

CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
8/14/2018
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, Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Eggemeier, HR Director/Risk Manager Greg Ashworth, Chief Financial Officer Tracy Hudson, Police Chief Kim Kraeszig, Fire Chief Billy Mattingly, Police Officer Brandon Yates and members of his family, Nelson County Gazette Reporter Jim Brooks, The Kentucky Standard Reporter Randy Patrick, PLG-TV reporter Matt Gordon and citizens Annette Beavers Filiatreau, her son Jude Filiatreau and other members of their family, Pat Whelan, Linda McCloskey, Frankie Hibbs III, Betty Kelley Hart, Jack Kelley and Willie Edelen.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER BRANDON YATES

Police Chief Kraeszig introduced Officer Yates and explained that he had recently completed twenty six (26) grueling weeks at the Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) Recruit Academy. Brandon is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and holds a Bachelor Degree in Communications. Family members joined him for the ceremony.

Mayor Heaton administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Yates which was followed by congratulatory applause. Officer Yates shared that he was excited to be here and grateful to Chief Kraeszig for the opportunity and that he was looking forward to working for us all and beside us all.

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Heaton asked if Annette Beavers Filiatreau would like to address the Council. She presented to CFO Hudson the payment of her fine that was imposed by Judge Seay for her contempt of court charge. After a very brief exchange between her and Mayor Heaton, it was advised by City Attorney Butler that discussion be suspended since this was a matter under litigation.

MINUTES

THE MINUTES FOR THE 8/7/2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

FINANCIAL REPORT

CFO Hudson distributed a spreadsheet that provided a comparison of the tax rate last year to the options available this year. The Mayor and Council reviewed the figures and various tax rates and how they would impact the amount of revenue collected. Mayor Heaton suggested that the rate of 18.12 from last year be reduced to 17.90. This would generate 3.88% in revenue. If the City kept the 18.12 rate from last year, it would generate a 4.9% increase in revenue over last year and would be subject to a recall vote. After discussion and a general consensus by the Council, it was agreed that the First Reading for the 3.88% Tax Rate Ordinance would be scheduled for the next meeting.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE B2018 – Repealing of Code Enforcement Board

Councilman Dones introduced the ordinance that would repeal the Code Enforcement Board that has been inactive for almost two (2) years. City Attorney Butler gave the first reading. No votes were taken.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE B2018 – Repealing of Code Enforcement Civil Penalties or Fines

Councilman Sheckles introduced the ordinance that would repeal the civil penalties and fines previously imposed by the Code Enforcement Board and he asked that it be read in summary. City Attorney Butler gave the first reading. No votes were taken.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE B2018 – Classification and Compensation Plan

Councilman Williams introduced the ordinance that would change and update the classification and compensation plan for employees in FY18-19, and he asked that it be read in summary. City Attorney Butler gave the first reading. No votes were taken.

OSCAR GETZ MUSEUM REVISED DONATION REQUEST

Executive Director of the Bardstown Historical Development Corporation, Linda McCloskey, appeared before the Council to present her revised donation request. She presented and read a written description of the importance of signage for Spalding Hall and circulated pictures of the existing signs around town to demonstrate how difficult they were to see. She also presented a price quote from Edelen Sign & Graphics for several signs she is proposing. The Council discussed their interest in approving a donation for the Oscar Getz Museum and their inability to assist with signage for Spalding Hall which houses several private businesses. Willie Edelen added that he understands the restrictions and will adjust his price quote to only address signage for the Oscar Getz Museum. The revisions will be presented at a future meeting.

ST. JOE’S MONTESSORI CHILDREN’S CENTER 5K COLOR RUN ON 11/03/18

COUNCILMAN DONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM ST. JOE’S MONTESSORI CHILDREN’S CENTER FOR A 5K COLOR RUN ON 11/03/2018, CONTINGENT UPON THE ORGANIZERS WORKING WITH THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS ISSUES SUCH AS TRAFFIC CONTROL AND RESIDENT SAFETY. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0. Councilman Kelley chose to abstain from voting.

NEW LIFE CENTER ANNUAL 5K COLOR RUN ON 11/22/2018 - THANKSGIVING DAY

COUNCILMAN COPELAND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE NEW LIFE CENTER’S 5K COLOR RUN ON THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2018. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SHECKLES AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0. Councilman Kelley chose to abstain from voting.

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 114 ALCOHOL BEVERAGES

Assistant City Clerk Eggemeier explained to the Council that the proposed changes included adding several licenses to mirror what the State offers, adding definitions to existing licenses so new applicants would have a better understanding of what type of license they will need and an increase in some fees. City Attorney Butler addressed the letter submitted by the Bourbon Capital Community Alliance that requested an amendment of the local ordinance regarding hours of sale to allow for the sale of alcohol on Sundays beginning at 10:00am instead of 1:00pm as it currently stands. The change in time would allow Bardstown to compete with communities like Louisville and Lexington and bring in additional revenue to local businesses. This request has the support of NCEDA, the Chamber of Commerce, the Bardstown Main Street Association, the Tourist Commission and the Kentucky Bourbon Festival. With a general consensus, the First Reading of the ordinance will be held at the next meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Sheckles reminded the attendees that the 24th Annual Buttermilk Festival begins next Thursday, August 23rd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Riley explained that a new publication from the Office of the Attorney General was being distributed. The document entitled “Your Duty Under the Law” has been updated so it is being distributed to all elected or appointed officials of any local legislative body, local government board, commission, authority and committee. Also included is the document “Managing Public Records”. Distribution of these documents is a statutory requirement any time a newly revised version is available. Clerk Riley asked that each Councilman complete the Proof of Receipt form and return it to her at the end of the meeting.

PLG-TV INSERTION CONTRACT RENEWAL

Mayor Heaton explained that the City has had a contract with PLV-TV for at least twenty (20) years that is set to expire at the end of December. Each contract spans a five (5) year term in which PLG-TV handles the insertions and the City receives a commission based on the percentage of revenue generated from those insertions. He does not expect any real changes to the upcoming contract and will have it to present to the Council in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:13 PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SHECKLES AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

CITY OF BARDSTOWN

J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Riley, City Clerk