

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
2-13-2018  
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 - absent  
Councilman Bill Sheckles  
Councilman Roland E. Williams

Others present: City Attorney Tim Butler, City Clerk Mary Riley, Police Chief Kim Kraeszig, Preservation Coordinator RaShae Jennings, Nelson County Gazette Reporter Jim Brooks, The Kentucky Standard Reporter Randy Patrick, a reporter from PLG-TV and citizens Jerry Janes, Nick Kipper, Peggy Waters, Jennifer Mason and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Wheatley.

Mayor Heaton called the meeting to order and asked those in attendance if they would like to address the Council.

**RECEIVE INPUT FROM PUBLIC**

Resident Peggy Waters who lives on North 4<sup>th</sup> Street near the Dinner Train addressed the Council and asked for their support in addressing the criminal activity that is occurring in this neighborhood. She detailed the instances of trespassing, theft, residential burglaries and car break-ins. Her neighbor Jennifer Mason has chosen to install a security system in her home since she works in Louisville and is gone for most hours of the day. Mr. Tom Wheatley who lives at 528 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street shared that he and his wife do not feel safe being in their own yard. He says they can't travel or go out of town because the last time they did, they returned to find evidence of a party in their driveway. He believes his property value has dropped considerably and all residents who spoke believe the issues are a direct result of the motel in the area. Police Chief Kraeszig had met with many of the residents prior to this evening and offered to do so again as often as they felt it needed. She reported on the efforts being made by law enforcement to deter the criminal activity in that area, but indicated it was occurring across the City limits. The transient population is likely a factor in the increase in criminal activity but it wasn't fair to blame it all on one particular business. She reiterated the Police Department's commitment to monitoring the area and addressing any criminal activity they encounter.

**MINUTES**

**THE MINUTES FROM THE 2-06-2018 WORKING SESSION COUNCIL MEETING WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

**SECOND READING – ORDINANCE B2018-03 Chapter 98 SIGN REGULATIONS**

City Attorney Butler read the following summary:

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE B2018-03

SIGN REGULATIONS

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADOPTING AS AMENDED IN ITS ENTIRETY AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CHAPTER 98 SIGN REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

Amend Section 98.05 Definitions as follows:

To add definitions of Campus, Campus Directional sign, Campus Master Sign Plan and Open/Closed Window Sign.

To amend the definition of "Window Sign, Interior" to clarify sign types not considered window signs or temporary.

To amend the definition of "Sign Administrator" to clarify that the Mayor of Bardstown designates the sign administrator.

Amend section 98.06 (B) (2) "computation of area of multi-faced signs" to clarify how back to back signs are treated.

Amend section 98.06 (B) (3) (b) to strike "is equal to elevation of the normal grade at the base of the sign" to clarify and applying to calculations of sign height.

Amend section 98.07 (F) to add "Changeable copy and internally illuminated signs are not considered interior window signs"

Amend section 98.10 (E) to clarify and correct the reference to section 98.11 (C) (b) (4)

Amend section 98.11 (B) (2) to strike “interiorly” and add “internally” as related to signs internally illuminated.

Amend section 98.11 signs requiring permits, subsections: (C) (b) (ii) (1) (a) (i); (C) (b) (ii) (1) (b) (i); (C) (b) (ii) (1) (c) (i); and (C) (b) (ii) (1) (d) (i) to add the following language “free standing signs may have two faces provided that the two faces are either parallel to each other or at an angled not greater than 60 degrees.”

Add section 98.11 (C) (b) (ii) (9) “Changeable Copy Window Signs” which provides requirements for those signs so defined limiting the type of display and its ability to distract the motoring public.

Add section 98.11 (C) (b) (ii) (10) “Open/closed Window Signs” to provide requirements and restrictions for signs so defined.

Add section 98.11 (C) (b) (ii) (11) “Campus Signs” to provide for signage to be permitted by way of a campus master signage plan. This section provides for the process of submitting a master sign plan and the criteria under which a master sign plan is evaluated and approved.

Amend section 98.11, subsections (C) (b) (ii) (1) (c) (ii) (c) and (C) (b) (ii) (1) (d) (ii) (c) to strike “seventy” and add “one hundred” square feet as the allowed maximum sign size.

Amend section 98.11 (C) (b) (ii) (5) “Landmark signs, provided” to add subsection (c) “Such signs shall be a substitute for, or in lieu of, one (1) permitted sign for the principal use”

This ordinance will also readopt in full Section 98 “Signs” of the Bardstown Code of Ordinance as amended.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY:**

That from and after the passage, approval, and publication of this Ordinance, Chapter 98: Sign Regulations is amended and readopted in its entirety. (See Attached).

**COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE B2018-03 AS READ IN SUMMARY. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY CONCILMAN BUCKMAN.**

**THE MAYOR CALLED THE ROLL AND THE FOLLOWING VOTED:**

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

**MAYOR HEATON THEN DECLARED ORDINANCE NO. B2018-03 ADOPTED. IT WILL BE RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK NO. 10, PAGE NO. \_\_\_\_\_.**

**REPORTS OF STAFF AND COMMITTEES**

Police Chief Kraeszig reported that earlier that day she hosted the Cupcakes with Cops event that was held at the Just Baked bakery. As with previous events hosted by the Police Department, it was an opportunity for residents to meet one on one with officers and discuss issues or concerns.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DONES, THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RICK CALDWELL TO A THREE YEAR TERM ON THE CITY’S TREE BOARD WAS APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 0.**

**UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN DONES, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, THE REAPPOINTMENT OF NICK KIPPER TO A THREE YEAR TERM ON THE CITY’S TREE BOARD WAS APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 0.**

**UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SHECKLES, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COPELAND, THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DANNY REID TO A FOUR YEAR TERM ON THE CITY’S BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS WAS APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 0.**

**UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN DONES, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LARRY TANNER TO A FOUR YEAR TERM ON THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD WAS APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 0.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Sheckles reported that he had been in Frankfort participating in discussions about the current pension crisis and he explained the recommendation by the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) to have the vote of the CERS (County Employee Retirement System) representatives on the Retirement Board be counted twice since there is a

disparity in the number of representatives on the board compared to the assets and funding coming from CERS. Of the seventeen (17) representatives on the Retirement Board, only six (6) represent the interest of CERS members.

Councilman Copeland complimented Preservation Coordinator Rashae Jennings on the recent workshop she held that focused on replacing historic windows. She said it was very informative and she looked forward to the next workshop to be offered.

Mayor Heaton reported that progress is being made on the robotics classroom at the COBEC building. Work continues and an open house will be offered soon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCILMAN SHECKLES MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0.**

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN**

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J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Mary Riley, City Clerk