



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Florence Government Center, 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 to be open for the presentation of all City business.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called and the following six (6) members of Council were present: Gary Winn, Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, David A. Osborne, Duane Froelicher, J. Kelly Huff and Mel Carroll.

Also present were City Attorney Hugh Skees, Fire/EMS Chief Kelly Aylor, Police Chief John McDermond, Business and Community Director Josh Hunt, Public Services Director Eric Hall, Videographers Mike Setters and Matt Miller, Deb McCarty (Community Projects Administrator), Nancy Zeilman (Part-Time Administrative Assistant), City Engineer Bill Viox, Trisha Scheyer (River City News), Police Lt. Roger Allen and City Clerk Erin Courts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 19th, 2017 Special Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19th, 2017 Special Meeting of Council. Council Member Winn so moved, with second from Council Member Aubuchon. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER:

Municipal Order No. MO-1-18:

Mayor Whalen presented the following Resolution for approval:

A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LINDA SCHAFFER TO THE FLORENCE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND ZONING APPEALS FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM.

Council Member Huff moved, with second from Council Member Aubuchon that Municipal Order No. MO-1-18 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

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First Reading:

Ordinance No. O-1-18:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE STATEMENT OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS APPLICABLE ONLY TO THE CITY OF FLORENCE, FOR THE 2017 BOONE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AS PART OF THE REVIEW OF THE CURRENT BOONE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 100 OF THE KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTES.

Council Member Huff moved, with second from Council Member Aubuchon that Municipal Order No. O-1-18 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Martin Luther King Day – Monday, January 15th. City of Florence Offices will be open. There will be a display in the lobby honoring Dr. King from 9:00a.m. – 4:30p.m. The Mayor invited everyone to visit the display. She added that there will be people available to answer questions during display hours.
- Aquatic Memberships – Memberships are still available at a 15% discount until April 30th. If you want to take advantage of that discount, log onto the City of Florence website or call the Finance Department / City Building for more information.
- Training Session – Council will need to arrive at 6:00p.m. There will be a training prior to the 7:00p.m. Caucus meeting. It will be publicized as a Public Meeting.
- P&Z Dinner – On January 23rd at 5:30p.m. prior to the 7:00p.m. Business Meeting, there will be a dinner, as requested by Council, with the representative of the Boone County Planning Commission that represent the City of Florence as well as the Florence Board of Adjustments and Zoning Appeals and the Florence Main Street Committee. A notice of Special Meeting will be publicized for this dinner.
- The Mayor reported that Josh is compiling recommendations for discussion on how we can revisit and continue to work with Main Street and the East side of town. We continue to invest money into infrastructure but he is researching ways we can make improvements and give encouragement to business and residential property.
- Health Department – There was a press conference this morning regarding the sharp increase in HIV cases linked to injected drug use. The marked increase is in Kenton and Campbell County at this time. The concern also exists in Boone County. The Mayor noted that this will probably circle back to the needle exchange program so we need to be aware that there will most likely be discussion on this again. In Indiana, the Governor issued an executive order mandating needle exchange. This may be considered in Frankfort as well but we will know more as this unfolds and they try to address the concerns with the rise in HIV cases across the Northern Kentucky area.

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- Community and Activity Guide - In Mailboxes across city limits, the official Community and Activity Guide was distributed. It outlines 2018 and the City of Florence scheduled events, ways to contact us for Parks and Recreation, contact information for our department heads and other great information.
- Jughandle Project - This project has been delayed until April.

OTHER

- Mayor Whalen ask if any council member desired recognition; no one responded.
- Mayor Whalen ask if any department head desired recognition:
Public Services Director Eric Hall reported:
 - Street Lighting program is scheduled and will probably start mid-March. Project should take about 3 months to complete.
 - Grand Avenue water main project Phase 1 is complete.
 - French Quarters final phase plat has been signed. Infrastructure and building will begin soon.
 - Bid for jughandle project has been pushed to April.
 - Public Services staff busy through zero degree weather. 120 frozen lines 6 main breaks. Employees worked diligently through the holidays.

Fire/EMS Chief Kelly Aylor reported:

- Paramedics received the St. Elizabeth “Crew of the Quarter” award for the last quarter in 2017.
- Two paramedics received recognition for getting a patient to the cath lab within 50 minutes to save a life.
- Two apartment complex fires through the zero weather were reported in Pine Lakes and Shenandoah. Crews responded quickly keeping damage minimal. No one had to be transported.

Police Chief John McDermond reported:

- Each year the KSP gives an award to the officer making the highest number of impaired driving arrests. The 2017 award went to Rick St. Blancard.
- The Chief reported that we made it through the holiday season with no major incidents.

Mayor Whalen thanked Police, Fire/EMS and Public Services for their efforts during the 13 days of zero weather. They did a great job of taking care of the community.

Council member Froelicher asked Eric if we have an update on the Weaver Road project from the State. Eric stated that is part of the jug handle project.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:

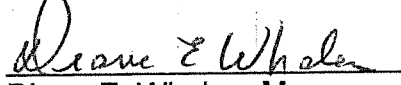
Mayor Whalen called for a motion to go into **Executive Session** pursuant to K.R.S. 61.810 (1)(b) Acquisition/sale of real property-where publicity would be likely to affect the value of property to be acquired for public use or to be sold by the City and (1)(f) Appointment, discipline, or dismissal of personnel. Executive Session will return to this room to adjourn. We do not anticipate any business taking place following the Executive Session. Council Member Aubuchon moved, with second from Council Member Huff. **Council approved by unanimous vote**, the time being 7:17p.m.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to come back into session after the **Executive Session** pursuant to K.R.S. 61.810 (1)(b) Acquisition/sale of real property where publicity would be likely to affect the value of property to be acquired for public use or to be sold by the City and (1)(f) Appointment, discipline, or dismissal of personnel. Council Member Huff motioned, with second from Council Member Winn and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 8:16p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

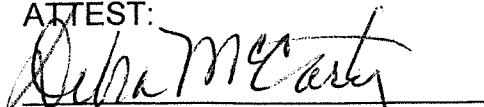
Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn . Council Member Aubuchon so moved, with second from Council Member Winn, and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 8:17p.m.

APPROVED:



Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Debra McCarty
Deputy, City Clerk