



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 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 (5) members of council were present: Dr. Julie Aubuchon; J. Kelly Huff; Gary Winn; David A. Osborne; and Duane Froelicher.

Also present: City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice; City Attorney, Hugh Skees; Chief of Police, Tom Grau; Director of Public Services, Eric Hall; City Clerk, Nancy Zeilman, Videographers Matt Miller and Mike McClanahan; Police Officer Chris Boone. The following signed in: Reporter, Trish Scheyer; Katie Raverty-Evans; Public Services Superintendent, Jeremy Kleier; Sarah Ruiz, Thomas More University; Ed Mentz; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Arlinghaus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

JANUARY 22, 2019 BUSINESS MEETING

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 business meeting. Councilmember Winn so moved with a second from Councilmember Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

JANUARY 29, 2019 – SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2019 special meeting. Council Member Huff so moved with a second from Council Member Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. O-5-19

An Ordinance accepting the bid of Rumpke of Kentucky, Inc., A Kentucky Corporation, as the lowest, best, and most responsible bid for the exclusive right and privilege of entering in and upon the streets and public ways of the City of Florence, Kentucky, for the collection of all solid waste and granting an exclusive franchise for such purpose (2019).

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-5-19. Councilmember Osborne motioned with a second from Councilmember Aubuchon.

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Eric Hall, Public Services Director, requested the floor before the vote. He stated that during the January 29, 2019 council meeting there was a request to see a comparison of the increase to commercial service vs the current commercial service cost. He referred council to a memo dated February 6, 2019 and explained the comparison made between Rumpke A, Rumpke B, and Best Way.

Mayor Whalen explained that the city received bids on November 30, 2018. There were two bids submitted, Rumpke (current contractor) and Best Way. After an analysis completed by staff, they took the total value of the 10 year contract and determined that Rumpke was the lowest and best bidder which allowed the city to negotiate with Rumpke. That negotiation resulted in a reduction to the residential customer.

There being no further questions, Mayor Whalen stated that there is a motion and a second made to approve the first reading and called for a vote. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Monday, February 18, the City of Florence will be open for business. There will be a President's Day display in the Florence Government Center lobby.
- 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.
- Citizens Police Academy begins on March 1. This program teaches citizens various duties of how the police department functions. Applications are available online.
- Youth in Government will begin March 11, 2019. Approximately 1000 Elementary students will visit the Florence Government Center. The students will be educated on the duties of each department and how it fits into the infrastructure of the City.
Tuesday evening, March 12, is open to students that may not have the opportunity to visit during the week. Please check the City of Florence website for information.
- The Police Department is hosting a R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) class during March. Information can be found on the website.
- The Northern Kentucky House and Senate members invite the public to a meeting on February 16, 2019 that will be held at the Beechwood School Cafeteria. The meeting will provide a forum for constituents to offer input on issues during the 2019 Legislative Session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

- City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice: None requested
- Department Heads: None requested
- Members of the audience: None requested
- City Council: Councilmember Aubuchon explained that the Florence Planning and Zoning representatives will present the issue of Body Art Services in the City at the next meeting. You can contact Councilmember Aubuchon or Winn if you have questions.

Mayor Whalen explained that there are a large number of potholes in and around the City. The State Roads are the responsibility of the KY Transportation Cabinet. You can report to the Kentucky Department of Transportation by calling 1 800 Patch It. They also have a link on the website. If you have questions on who would repair your road, you are welcome to call the City for information.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Mayor Whalen did not call for an Executive Session

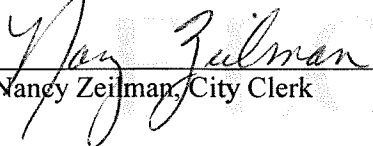
ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Huff so moved, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **The motion passed with unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED: .


Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Nancy Zeilman, City Clerk

