



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 23, 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 four (4) members of council were present: Mel Carroll; J. Kelly Huff; David A. Osborne; Duane Frolicher.

Members Not Present: Dr. Julie Aubuchon; Gary Winn

Also present were: 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 Clerk, Nancy Zeilman; Videographers Sean Kreke and Matt Miller; Police Officer, Chris Boone. The following signed in: Reporter, Trish Scheyer; family and friends of students from A. M. Yealey School; family and friends of Matt & Jimmy Rose who received recognition; Representing the Haverkamp Foundation, Nancy Haverkamp;; Kentucky State Senator, John Schickel; Members of the Collett Family; Alex Reynolds, receiving recognition and his Mother, Step Father and Grandparents; Assistant City Clerk, Melissa Kramer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 9, 2019

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 business meeting. Councilmember Huff so moved with a second from Councilmember Froelicher. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

PRESENTATION:

Students representing A.M. Yealey Elementary Lighthouse Student Group introduced their latest project. The group is similar to a student council, working with teachers to problem solve.

Each grade is represented by two students. For the current school year, they initiated the Suggestion Box Program that allows students to give ideas and suggestions for problems or improvements they feel would benefit the school.

Mayor Whalen thanked the group for their presentation and for the work they are doing to serve at school.

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RECOGNITION:

Kentucky State Senator, John Schickel attended the meeting to honor members of the Collett family. Senator Schickel spoke highly of the family and their business and gave them recognition by presenting a resolution for the family members that have passed away since November of 2018. Those family members include, John Edward Collett, Anna Beth Collett and Robert William Collett.

The Collett family business has been a constant in the City of Florence for years, and the business remains an important part of the city.

Mayor Whalen presented the family with the Senate resolutions and thanked them for their dedication to the city.

RECOGNITION:

Chief Scott Knoll recognized Colin Myatt, Firefighter/Paramedic and Jimmy Rose, Firefighter/EMT, for receiving the “Door-to-Needle” award from the American Heart Association and St. Elizabeth. Thanks to their quick assessment of a possible stroke patient, the patient was given a chance for a favorable outcome.

Chief Knoll thanked all of the Firefighter/Paramedic/EMT’s for the efficient service they provide to the City.

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Whalen introduced Alex Reynolds. Alex, a junior at Ryle High School, participated in the Wyatt Debate League. After a very competitive debate that included topics on domestic and foreign policy, Alex was awarded first place as Congressional Champion in the Wyatt Debate League.

Mayor Whalen presented a Certificate of Recognition to Alex and congratulated him on his hard work. Alex’s interest in city government offered him the opportunity to intern in Mayor Whalen’s office. Alex thanked his family and other members of the debate team recognizing that this win was a team effort.

PRESENTATION:

Police Chief, Tom Grau, introduced Nancy Haverkamp of the Haverkamp Foundation. Ms. Haverkamp presented a ceremonial check for \$15,000 that will fund a new K-9 for the Police Department. The Haverkamp Foundation has funded sixty-three K-9s in this region in its fourteen year span.

Mayor Whalen thanked the Haverkamp Foundation. Chief Grau explained that this K-9 will be a dual purpose dog and will be assigned to a new handler on second shift.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Whalen explained that Kenny Vaught, a member of the Planning Commission, has accepted a job working for the Boone County Family Court and will need to resign his appointment to the Commission.

During a meeting with Mayor Whalen and Joshua Wice, City Coordinator, Mr. Ed Mentz expressed interest in filling the unexpired term on the Planning Commission. They feel he understands the responsibility of the appointment and would like to recommend him to fill the unexpired term.

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With approval of council, Mayor Whalen requested that the Municipal Order appointing Ed Mentz be placed on this agenda for a vote.

Councilmember Huff motioned to place the Municipal Order on the agenda with a second from Councilmember Osborne. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER:
MO-7-19**

A Municipal Order approving the appointment of Ed Mentz to the Boone County Planning Commission for an unexpired term.

Councilmember Osborne motioned to approve Municipal Order MO-7-19 with a second from Councilmember Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**SECOND READING
ORDINANCE NO. O-9-19**

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O-6-15 relating to lateral transfers of experienced officers from other police departments to join the Florence Police Department and experienced firefighters, EMTs, or paramedics from other fire departments to join the Florence Fire/EMS Department.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. O-9-19. Councilmember Huff motioned with a second from Councilmember Froelicher. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

RECOMMENDATION OF LITIGATION – A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE FORECLOSURE ON A PROPERTY.

City Attorney, Hugh Skees, stated that the Code Board has reached its limit in attempting to enforce and make the property at 410 Kentaboo Drive safe. Code Board passed a resolution recommending to City Council that litigation be initiated. A copy of the resolution was included in the council packet. The evidence needed to consider the case will be presented by Jeremy Kleier, Community Service Superintendent.

Mayor Whalen swore in under oath Jeremy Kleier before he presented the evidence. Mr. Skees then explained that the Code Board obtained a search warrant to evaluate the property. There was an extensive affidavit completed and each member of Council will receive a copy of that now. Mr. Skees then asked if the property owner, or anyone representing the property owner was in the audience. No one replied.

Jeremy Kleier offered the following evidence: The Code Enforcement Board has considered numerous violations on 410 Kentaboo Drive. The property owner, Ron Brown, has not responded to any notifications sent to 410 Kentaboo Drive, Florence, Kentucky or to another address on file, 1111 Plateau Street, Elsmere, Kentucky, 41018. The property owner has failed to respond to any violation or citation, and he has not requested a hearing before the board. There are fines and fees that total \$28,395.59 plus costs and have been assessed against the property and liens have been filed against the property to obtain payment of this cost. The Code Enforcement Board by resolution, in case number 2018-2006-PM, has recommended to City Council that a civil suit be filed in the Boone County Circuit Court seeking recovery of the unpaid costs, fees and fines. City Council is considering tonight, a recommendation pursuant to Ordinance O-35-05 to determine that the conduct of the property owner has demonstrated indifference to and disregard for the necessity of compliance with the applicable city ordinances. Each

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violation constitutes a present danger to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the city of Florence and materially interferes with the peaceful enjoyment of the adjacent properties.

Mr. Kleier then offered the details in the affidavit used for the search warrant as a record of the facts of the case. He requested that the affidavit be made part of the record.

Mayor Whalen asked if Council had any questions for Mr. Kleier. Councilmember Froelicher asked if the owner was still in the home. Mr. Kleier explained that the house has been vacant for a long time. There was a fire that destroyed the inside of the home but the structure is still standing. For the record, Mayor Whalen stated that we do not know what caused the fire.

Mr. Skees then explained that the appropriate action of Council will be to pass a Municipal Order. Mayor Whalen asked if Mr. Brown or anyone representing Mr. Brown was in the audience. No response. She then asked Council for a motion to place the Municipal Order authorizing and directing the City Attorney to file suit on the agenda. Councilmember Huff motioned with a second from Councilmember Osborne. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER:
MO-6-19**

A Municipal Order authorizing and directing the City Attorney to file suit seeking judgement for unpaid fines, fees, costs, and expenses. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve Municipal Order MO-6-19 with a second from Councilmember Froelicher. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- There are a variety of job positions available in the City of Florence. Visit the website for an application.
- 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 reminded everyone of the Great American Clean Up Event that will be held on April 27th. This is a perfect opportunity for volunteers to help pick up litter along the streets and sidewalks of Florence. More information can be found on the website or by calling the Government Center.
- Spring Clean-up week is scheduled for April 29th through May 5th. Computer and electronic equipment will be accepted. Confidential documents will be shredded. Check the website or call Public Services for more information.
- The City of Florence will be hosting the Memorial Wall sponsored and assembled by Kelley Elementary School. The theme of the wall is "Hero's Don't Wear Capes, They Wear Dog Tags". You may visit the wall at the Government Center beginning May 10th through the month of May.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

- City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice:
 - Mr. Wice reminded Council of the budget retreat scheduled for Saturday, May 4th beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Rosetta Training Facility.

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Department Heads:

- Scott Knoll, Fire/EMS Chief
 - Announced that the new ambulance has been inspected and was used for the first time today.
- Eric Hall, Director of Public Services announced the following:
 - The “Jughandle Project” started temporary striping along the curb of Weaver Rd and U.S. 42. They will be working off peak hours but residents could see more disruptions.
 - Eric reminded everyone they updates on projects throughout the city can be found on the Y’ll app.

Councilmembers:

None requested

Audience:

None requested

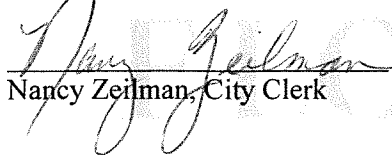
ADJOURNMENT:

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 Carroll. **Council approved by unanimous vote**, the time being 7:17 p.m.

APPROVED:


Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Nancy Zeilman, City Clerk

