

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
09-12-2017  
6:15 PM**

The City Council met in special session in the Council Chambers with Mayor Heaton and the following Councilmen:

Councilman Buckman  
Councilman Copeland  
Councilman Dones  
Councilman Kelley  
Councilman Sheckles  
Councilman Williams

Others present: City Attorney Tim Butler, CFO Tracy Hudson, City Clerk Mary Riley, HR Director/Risk Manager Greg Ashworth, Recreation Director Daniel Jeffries, Police Captain CD Marksbury, Nelson County Gazette Reporter Jim Brooks, Kentucky Standard Reporter Randy Patrick, WAVE3-TV Reporter Miles Jackson, Nelson County EMS Director Joe Prewitt, Shepherdsville Police Chief Rick McCubbin and citizens Kathy Kessinger Robinson, Jim Kraeszig, Larry B. Kessinger, Michelle James, Marti Kessinger, Regina Kessinger, Wayne Kessinger, Judy W. Kessinger, Konner Kraeszig, Jimmy Kraeszig, Sherry Johnson and Sam Johnson.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and announced that an Executive Session would be called near the end of the meeting pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) Discussions of proposed litigation against the City of Bardstown regarding a presentation of an offer of settlement and discussions concerning the offer of settlement.

**MINUTES**

**THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR 09-05-2017 WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF NEW POLICE CHIEF KIM KRAESZIG**

Mayor Heaton expressed his delight that someone with the credentials, experience and reputation of Kim Kraeszig would respond to the City of Bardstown's request to fill the position of Police Chief.

Mayor Heaton then administered the Oath of Office to new Police Chief Kim Kraeszig, which was followed by congratulatory applause from those in attendance.

**STATEMENT BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGARDING NEW POLICE LEADERSHIP**

Mayor Heaton thanked Chief Kraeszig's family, friends and colleagues for their attendance and support. He reiterated it was refreshing to see so much support from them and he was certain she has the support of the Council and community as a whole.

Police Chief Kraeszig thanked the selection committee for putting their trust in her ability to serve as the City's next police chief. She thanked the Council members and her family and friends and expressed she was honored to serve as Chief of Bardstown. Chief Kraeszig closed with assuring the community that she will work with an unyielding desire to make this the safest community and the best Police Department in the state of Kentucky.

Mayor Heaton asked Interim Police Chief Charles David Marksbury to come forward. The Mayor commended Marksbury on his experience, credentials and reputation. He stepped up when the City needed him, not once but twice, and thanked him for his service. The Mayor announced he would serve in the role as full-time Captain.

Councilman Copeland thanked the Mayor and the Selection Committee for their choice and she was ecstatic that the new Chief will work toward restoring the community's safety.

An informal break was taken at 6:27pm to allow Police Chief Kraeszig's family and friends to exit the meeting

At 6:30pm, Mayor Heaton resumed the agenda.

**CERS (COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM) PENSION PLAN UPDATE**

Mayor Heaton provided information regarding how the contributions required in FY 2019's budget would dramatically increase. He quoted the projections for the increase in contributions for Hazardous and Non-Hazardous duty pay employees and announced a Town Hall meeting would be held the following week at the Bardstown City School auditorium for employees in the CERS Pension system to receive information and ask questions. State Representative McCoy and Senator Higdon would be sponsoring the event.

**COBEC BUILDING RAMP & ENTRYWAY BID**

Recreation Director Daniel Jeffries explained the need for an ADA Compliant wheelchair access ramp to be installed on the exterior of the COBEC building for handicap access to the gymnasium. He has selected a concrete design and recommended Cook Contracting for the bid award.

**UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COPELAND AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE COBEC BUILDING RAMP AND ENTRYWAY BID WAS AWARDED TO COOK CONTRACTING.**

**CEMETERY DEEDS**

**THE CEMETERY DEEDS FOR DAVID A. AND ROSE M. BARNES AND ANDRE KADENDA WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**COUNCILMAN SHECKLES MOVED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(C) DISCUSSIONS OF PROPOSED LITIGATION AGAINST THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN REGARDING A PRESENTATION OF AN OFFER OF SETTLEMENT AND DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0. Time was 6:49pm.**

Councilman Copeland recused herself from the Closed Session at 7:30pm.

All attendees left the Council Chambers except for City Attorney Butler and City Clerk Riley.

**COUNCILMAN DONES MOVED TO COME OUT OF THE CLOSED SESSION AND CONTINUE WITH THE REGULAR MEETING AT 9:17PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KELLEY AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0.**

The minutes will reflect that no action was taken during the closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCILMAN KELLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:19PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SHECKLES AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.**

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN**

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J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Mary Riley, City Clerk