

CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
12/11/2018
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 Audrey Haydon, City Clerk Mary Riley, Police Chief Kim Kraeszig, Fire Chief Billy Mattingly, Staff Engineer Eric Richter, Electric Superintendent Jeff Miller, Nelson County Gazette reporter Jim Brooks, The Kentucky Standard reporter Randy Patrick, PLG-TV reporter Matt Gordon and citizens Frank Hibbs, Betty Hart and Pat Whelan.

ELECTRIC 4 KV CONVERSION PROJECT – BID TAB

Electrical Engineer Richter explained the recent Electric 4 KV Conversion Project bid that received two bids that were significantly higher than what staff had budgeted. Four electric conversion projects had been combined into this one bid and gave the end of the budget year for project completion. Local companies that did not submit a bid gave feedback to Electrical Engineer Richter that the timeline identified in the bid was not realistic. Electric Superintendent Miller said the projects included more poles and transformers than they had budgeted for and also supply and demand has negatively affected the availability of contractors with reasonable rates. The recent hurricanes down south has provided plenty of work and they are now in a position to charge considerably higher prices for their services. Both Richter and Miller asked the council to formally reject the two bids received and allow the electric staff to rewrite the specs of the bid, focusing on the south end including the Edgewood Subdivision and surrounding streets which is the priority area to complete by the end of the fiscal year. The other areas will extend past that timeframe. They anticipate receiving more than two (2) bids that are in line with their project budget.

UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN DONES, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN, THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE REJECTION OF THE TWO BIDS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE ELECTRIC 4 KV CONVERSION PROJECT BID HELD ON NOVEMBER 29, 2018. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES

Two corrections were identified in the minutes of the 12/04/2018 Working Session Council Meeting. Those corrections were to indicate that Joe Buckman was absent at the meeting, which would also change the final vote to adjourn to 5 to 0.

WITH THE TWO CORRECTIONS TO BE MADE BY CLERK RILEY, THE MINUTES FOR THE 12/04/2018 WORKING SESSION AND THE 11/27/2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

ELECTRIC OUTAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (OMS)

Electrical Engineer Richter described the Electric Outage Management System that is a new ESRI map that was created with the help of the City's GIS Mapping Coordinator David Evans to address the information gap that occurs during a storm that causes electrical outages. The recent outages that occurred demonstrated the need for the City to get information out to the public quickly and efficiently and by means other than just a phone line. Residents and commercial businesses want to know that the City is aware of their outage and when power will be restored. This new mapping system can be accessed on any electronic device and will display a map with the number of customers affected by the outage and an estimate time for service restoration. While this initial ESRI-based BETA mode will require manual updates and have more generic information, the new software expected to launch in the spring will have analytics and algorithms to provide more detailed data. The announcement of this new Outage Management System will come through a press release and information on the City's website and Facebook page.

REAPPOINTMENT TO THE JOINT BOARD OF ETHICS

Mayor Heaton recommended the reappointment of Christina Bradford to the Joint Board of Ethics.

UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SHECKLES, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, CHRISTINA BRADFORD WAS REAPPOINTED TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM TO THE JOINT BOARD OF ETHICS EFFECTIVE 12/27/2018.

SALE OF EXCESS PROPERTY ON OLD BLOOMFIELD PIKE

Mayor Heaton elaborated on how this property came to be owned by the City and the restrictions the land has due to existing water and sewer lines. He suggested parking would be the only use and proposed having an appraisal completed and placing the property for sale and out for bid. There was discussion about it being in the path of three reservoirs and the potential future needs of the electric substation across the street. The consensus was that a resolution would need to be presented to the council and approved, declaring this location as “excess property”. City Clerk Riley and City Attorney Haydon will have it prepared for the next council meeting.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilman Kelley thanked the citizens who voted for him and he hoped he met their expectations. He expressed his appreciation to his fellow council members with whom he served and to Mayor Heaton for the things they had accomplished together. Mayor Heaton thanked the council members for their willingness to serve.

CEMETERY DEEDS

THE CEMETERY DEEDS FOR JAMES AND MARIE HOURIGAN AND GARY AND HELEN LEWIS WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Heaton reminded the Council of the Shop Luncheon that will be held that Wednesday and the City Christmas party that was being hosted that Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN KELLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:26 PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DONES AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

CITY OF BARDSTOWN

J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Riley, City Clerk