



**Florence City Council
Business Meeting
Tuesday, July 28, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, Kentucky, 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: Dr. Julie Aubuchon (Vice-Mayor), Duane Froelicher, J. Kelly Huff, and Gary Winn.

Councilmember Mel Carroll and Councilmember David Osborne were absent.

Staff members present were: City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice; City Attorney, Hugh O. Skees; Chief of Police, Tom Grau; City Clerk, Melissa Kramer; Assistant City Clerk, Brandi Roundtree; and Videographers, Ryan Born, Sean Kreke, and Matt Miller.

The following was also present: Trish Scheyer, The River City News.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020, business meeting. Councilmember Winn motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Councilmember Huff. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

PRESENTATION – BOONE COUNTY SCHOOLS:

Superintendent of the Boone County Schools, Matt Turner, was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. Mr. Turner will attend the August 11, 2020 City Council Business Meeting.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE O-9-20:

Mayor Whalen read Ordinance O-9-20. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O-02-01, (last amended by Ordinance No. O-20-19) to change the times for regular meetings of the city council. The ordinance changes the date and time of the regular meetings of city council to 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-9-20. Councilmember Huff motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE O-10-20:

Mayor Whalen read Ordinance O-10-20. An ordinance of the City of Florence, Kentucky, amending the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year of the city (amendment #1), and providing for redemption prior to maturity of the outstanding bonds of the City of Florence, Kentucky General Obligation Public Project Refunding Bonds, Series 2008B and the City of Florence, Kentucky General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010. The purpose of this Amendment is to provide for redemption prior to maturity of all the bonds remaining outstanding of the City of Florence, Kentucky General Obligation Public Project Refunding Bonds, Series 2008B and the City of Florence, Kentucky General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance O-10-20. Councilmember Aubuchon motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Froelicher. **All councilmembers present voted aye.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The City of Florence elected officials and employees joined together to create an "Essential Workers Cookbook". The cookbook includes 246 pages of treasured recipes from the departments and people that serve the city. Anyone interested in purchasing a copy, the cookbooks are \$20.00. Please contact the Administration Department at (859)647-8177 for more information. Wonderful participation from our employees and elected officials.
- Florence Y'all's will have an Exhibition Game this Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 5:35 p.m. between the Y'all's and the Lexington Legends. The Season opener will be this Friday, July 31, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. against the Lexington Legends. Come out to the ballpark, wear your masks, socially distance, and enjoy an evening outside and good baseball.
- The city applied for and received allocation of the CARES Act funds.
- Mayor Whalen requested recommendations for openings on the Urban Forest Commission, as well as, the Florence Board of Adjustment.

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice:

- Mr. Wice announced due to the logistics and safety of the participants, Mr. Scott Spicher of the Honor Run made the decision to cancel the Honor Run for 2020. No events for the Honor Run will be held this year. However, a donation will still be made to the Honor Flight.

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- The Florence Community Chorus and Florence Community Band will not hold any practices or events for the remainder of 2020.
- Continuing to monitor the remainder of the city events for year and will determine which events are canceled as we are closer to each event and on a case-by-case basis.
- The Senior Center remains closed, however, continues to provide outreach services to the seniors within the city.
- City Rental Facilities have resumed following state guidelines. The city will continue to provide rentals as permitted. Please refer to the memo in your council packet for details.

Department Heads:

Chief of Police, Tom Grau:

Chief Grau announced recent promotions within the department. Corporal Jon Newton on his promotion from Corporal to the rank of Sergeant. Corporal Newton will replace the retiring Sergeant Craig Burris. An Oath of Office Promotional Ceremony for Corporal Jon Newton to Sergeant will be held July 29, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. The promotional ceremony for Officer Zac Eagler to the rank of Corporal will be determined at a later date.

Members of City Council:

None desired recognition.

Audience:

No one in the audience desired recognition

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Huff so moved, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **Councilmembers present voted aye**, the time being 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

/s/ Diane E. Whalen
Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Melissa Kramer
Melissa Kramer, City Clerk