



## FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 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 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; Alex Reynolds and Mrs. Reynolds; Kathy Reutman; T.L. Loring, Principal, Collins Elementary School, Collins Elementary Student Advisory Members, a representative of the Advisory Committee from Boone County High School, and parents of the students.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#### **March 12, 2019**

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

### **PRESENTATION**

Collins Elementary School Principal, T. L. Loring, introduced the Superintendent Student Advisory Members from Collins Elementary along with a representative from Boone County High School. The group presented their anti-bullying program called "The Kindness Project". They encouraged each classroom in the school to create a kindness poster to be displayed around the building. Other programs include a kindness segment during the morning announcements and "Good Deed Cards". The cards can be used if another student is spotted doing a good deed. The students encouraged everyone to join in this program and treat others with kindness.

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**FIRST READING  
ORDINANCE NO. O-8-19**

An ordinance amending ordinance No. O-37-91 relating to the Urban Forest Commission of the City of Florence, Kentucky.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. O-8-19. Councilmember Huff motioned with a second from Councilmember Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Mayor Whalen explained that the purpose of making this ordinance amendment is to expand the committee membership possibilities. This will allow residents, city business owners, or someone that works in the city the opportunity to be approved for a board or commission.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Whalen read a proclamation recognizing the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. She also reminded everyone of the Blue Ribbon Ceremony that will be held at Tom Gill Chevrolet on Friday, March 29, 2019. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at 1:00 p.m. Chris and Alicia Johnson, Special Advisors to the Kentucky Governor's Office of Faith and Community Based Initiatives will be the featured speakers. Mayor Whalen encouraged the community to support this important event to help end child abuse.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Mayor Whalen announced that due to the untimely death of Kenny Brown, Judge Gary Moore will appoint Justin Crigler as Boone County Clerk until the election in November.
- 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 Leneer for more information.
- The annual 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.
- The second Glow Orange Kentucky week brings attention to Work Zone Safety Week held April 8<sup>th</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup>. The Florence Water Tower will be glowing orange as part of the recognition. There will be numerous work areas in the city during the next few months. Mayor Whalen encouraged everyone to pay specific attention to those areas and the workers in them.
- 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.
- Drug Take Back Day is scheduled for April 20, 2019, 10a.m. until 2p.m. You may drop off at the Florence Government Center or Kroger located on Mall Road. No liquids or needles.
- Mayor Whalen mentioned the Great American Clean Up Event that will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a perfect opportunity for volunteers to help pick up litter along the streets and sidewalks of Florence.

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**RECOGNITION**

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice:

Mr. Wice announced that the City Council Caucus meeting scheduled for April 2, 2019 will be held at the newly renovated Evelyn Kalb Gathering House located in the Florence Nature Park. Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Department Heads:

- Eric Hall, Director of Public Services announced the following:
  - The online auction is scheduled to begin April 29<sup>th</sup> on Govdeals.com. The auction will include vehicles, furniture and miscellaneous equipment.
  - The public will soon be able to visit the city website to reserve shelters throughout the city. Reservations for the Nature Park and the Senior Center community rooms will be available as well.

Councilmembers:

- Councilmember Froelicher announced that he has been chosen as a chaperone on the next Honor Flight. He will be chaperoning a Korean Veteran. Councilmember David Osborne will be on the flight as well. Congratulations were offered to both of them.

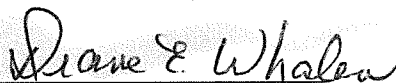
Audience:

- Kathy Reutman, Executive Director of Student Services for Boone County Schools, 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.

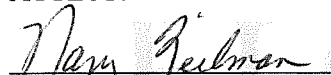
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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 Osborne. **Council approved by unanimous vote**, the time being 6:53 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Nancy Zeilman, City Clerk