

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
10-30-2018
12:00 PM**

The City Council met in special 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 - absent

Others present: City Clerk Mary Riley, Assistant City Clerk Gary Little, Nelson County Gazette Reporter Jim Brooks, The Kentucky Standard Reporter Randy Patrick and citizens Scott and Brenda Thurman.

Mayor Heaton called the meeting to order at 12:00pm and reminded all in attendance that due to the nature of this special meeting, only topics identified on the agenda would be discussed.

MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE 10-23-2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

PAWNBROKER LICENSE APPLICATION – BUSINESS LOCATED AT 117 BANJO STREET

Mayor Heaton turned the meeting over to City Attorney Butler who reminded the Council of this Pawnbroker License Application being tabled at the last meeting. He referred to Ordinance Chapter 110, Section 110.03 CRITERIA FOR GRANTING LICENSE and the Council members had a lengthy discussion with the applicant, Scott Thurman. The results of Mr. Thurman’s criminal background check were discussed, along with his prior civil legal issues. Some Council members had concerns about these matters conflicting with the criteria set forth in the ordinance. Other Council members suggested taking the stance of providing a second chance for people. Mr. Thurman stated that he had hard times in the past but he is well versed at running the pawnbroker business, having worked with two (2) other local pawnbrokers over the last five (5) years.

COUNCILMAN SHECKLES MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAWNBROKER LICENSE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY SCOTT THURMAN. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COPELAND.

THE COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:

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

Based on the outcome of the vote, the motion to approve the application failed.

COUNCILMAN KELLEY MOVED TO DENY THE PAWNBROKER LICENSE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY SCOTT THURMAN BASED ON THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE IN SECTION 110.03 OF THE PAWNBROKER ORDINANCE THAT PROHIBITS A LICENSE BEING GRANTED TO ANY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR DEALING WITH THE SUBJECT OF LARCENY OR OBTAINING MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DONES.

THE COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:

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

MAYOR HEATON THEN DECLARED SCOTT THURMAN’S PAWNBROKER LICENSE APPLICATION AS BEING DENIED.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE CHANGES TO PAWNBROKER ORDINANCE

Mayor Heaton and the Council members discussed various options to update and improve the existing ordinance, to include potentially placing a time limit for having a misdemeanor conviction, having the City Attorney review the application and background check prior to it being presented to the Council, and requiring an annual bond to

observe the provisions of KRS 226.030 to 226.050.

City Attorney Butler will incorporate the suggested revisions and resubmit to the Council at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN COPELAND MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 12:46 PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0.

CITY OF BARDSTOWN

J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Riley, City Clerk