



**Florence City Council
Business Meeting
Tuesday, August 27, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, 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 six (6) members of council were present: Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon; Mel Carroll; Duane Froelicher; J. Kelly Huff; David A. Osborne; and, Gary Winn.

Staff members present were: City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice; City Attorney, Hugh O. Skees; Linda J. Chapman, CFO/Human Resources Director; Chief of Police, Tom Grau; Public Services Director, Eric Hall; Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Knoll; City Engineer, Bill Viox; City Clerk, Nancy Zeilman; Videographers, Sean Kreke and Matt Miller; and Police Officer, Les Moore.

The following were also present: Melissa Kramer, Assistant City Clerk; Trish Scheyer, The River City News reporter, Brad Hall, Assistant to the President & Executive Director of the Appalachian Institute & Medical Education, University of the Cumberland; family and friends of the Fire/EMS Department recruits, Ben Riggs, Firefighter/EMT; Chad Hunter, Firefighter/Paramedic, and Chris Rayborn, Firefighter/Paramedic.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

OATH OF OFFICE:

Scott Knoll, Fire/EMS Chief, introduced the newest members of the Florence Fire/EMS Department. Ben Riggs, Firefighter/EMT, Chad Hunter, Firefighter/Paramedic, and Chris Rayborn Firefighter /Paramedic were all given the oath of office by Mayor Whalen.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Whalen introduced Brad Hall, Assistant to the President & Executive Director of the Appalachian Institute & Medical Education, University of the Cumberlands. Mr. Hall gave an update on the University. He announced that the University lowered its tuition which has proven to be beneficial for students. Mr. Hall also announced a new physician assistant studies program that is now being offered. Because there are only four universities in the Commonwealth that offer the program, enrollment has been very successful.

Mayor Whalen thanked Mr. Hall for taking time to educate City Council and the City of Florence on their programs.

Mayor Whalen presented the following for council's consideration:

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE O-16-19: AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LEVYING OF A TAX UPON REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY; LEVYING A TAX ON ALL FRANCHISES TAXABLE WITHIN THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY; SPECIFYING PAYMENT DATES, DISCOUNTS AND PENALTIES FOR THE FRANCHISE TAX ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS MEASURED BY THE DEPOSITS IN THE INSTITUTIONS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY; AND LEVYING A SPECIAL TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT SERVICE COSTS FOR POLICE AND FIREMEN IN THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM. (2019)

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance O-16-19. Councilmember Osborne motioned to approve, with a second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Whalen read a proclamation recognizing the month of September as City Government Month.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The Florence Family Aquatic Center is offering discount admission. Memberships can be purchased at a 25% discount through August 30. For registration and more details, visit the finance counter located in the Florence Government Center.
- Mayor Whalen reminded everyone that the city offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019, in recognition of Labor Day.

- The Boone County Senior Picnic will be held at the Boone County Fairgrounds on September 11, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the finance counter in the Florence Government Center.
- Pooch Fest is scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019, at the Florence Senior Activity Center. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. and the fee is \$5.00 per canine.
- Mayor Whalen stated that there is still construction, signs, and details to be completed but, the jughandle is open. Traffic seems to be flowing well.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE DENIAL APPEAL HEARING:

Mayor Whalen stated that the attorney representing Ms. Yingnam Xu requested that the hearing be continued.

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Whalen asked if any of the following desired recognition:

City Coordinator, Joshua R. Wice:

Mr. Wice did not desire recognition.

Department Heads:

Department Heads did not desire recognition

Audience:

No one in the audience desired recognition

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 Froelicher. **Council approved by unanimous vote**, the time being 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Nancy Zeilman
Nancy Zeilman, City Clerk