

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
4-30-2018  
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

Others present: City Attorney Tim Butler, City Clerk Mary Riley, HR Director/Risk Manager Greg Ashworth, Fire Chief Billy Mattingly, Nelson County Gazette Reporter Jim Brooks, The Kentucky Standard Reporter Randy Patrick, PLG-TV reporter Matt Gordon and citizen Pen Bogert.

**DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE B2018-08 CHAPTER 90 ANIMALS**

Mayor Heaton opened the floor for discussion pertaining to the topic of Urban Agriculture and the proposed ordinance allowing chickens in the City limits. City Attorney Butler provided an overview of the progression of this proposed ordinance and pointed out the substantive changes that have occurred. Based on the dialogue between Council members, there are several items in the ordinance that cause concern. Some of those items include the length of the setback from an adjoining property, the combined number of chickens and chicks allowed, the height of the coop being taller than an allowable privacy fence, whether the runs should be covered and lastly the lack of ability to enforce the guidelines set forth in the ordinance. No Council member was prepared to sponsor and introduce the ordinance for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading in its current form so the item is to be removed from the agenda of the next meeting.

**DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE B2018-10 CHAPTER 32 CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Heaton invited discussion of a potential increase in the monthly compensation for those Council members seated after the next election. The current compensation had not been increased since March 1998. A lengthy discussion and exchange of ideas and dollar amounts followed.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE B2018-10 CHAPTER 32 CITY COUNCIL**

Councilman Kelley introduced Ordinance B2018-10 Chapter 32 City Council and asked that it be read in full.

City Attorney Butler read the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. B2018-10**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADOPTING AS AMENDED AN ORDINANCE RELATING  
TO CHAPTER 32 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN'S CODE OF  
ORDINANCES**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY DOES ORDAIN AS  
FOLLOWS:**

That amendments be made to CHAPTER 32: CITY COUNCIL, Section 32.05 Compensation of Council Member of the City of Bardstown's Code of Ordinances as follows:

**§ 32.05 COMPENSATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER.**

Each Council member shall be paid the sum of [~~\$750.00~~] **\$1,250** per month, **and shall be adjusted annually to increase compensation by the amount equal to the increase in the consumer price index for the preceding year as calculated by the Department for Local Government.**

(Ord. 646, passed 3-24-98)

All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

**DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE B2018-09 CHAPTER 31 MAYOR**

Mayor Heaton referred to pay scales used by other cities to compensate the Mayor that could be potentially be used as a guideline and he shared what he thought was an acceptable monthly compensation rate. The Council and Mayor discussed various options and appeared to come to a consensus.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE B2018-09 CHAPTER 31 MAYOR**

Councilman Dones introduced Ordinance B2018-09 Chapter 31 Mayor and asked that it be read in full.

City Attorney Butler read the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. B2018-09**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADOPTING AS AMENDED AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CHAPTER 31 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN’S CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

That amendments be made to CHAPTER 31: MAYOR, Section 31.04 Compensation of the City of Bardstown’s Code of Ordinances as follows:

**§ 31.04 COMPENSATION.**

The Mayor shall be paid the sum of [~~\$1,500~~] **\$2,500** per month, **and shall be adjusted annually to increase compensation by the amount equal to the increase in the consumer price index for the preceding year as calculated by the Department for Local Government.**

(Ord. 645, passed 3-24-98)

All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 1:04 PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN 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