



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 26, 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; Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll; Chief Financial Officer/Director of Human Resources, Linda Chapman; Director of Public Services, Eric Hall; Business & Community Development Director, Joshua Hunt; City Engineer, Bill Viox; City Clerk, Nancy Zeilman, Videographers Matt Miller and Sean Kreke; Police Officer, Chris Boone. The following signed in: Reporter, Trish Scheyer; Best Way Disposal representative, Katie Raverty-Evans; Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission representatives James Younger, Kelly Schwegman, and Lynn Saddler; Community Events Administrator, Vanessa Lenear; resident, Heather Crosser; representative from Rumpke; Boone County Schools, Student Community Services Director, Kathleen Reutman; BCHS Cheerleading sponsor, Michelle Schuster and the BCHS Varsity Cheerleaders; Ockerman Middle School representatives, Principal Darla Payne, Energy Club sponsor, Ms. Jennifer Davis and three representative of the Energy Club. There were also numerous parents of participating students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019 business meeting. Councilmember Winn so moved with a second from Councilmember Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

PRESENTATION:

Ockerman Middle School Principal, Darla Payne, introduced the State Award Winning Energy Club and their sponsor, Ms. Jennifer Davis. Ms. Davis explained how the club competes in award programs and national competitions. They hold the title of top Junior Level Project for the state of Kentucky. The club visits other schools in the County educating them on their award winning program.

Three members of the Energy Club explained the subjects they present during competitions and how they show other students that learning about Energy can be fun.

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PROCLAMATION:

Boone County High School Cheerleading sponsor, Michelle Schuster, introduced the Varsity Cheerleaders. The cheering squad won Small Varsity Division (1) category at the 2019 National High School Cheerleading Championship held in Florida on February 10th.

Mayor Whalen read a Proclamation stating that Tuesday, February 26, 2019 shall be Boone County Varsity Cheerleader Day in the City of Florence.

PRESENTATION:

The City of Florence Bicycle/Pedestrian program submitted an application to the Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission for the Paula Nye Memorial Grant and was awarded \$3800.00. Vanessa Leneer, Community Events Administrator, explained that the Grant money will be used to reprint the pocket size trail map and to conduct other bike related events in the City.

Ms. Leneer announced that the Bicycle/Pedestrian program will promote the use of bicycles in the annual Memorial Day Parade and incentives will be offered to participants.

In addition, the Bicycle/Pedestrian program has partnered with the following; 1) The Northern Kentucky Health Department will provide bicycle education to the schools, 2) The Florence Branch of the Boone County Public Library will provide an exhibit on bicycles during the month of May, and 3) Mark Ball, Velocity Bike & Bean, will attend the City of Florence Neighborhood Night Out and educate the public on bike safety and maintenance.

Ms. Leneer then introduced James Younger who presented Mayor Whalen with a Grant check in the amount of \$3,800.00.

MUNICIPAL ORDER MO-2-19

A Municipal Order approving the appointment of Joshua Hunt as a Florence appointee to the Airport Noise Abatement Committee for a two (2) year term.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve MO-2-19. Councilmember Aubuchon motioned with a second from Councilmember Winn. **The motion passed with unanimous approval of Council.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER MO-3-19

A Municipal Order approving the appointment of Teresa Kraft as a Florence appointee to the Airport Noise Abatement Committee for a two (2) year term.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve MO-3-19. Councilmember Huff motioned with a second from Councilmember Winn. **The motion passed with unanimous approval of Council.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER MO-4-19

A Municipal Order approving the appointment of Lisa Wilson-Plajer as a Florence appointee to the Airport Noise Abatement Committee for a two (2) year term.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve MO-4-19. Councilmember Huff motioned with a second from Councilmember Froelicher. **The motion passed with unanimous approval of Council.**

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**FIRST 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 Aubuchon motioned with a second from Councilmember Osborne. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**FIRST 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.

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

**SECOND 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 Huff motioned with a second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR’S REPORT:

- Kathy Reutman, Student Community Director for Boone County Schools, reviewed the “Linking Together – Youth Mental Health Summit” that is being offered March 29 and March 30 at the Florence Baptist Church. Mayor Whalen encouraged parents, teachers, students and community members to attend this important event to learn how they may possibly detect a mental health problem in someone they know and how help may be given.
- The City of Florence is accepting applications for numerous positions including seasonal workers. Applications are available on the website.
- 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 educates citizens on specific duties of the police department. 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. An evening session is offered on Tuesday, March 12, 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Please check the City of Florence website for information.

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- The Police Department is hosting a R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) class during March. Information can be found on the 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.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

- City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice: None requested
- Department Heads:
 - Scott Knoll recognized the Florence Firefighters who teamed up with the Independence Firefighters to raise money for MDA.
- Members of the audience: None requested
- City Council:
 - Councilmember Froelicher recognized Officer Samantha Riley for a job well done. On a recent call, Officer Riley used great detective work to find a lost five year old girl.

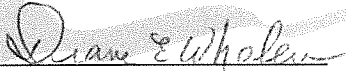
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Mayor Whalen did not call for an Executive Session

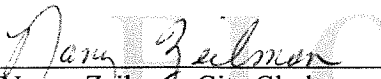
ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn Councilmember Huff so moved, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **The motion passed with unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:02 p.m.

APPROVED:


Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Nancy Zeilman, City Clerk

