

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
4-10-2018  
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, City Clerk Mary Riley, HR Director/Risk Manager Greg Ashworth, Chief Financial Officer Tracy Hudson, Police Chief Kim Kraeszig, Fire Chief Billy Mattingly, Nelson County Gazette Reporter Jim Brooks, The Kentucky Standard Reporter Randy Patrick, PLG-TV reporter Scott Cederholm and citizens Nick Kipper and Pat Whelan.

**MINUTES**

**THE MINUTES FOR THE 4-03-2018 WORKING SESSION COUNCIL MEETING WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Heaton reported CFO Hudson has a rough draft of the budget for FY 2018-2019. After April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the City will be aware of the outcome for employee pensions and the State budget. Figures for salary and benefits can then be identified and the budget can be modified.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING REPORT**

Police Chief Kraeszig reported on the current staffing levels of the Police Department. When Chief Kraeszig came on board there were six (6) vacancies, all of which have been filled. Three (3) additional civilian employees gives the department thirty (30) employees total. Scheduling changes are being made to address the over \$40,000 spent in overtime. Prior to these changes implemented by Chief Kraeszig, the department was operating on a twelve (12) hour shift, which was strenuous on the officers. The schedule has been changed to a ten (10) hour shift with 3 platoons. A four (4) hour overlap of two (2) platoons will allow the department to become more proactive rather than reactive. During the overlap, officers will conduct foot patrol, warrant detail and traffic details, in addition to answering calls. Hot spot policing is occurring which consists of officers focusing on areas with more crime that tend to be more problematic. Officers are also monitoring the open air drug market activity.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING REPORT**

Fire Chief Mattingly reported that the Fire Department is fully staffed, except for one (1) full time position and one (1) part time position. The staffing levels allow for three (3) platoons, five (5) full time firefighters on each platoon, with three (3) units able to respond to a call. Having three (3) units able to respond to calls will help the ISO inspection tremendously. Currently, the Fire Department has eighteen (18) volunteers which include four (4) support personnel that do not engage in firefighting and three (3) that are not in good standing. One (1) junior firefighter is enrolled and a staff member is working on the junior firefighter program in order to increase participation. A volunteer class for new firefighters begins April 17<sup>th</sup> and approximately a dozen people are enrolled. It will take close to a year to get them fully trained.

**RESOLUTION 2018-05 CHLORAMINE – KIA AGREEMENT**

City Attorney Butler read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2018-05**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY APPROVING  
AND AUTHORIZING AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY AND THE KENTUCKY  
INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, (“governing authority”) of the City of Bardstown, Kentucky, (“Governmental Agency”) has previously determined that it is in the public interest to acquire certain facilities and improvements to the Governmental Agency’s Water and Sewer System (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Governmental Agency has made application to the Kentucky

Infrastructure Authority (the "Authority") for the purpose of providing monies to construct the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to obtain such monies, the Governmental Agency is required to enter into an Assistance Agreement with the Authority;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Bardstown, Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the governing authority hereby approves and authorizes of the Assistance Agreement between the Governmental Agency and the Authority substantially in the form on file with the Governmental Agency for the purpose of providing the necessary financing to the Governmental Agency for the Project.

SECTION 2. That any officer of the Governmental Agency be and hereby is authorized, directed and empowered to execute necessary documents or agreements, and to otherwise act on behalf of the Governmental Agency to effect such financing.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect at the earliest time provided by law.

**UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DONES, RESOLUTION R2018-05 ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN AND KENTUCKY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY WAS APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED 6 TO 0.**

**RESOLUTION 2018-06 AREA DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR WELCOME TO BARDSTOWN SIGN**

City Attorney Butler read the following:

**RESOLUTION 2018-06**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bardstown has applied for Area Development Funds (ADF) in the amount of \$8,173.00 to be used toward the cost of the construction of the "Welcome to Bardstown" sign located on Hwy 31E north; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is estimated to cost \$9,673.00 and the City will use the entire ADF allocation of \$8,173.00 towards the "Welcome to Bardstown" sign project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Bardstown will utilize money from the City's general fund to cover any costs incurred over the amount of the Area Development Fund Allocation.

**UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN COPELAND, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN, RESOLUTION R2018-06 WAS APPROVED ALLOWING AREA DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR A WELCOME TO BARDSTOWN SIGN ON US-31E. MOTION CARRIED 6 TO 0.**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Sheckles explained that the Kentucky Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (KBC-LEO) Annual Summit will be held in Bardstown on April 27-28, 2018 at Kreso's Restaurant. A donation is requested to support the hospitality reception. City Attorney Butler explained the Kentucky League of City's interpretation of how money can be used to sponsor the event. Five hundred dollars (\$500) of the Council's contingency fund and five hundred dollars (\$500) from the Mayor's contingency fund would be used for the reception.

**UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SHECKLES, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DONES, \$500 FROM COUNCIL AND \$500 FROM MAYOR CONTINGENCY FUND WAS APPROVED FOR THE KBC-LEO RECEPTION. MOTION CARRIED 6 TO 0.**

**CITY OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION**

Mayor Heaton introduced the topic of the monthly compensation received by the Council members and the need for a rate increase. No raise has been awarded to City Officials in twenty (20) years, since Mayor Doctor Harry Spalding was in office in 1998. The current rate is \$750 a month per Council member. CFO Hudson will do some research to see what other City's rates are for City Officials that are similar to our City. Councilman Buckman asked that the Mayor's compensation also be researched since no increase has occurred in the same twenty (20) years. The compensation rate will need to be addressed by the first Monday in May in the year the Official is elected, since it cannot be changed during the term in which they are serving.

Mayor Heaton also requested the topic of City Administrator be given some thought. Due to the growth of the services we offer and the increase in the number of people we serve, a City Administrator could address many of the issues, concerns and needs that arise. This position would also provide continuity for the City no matter who was elected through the years. Mayor Heaton compared the position of City Administrator to a Chief Operating Officer, stating that the ten (10) subsidiaries that the City has would more likely report to a COO or an Executive Vice President when you have a company with a \$53 million budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:44 PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DONES 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