric vehicle charging station (Meijer).

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-1-20. Councilmember Aubuchon motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The Florence Aquatic Center Membership can be purchased at a 15% discount through April 30, 2020. More information is available at florence-ky.gov.
- There will be a Presidents Day display in the lobby of the Florence Government Center on Monday, February 17, 2020.
- The Safe Sitter program will be held on April 7, 2020 at the Florence Government Center. Visit florence-ky.gov for registration and details.
- The new baseball team name, Florence Yalls, has received positive feedback. The team name has obtained national press coverage including Garden & Gun Magazine, Barstool Sports, the Bob & Tom show and will have a story featured in the Wall Street Journal.
- Buddy Denham has served on our Urban Forest Commission for a number of years and his term expires at the end of March. Mr. Denham has requested not to be reappointed due to health issues. Requesting recommendations for a new appointee.

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

Department Heads:

Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll:

Chief Knoll did not desire recognition.

Captain, Eric Bowles:

Captain Bowles did not desire recognition.

Public Services Director, Eric Hall:

Eric Hall, Public Services Director, reported the following:

Miriam Drive – As weather permits, sidewalk installation will resume
Kentaboo Avenue – Completed the water main installation and will begin
sidewalks from Curtis to the new park
Tanners – moving forward as weather permits

Councilmember, Duane Froelicher:

Councilmember, Duane Froelicher, reported a social media post with the Florence Fire/EMS Department handing a young child a hat. He stated a simple kind gesture can go a long way. Also, Mr. Froelicher advised after attending a Florence Rotary Meeting, Carrie Herrmann with the Boone County Library Board, confirmed Florence will not be getting a new library. Currently, there are two positions that will be open on the Library Board and encourage the community to apply. The deadline is February 12, 2020.

Councilmember, Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon:

Councilmember, Dr. Aubuchon, discussed the flyer received regarding the Florence Antique Mall. The antique mall has been there for 20 years and currently has approximately 200 vendors. The antique mall is a gem in our city and has been nominated by City Beat Magazine as the best in Cincinnati.

Dr. Aubuchon requested an update with regard to the boil water advisory in Saddlebrook. Public Services Director, Eric Hall, reported anticipating the results to come back and will post on the website with updates. The areas affected in Farmview, Villages of Florence, and Saddlebrook affected approximately 266 residents. Initial plans reviewed, did not indicate the water line would be affected by the interstate work. However, there was a 12 inch section which was tied in and when the water was disconnected, the water pressure dropped. Once crews discovered the disconnection, the valve was found and shut down. When the water drops below 20 psi, a boil water advisory is put in place for safety precautions.

Audience:

No recognition requested from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Huff so moved, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote**, the time being 6:50 p.m.

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APPROVED:

/s/ Diane E. Whalen
Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Nancy Zeilman
Nancy Zeilman, City Clerk