

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
01-09-2018
7:00 PM**

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

Councilman Joe Buckman
Councilman Kecia Copeland
Councilman David Dones
Councilman John Kelley
Councilman Bill Sheckles
Councilman Roland E. Williams

Others present: City Attorney Tim Butler, HR Director/Risk Manager Greg Ashworth, City Clerk Mary Riley, Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Eggemeier, Chief Financial Officer Tracy Hudson, Interim Fire Chief Charles Montgomery, Police Chief Kim Kraeszig, Electric Superintendent Jeff Miller, Staff Engineer Eric Richter, Systems Engineer Nahom Ayele, Nelson County Gazette Reporter Jim Brooks, The Kentucky Standard Reporter Randy Patrick, a reporter from PLG-TV and citizen Wayne Rogers.

Mayor Heaton called the meeting to order and recognized Mr. Rogers in the audience. Wayne Rogers is the President of the Buttermilk Festival and he presented a plaque on behalf of the Buttermilk Committee to the Mayor and Council in appreciation of the City's support of the annual festival.

MINUTES

THE MINUTES FOR THE 12-26-2017 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

FINANCIAL REPORT

CFO Hudson provided an overview of the 2017 Audit performed by Linda Gray with Percy and Gray Accounting firm. She addressed several specific line items and reviewed the three (3) recommendations made by the firm. She also indicated that the City's financial status is moving in a positive direction due the actions of the current Mayor and City Council. Mayor Heaton complimented CFO Hudson on how quickly she initiated dialogue with the Mayor to address current issues and implement a plan moving forward to avoid problems that occurred in the past. No vote was taken.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE B2018-01

City Attorney Butler read the following summary:

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE B2018-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADOPTING AS AMENDED AN ORDINANCE STYLED: "AN ORDINANCE CREATING CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND COMPENSATION PLAN."

This Ordinance amends Ordinance B2016-10, B2016-15, B2017-11, B2017-14 and CHAPTER 35, EMPLOYMENT POLICIES, THE **CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND COMPENSATION PLAN** of the municipal code by: amending the number of Authorized Positions, their title and pay grade and setting the ranges for pay grades for City employees for Fiscal year 2017-2018 and subsequent years.

The amendments and additions reflecting number of positions, title, and pay grade respectively are:

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT: **1 Administrative Engineer, Part-Time, 121**

This ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect following publication in summary as required by law.

COUNCILMAN SHECKLES MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE B2018-01 AS READ IN SUMMARY. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY CONCILMAN DONES.

THE MAYOR CALLED THE ROLL AND THE FOLLOWING VOTED:

COUNCILMAN KELLEY	-	AYE
COUNCILMAN COPELAND	-	AYE
COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN	-	AYE
COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS	-	AYE
COUNCILMAN SHECKLES	-	AYE
COUNCILMAN DONES	-	AYE

MAYOR HEATON THEN DECLARED ORDINANCE NO. B2018-01 ADOPTED. IT WILL BE RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK NO. 10, PAGE NO. _____.

AMENDMENT OF LEASED ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH WBRT

Staff Engineer Richter explained that WBRT requested the City conduct another rate study, since the last one was completed in 2014. The station has an interest in adjusting their timing and slots on Channel 19. That potential change and several other factors that contribute to a rate change calculation, a new monthly leased access agreement was reached.

CABLE RETRANSMISSION AGREEMENTS

Staff Engineer Richter gave an overview of the Cable Retransmission Agreements that the Mayor has been negotiating with the four (4) main cable broadcasting networks. He discussed the upcoming rate increase due to the increase in the pass through costs from the networks.

SEARCH FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF

HR Director/Risk Manager Ashworth explained that the search committee had conducted interviews with seven (7) applicants and narrowed the selection down to three (3) candidates. The final three (3) were presented to the Mayor who interviewed each and indicated he expects to finalize his decision the following week.

UPDATE ON STEPHEN FOSTER DRAMA / AMPHITHEATER

Mayor Heaton explained what he and County Judge Executive Dean Watts have been working on to address the current closure of the Stephen Foster Amphitheater. He indicated that the outpouring of support from the community has been tremendous and he anticipates working with Frankfort and local resources to resolve the issues that exist to ensure the reopening of the Drama prior to the start of the season.

REAPPOINTMENT OF SARAH BALLARD TO THE HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD

UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, DR. SARAH BALLARD WAS REAPPOINTED TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM TO THE HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD EFFECTIVE 1/10/2018.

RESOLUTION 2018-01 POLICE BODY ARMOR GRANT FROM HOMELAND SECURITY

City Attorney Butler read the following resolution:

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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND, UPON APPROVAL, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY (KOHS), TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY BY KOHS TO FACILITATE AND ADMINISTER THE PROJECT AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR THIS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City of Bardstown, Kentucky desires to make an application for Law Enforcement Protection Program funds for a project to be administered by Kentucky Office of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that an application for and approval of Kentucky Office of Homeland Security funds impose certain obligations and responsibilities upon the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 9th day of January, 2018, by the City of Bardstown, Kentucky; that

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and furnish all required documentation, including a memorandum of agreement, as may be required by KOHS for the furtherance of the above-referenced project and to act as the authorized correspondent for said project.

UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN KELLEY, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COPELAND AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, RESOLUTION 2018-01 POLICE BODY ARMOR GRANT FROM HOMELAND SECURITY WAS APPROVED.

CEMETERY DEEDS

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CEMETERY DEEDS FOR JOSEPH PORTER AND RITA BRINDLE WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Sheckles announced that the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration will be held on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 12:00pm at St. Monica’s Church. He indicated everyone was welcome to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Heaton announced that City employee, David Kimberland, will be retiring after thirty-two (32) in the Public Works Department. He commended David on his years of service and the number of employees he has trained in his three decades with the City. The Mayor invited the Councilmen to a luncheon that Friday to say thank you and good bye to Mr. Kimberland.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:45PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COPELAND AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

CITY OF BARDSTOWN

J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Riley, City Clerk