



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, March 13, 2018

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 13, 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 five (5) members of Council were present: Mel Carroll, Gary Winn, Kelly Huff, Dr. Julie Aubuchon, and David Osborne.

Also present were City Attorney Hugh Skees, Assistant Fire Chief Scott Knoll, Police Chief John McDermond, Business and Community Director Josh Hunt, Director, Public Services Director, Eric Hall, City Engineer, Bill Viox, Videographers, Matt Miller and Mike McClanahan, Police Office, Roger Allen, Comm. Projects Administrator, Deb McCarty, City Clerk, Nancy Zeilman, Trisha Scheyer, River City News, Thomas Judd (audience) Sara Ferguson and Dr. Joseph Daugherty(audience).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 27, 2018 Business Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2018 Business Meeting of Council. Council member Huff so moved, with second from Council Member Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

FIRST READING

Ordinance O-4-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. O-3-07 TO ESTABLISH INSURANCE COMPANY LICENSE FEE RATES AT FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE FIRST YEAR PREMIUMS FOR LIFE INSURANCE AND FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE PREMIUMS FOR ALL OTHER TYPES OF INSURANCE ACTUALLY COLLECTED WITHIN EACH CALENDAR QUARTER BEGINNING July 1, 2018, AND THEREAFTER (KRS 91A.080).

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance O-4-18 on first reading. Council Member Huff moved, with second from Council Member Winn that Ordinance No. O-4-18 be approved on first reading and held for second and final reading at the next Council Business meeting. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

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Mayor Whalen reviewed the history of the Insurance Company License Fee Rates. She stated that the recommendation was made in last week's Caucus Meeting to reduce the rate from 8% to 5%. It will cut 1.7 million dollars in insurance premium tax revenue to the city. The City realizes that citizens are struggling with paying taxes and insurance increases and it is the hope of the Mayor and Council that this reduction may help offset some of those increases. This decrease makes Florence among the lowest rate in Northern Kentucky.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-6-18

A MUNICIPAL ORDER DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND APPROVING A DONATION OF ONE OF THE SURPLUS UNITS OF A SEMI-AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (SAED) TO THE WASHINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN MAYSVILLE, KENTUCKY.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Municipal Order MO-6-18. Council member Huff moved, with second from Council Member Winn that Municipal Order MO-6-18 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Assistant Chief Knoll stated that some of the SAED's were replaced. A full time firefighter/medic is also a volunteer for Washington Fire Department. They did not have funding so they approached the Fire Chief about donating a unit

PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was read by recognizing Dr. Joseph Franklin Daugherty, II. Dr. Daugherty is a retired Bird Colonel in the U.S. Army, was born as a leap year baby on February 29, 1928, is a resident of Florence and a retired OB/GYN, who has attended thousands of births in his 45 year career in Northern Kentucky. Mayor Whalen hereby declared that March 6, 2018 be Dr. Joseph Franklin Daugherty, II Day.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Aquatic Membership - The 2018 Aquatic Center memberships are available until April 30th at a 15% discount. You may purchase a membership by contacting the finance department in the Florence Government Center.
- Youth in Government began today with three schools in attendance. There were demonstrations and presentations about how each department serves the community Tonight was youth in government night. Scout Troops, Home Schoolers and those who would not have chance to attend with a school were invited. Six additional schools will participate in the next two days. The kids seems to enjoy the program.
The Mayor thanked Deb McCarty for her hard work. She also thanked everyone that participated from each department and help to make this program a success.
- Northern Kentucky Health Department will have an Open House at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow (March 14) and a Ribbon Cutting at 4:00p.m. All are invited to attend.
- Student Ambassador Applications are due on the 30th of March. The information is available on the City Website.
- The Florence Police Department Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 31st at the Florence Freedom Field. Gates open at 10am and the egg hunt will be at 11am.

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- Mayor Whalen announced that Dr. Julie Aubuchon has been chosen as one of the 2018 Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky. Dr. Aubuchon was nominated by Mayor Whalen and will be recognized and honored at a celebration on May 1st at 11:30 a.m. at the St. E Training Center on Olympic Boulevard. She was chosen out of 35 – 40 applicants. Mayor Whalen invited all to attend the celebration.

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Whalen asked if any Council Member desired recognition;

- Council Member Winn ask Assistant Chief Knoll for an explanation of the new CPR unit that has been purchased.

Mayor Whalen asked if any Department Head desired recognition:

- Assistant Fire Chief Knoll explained that Chief Aylor and Captain Siever presented an award to several employees of Valassis on Dixie Highway for their outstanding performance. An employee went into cardiac arrest and the employees started CPR. The EMT's transported the patient to the hospital. After heart surgery and a hospital stay, the patient was released.
- Eric Hall reminded everyone of the Tennis Clinics starting on April 1st and the Great American Clean up that will be held on April 28th.
- Police Chief McDermond announced there will be a National Drug Take Back Day on April 28th 10a to 2p. There will be drop off area on the North side of the building.

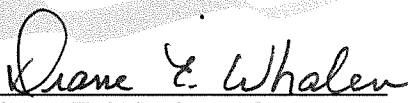
Mayor Whalen asked if any anyone in the audience desired recognition:

- No one desired recognition

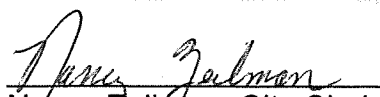
ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Huff so moved, with second from Council Member Winn, **and unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:24 p.m.

APPROVED:


Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Nancy Zeilman, City Clerk

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