



## FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Boulevard, 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: Dr. Julie Aubuchon; Mel Carroll; Duane Froelicher; J. Kelly Huff; David A. Osborne; Gary Winn.

Also present were: City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice; City Attorney, Hugh Skees; Police Captain, Greg Rehkamp; Director of Public Services, Eric Hall; Business & Community Development Director, Joshua Hunt; Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll; City Clerk, Nancy Zeilman; Videographers, Sean Kreke and Matt Miller; Police Officer, Chris Boone. The following signed in: Reporter, Trish Scheyer; Scouts and Scout Leaders from Troop #1; James Wilburs, new Police Officer and his family and friends; Assistant City Clerk, Melissa Kramer.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#### **April 23, 2019**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019, business meeting. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Captain Greg Rehkamp introduced James Wilburs as the newest member of the Florence Police Department. Mayor Whalen swore in Mr. Wilburs and welcomed him to the City of Florence Police Department. His acceptance of the position brings the department to full staff.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Eric Hall, Director of Public Services, announced that National Public Works Week will be celebrated May 20 through May 25. The City of Florence will celebrate by recognizing Public Services at an event on May 21, 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Florence Mall parking lot. Trucks and equipment will be on display and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

Mayor Whalen then read a proclamation recognizing National Public Works Week.

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**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Whalen introduced Erin Peabody, a Partnership Specialist with the U. S. Census Bureau. Ms. Peabody presented information on the upcoming census and why participation is important to each city and state. Kentucky received approximately \$16B based on the results of the last census. The Census is mandated by the constitution and allows for everyone to be counted.

The residents of Florence will receive their first notification of census letter around March 12, 2020. Newsletters and follow up reminders will be mailed to each residence over a three month time period.

Mayor Whalen stated that the City of Florence has representation on the Complete Count Committee based in Boone County and the project is well underway.

**MUNICIPAL ORDER**

**MO-8-19**

A Municipal Order approving the re-appointment of Eric Hall as the city representative and Joshua Hunt as the city alternate representative to the Intermodal Coordinating Committee of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments.

Councilmember Winn motioned to approve Municipal Order MO-8-19 with a second from Councilmember Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER**

**MO-9-19**

A Municipal Order approving and authorizing an execution of the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association Mutual and Automatic Assistance Contract.

Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll, explained the reason for the contract. The Fire/EMS departments in the eight northern counties of Kentucky entered into the contract years ago. It allows for cross sectional assistance in case of emergency. Changes were requested by the Board of Kentucky Medical Services that would include unit numbers. Changes to the appendix were also made. The intent of the contract remains the same.

Mayor Whalen then called for a motion to approve the Municipal Order. Councilmember Aubuchon motioned to approve Municipal Order MO-9-19 with a second from Councilmember Osborne. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- May 13 thru May 17 is National Police Week. Captain Rehkamp explained that it was created in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy. Police Officers Memorial Day is honored each year on May 15. Eleven Florence Police Officers are attending the national service that will be held on the Capitol Lawn in Washington D.C. The ceremony honors the officers that serve in their community.

The Northern Kentucky ceremony will be held at the Covington Police Memorial located at the foot of the Suspension Bridge on May 15 at 10:00 a.m.

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- The Memorial Day Parade will be held May 27. The parade will begin at Boone County High School at 10:00 a.m. and will end at the Florence Government Center. Bicyclists are encouraged to participate in honor of Bike Month, and there will be an award for Most Patriotic Float. Information and an application to participate in the parade can be found on the city website. At 11:00 a.m. the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the Florence Government Center Veterans Memorial.
- The City of Florence will be hosting a Memorial Wall sponsored and assembled by Kelly 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 10 through the month of May. It will also be available for viewing during the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Mayor Whalen welcomed the Boy Scouts and Troop Leaders from Scout Troop #1. The Scouts are working on their first class requirements which required each of them to ask a city/government related question. Mayor Whalen and City Council answered a variety of questions relating to taxes, budget, voting age, city responsibility, and many more.

**RECOGNITION**

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice:  
None requested.

Department Heads:  
None requested

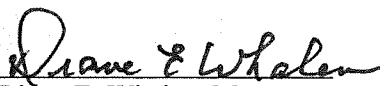
Councilmembers:  
Councilmember Froelicher reminded everyone that they can report any problem that they may see in the city by using the Y’all app.

Audience:  
None requested

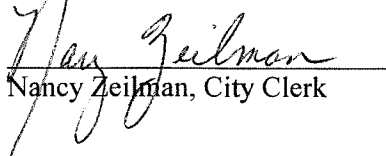
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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 Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote**, the time being 7:41 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Nancy Zeilman, City Clerk