



**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Blvd, Florence, KY, 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 six (6) members of council were present: Mel. Carroll, Dr. Julie Aubuchon; J. Kelly Huff; Gary Winn; David A. Osborne; and Duane Froelicher.

Not Present: All members present

Also present: City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice; City Attorney, Hugh Skees; Chief of Police, Tom Grau; Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll; Director of Public Services, Eric Hall; Business & Community Development Director, Joshua Hunt; City Engineer, Bill Viox; City Clerk, Nancy Zeilman, Videographers Mike McClanahan and Sean Kreke; Police Officer, Chris Boone. The following signed in: Reporter, Trish Scheyer; Brett Hoersting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019 business meeting. Councilmember Winn so moved with a second from Councilmember Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**SECOND READING**

**ORDINANCE NO. O-6-19**

An Ordinance adopting and approving a series of Zoning Text Amendments to articles 10, 23, and 40 of the Boone County Zoning Regulations to define and allow “Body-Art Services” in the Commercial Two (C-2) and Florence Main Street Zoning Study (FMS) Zones.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-6-19. Councilmember Winn motioned with a second from Councilmember Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**SECOND READING**

**ORDINANCE NO. O-7-19**

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O-21-11 to change the hours of operation of permanent Fireworks Retailers in the City.

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Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-7-19. Councilmember Osborne motioned with a second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

- Mayor Whalen discussed the inconsistencies that exist in the ordinances that govern the city’s boards and commissions. Some of the ordinances mandate that all members must be a resident of the City to serve. Unfortunately, that means if a Florence business owner who is not a resident of the city would like to serve on a commission or board, they could not be appointed. An example is the Urban Forest Commission. Its ordinance mandates appointees be a resident of the City. Mayor Whalen recommended to council that the Urban Forest Commission ordinance be modified to give City Council the option to appoint someone that is a Florence business owner or works in Florence but is a non-resident. She also recommended that we review other board and commission ordinances for possible modifications. Council expressed general agreement with this approach.
- The City of Florence is accepting applications for numerous positions including seasonal workers, Firefighters/EMS, and a position in code enforcement. Applications are available on the website.
- Student Ambassador applications are available and must be completed by March 29, 2019. Students will have an opportunity to work with departments and volunteer at events held in the city. Contact Vanessa Lenear for more information
- The Boone County Historical Society invited Pat Wingo to speak on March 31, 2019. She will discuss the history of Main Street and the planned renovations.
- The Florence Family Aquatic Center has a 15% discount on all membership categories until April 30, 2019. The form is available on the City of Florence website.
- The Florence Community Band will perform in the lower level of the Florence Government Center on March 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
- Mayor Whalen announced that Kenny Brown, Boone County Clerk, passed away suddenly. Services will be held Saturday. The Judge Executive will appoint an interim County Clerk until election is held in November.
- Mayor Whalen expressed sympathy to the families of Marion Schwartz, matriarch of Tom’s Papa Dino’s Pizza and JoAnn Johnstone, a retired Boone County school teacher.

**RECOGNITION**

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

- City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice: None requested
- Department Heads:
- Chief Tom Grau announced the following:
  - The Police Department has been awarded a Grant from the Matt Hoverkamp Foundation. The Grant will fund a K-9 for the department and will cover the cost of the training that is needed. The K-9 will be assigned to second shift and will assist the Drug Unit but will be a dual purpose dog.
  - Citizens Police Academy begins on March 13<sup>th</sup> and runs through May 1<sup>st</sup>. This program educates citizens on duties of the police department. Applications are available online.

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- The Rape Aggression Defense class (RAD) begins March 19 and runs through March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The Easter Egg hunt will be held at the Florence Freedom field on April 20, 2019. Gates open at 10:00 a.m. and hunt will begin at 11:00.
- Scott Knoll recognized and thanked the Police Department and the Public Services Department for their assistance at the Rio Grande fire.
- Eric Hall reported there are many Spring projects slated to begin soon.

**Councilmembers:**

- Councilmember Gary Winn encouraged everyone to attend the Mental Health Summit “Linking Together – Youth Mental Health Summit” that is being offered March 29 and March 30 at the Florence Baptist Church.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

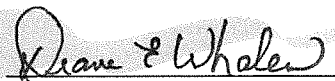
Mayor Whalen called for a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to K.R.S. 61.810 (1) (f) appointment, discipline, or dismissal of personnel and (1)(g) discussions between the city and representatives of a business entity – where open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business. Councilmember Huff so moved with a second from Councilmember Winn and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 6:52 p.m. Executive session will return to this room to adjourn and we do not anticipate any business taking place following executive session.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to come back into session after the executive session pursuant to K.R.S. 61.810 (1) (f) appointment, discipline, or dismissal of personnel and (1) (g) discussions between the city and representatives of a business entity – where open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business. Councilmember Huff so moved, with a second from Councilmember Osborne. **Council approved by unanimous vote, the time being 7:07 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Winn so moved, with a second from Councilmember Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote, the time being 7:08 p.m.**

APPROVED:

  
Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Nancy Zellman, City Clerk

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