

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
5/14/2019  
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 David Dones  
Councilman Betty Hart  
Councilman Franklin Hibbs IV  
Councilman Bill Sheckles  
Councilman Roland E. Williams

Others present: City Attorney Audrey Haydon, City Clerk Mary Riley, HR Director/Risk Manager Greg Ashworth, City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau, Chief Financial Officer Tracy Hudson, City Electrical Engineer Eric Richter, Assistant Police Chief Kevin Thompson, Fire Chief Billy Mattingly, Executive Director of the Nelson County Economic Development Agency Kim Huston.

Nelson County Gazette Reporter Jim Brooks, Kentucky Standard Reporter Randy Patrick, PLG-TV Reporter Matt Gordon and citizen Pat Whelan.

**RECEIVE INPUT FROM PUBLIC**

Nelson County Gazette Reporter Jim Brooks complimented the staff of the IT Department during a recent internet outage he experienced. The employee that assisted him stayed after hours to ensure Mr. Brooks' service was restored so that he could continue with his online news platform and finish his writing deadlines. He pointed out how dependent his work is upon internet service and had he been with a larger, out-of-town company, he would not have received that level and speed of customer service.

**ITSUWA EXPANSION – LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Executive Director of the Nelson County Economic Development Agency Kim Huston explained the recent expansion planned by local company, Itsuwa, and requested a letter of support from the City indicating the tax incentives they would receive as a result of the twelve (12) new jobs that would be created by the expansion project. The City will provide one half of the one percent occupational tax funds (0.5%) received from those twelve jobs for ten (10) years.

**UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN HART, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, THE COUNCIL APPROVED A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ITSUWA TO RECEIVE TAX INCENTIVES FOR THEIR 2019 EXPANSION PROJECT IN THE FORM OF THE CITY PROVIDING ONE HALF OF THE ONE PERCENT OCCUPATIONAL TAX FUNDS (0.5%) RECEIVED FROM THE TWELVE (12) NEW JOBS CREATED WITH THIS PROJECT FOR TEN (1) YEARS. MOTION CARRIED 6 TO 0.**

**DOBBS HOUSE – CHANGE IN MOVING DATE**

Mayor Heaton announced the moving date of the historic Dobbs House has been moved to Monday May 20, 2019 at 11:00PM through Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:00AM.

**UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN HIBBS, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DONES, THE COUNCIL APPROVED MOVING THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF SOUTH THIRD STREET FROM THE OLD COURT HOUSE TO WEST MUIR AVENUE AND ON WEST MUIR AVENUE FROM SOUTH THIRD STREET TO SOUTH FOURTH STREET FOR THE NEW MOVING DATES OF MONDAY MAY 20, 2019 AT 11:00PM THROUGH TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019 AT 7:00AM.**

**MINUTES**

Mayor Heaton pointed out a correction needed in the minutes. Under the last section entitled MAYOR'S REPORT, it should have indicated that all employees would receive the twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in health insurance premiums for the first (1<sup>st</sup>) year. HR Director/Risk Manager Greg Ashworth provided an overview once again to ensure everyone understood the premium changes.

**UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN, THE MINUTES FOR THE 5/07/2019 WORKING SESSION COUNCIL MEETING WERE APPROVED WITH THE IDENTIFIED CORRECTION TO BE MADE BY CITY CLERK RILEY.**

**KENTUCKY HERITAGE COUNCIL GRANT FOR PRESERVATION WORKSHOPS**

Mayor Heaton announced that the Kentucky Heritage Council awarded fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to the City for Historic Preservationist Rashae Jennings to host preservation workshops. She hosted a successful

workshop two (2) years ago and has another one (1) planned for June 2019. These particular funds will be used to have Mr. Welch present on the topic of window restoration and Mr. Black will teach to the topic of lead abatement.

**DONATION REQUEST – OSCAR GETZ WHISKEY MUSEUM**

Director of the Oscar Getz Whiskey Museum, Linda McCloskey, returned before the Council with a specific request for signage for the museum.

**UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SHECKLES, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HART, THE DONATION REQUEST FOR EXTERIOR SIGNAGE FOR THE OSCAR GETZ WHISKEY MUSEUM IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,195.00) WAS APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED 6 TO 0.**

**PROCLAMATION – HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH – MAY 2019**

Mayor Heaton presented a proclamation to Historic Preservationist Rashae Jennings that declared May 2019 as Historic Preservation Month.

**MOBILE FOOD VENDOR APPLICATION – BEN’S JAMMIN’ ICE CREAM & SNACKS**

**UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HART, THE APPLICATION FOR A MOBILE FOOD VENDOR LICENSE FOR BEN’S JAMMIN’ ICE CREAM & SNACKS WAS APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED 6 TO 0.**

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilman Hart announced that United for Recovery will be having a meeting on Monday at 6:30PM in the Fiscal Court Room. They will be discussing Casey’s Law which assists people in obtaining assistance from the courts to have a family member placed in a drug treatment program.

Councilman Sheckles indicated that over the last sixty (60) days, he has spent time walking in the downtown area and he believes the businesses on North Third Street that agreed to have the areas cleaned of debris, cigarette butts and remnants of alcohol sales and consumption have done a good job. Councilman Buckman said he is also happy with the results. Police Chief Kim explained the letter that was hand-delivered to those businesses who have an Outdoor Café license reminding them of the rules pertaining to outdoor seating and outdoor serving in an attempt to eliminate crowds of people from gathering outside the businesses’ door with alcoholic beverages and obstructing sidewalk access. The Kentucky Standard reporter Randy Patrick who lives in the area confirmed there was less noise. It was agreed to have the change to the ordinance, allowing closing time for bars to be moved back an hour to 2:00AM, placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

**YOUTH PRESERVATION AWARD – RECIPIENT: HISTORIC PRESERVATIONIST RASHAE JENNINGS**

Mayor Heaton recognized Historic Preservationist Rashae Jennings for being the recent recipient of the state-wide Youth Preservation Award.

**ANNUAL BUDGET – FY2019-2020 – DISCUSSION OF COMBINED UTILITIES ACCOUNTS**

Mayor Heaton, the Councilmen and the appropriate Department Heads discussed at length the Combined Utilities portion of the proposed budget for FY2019-2020. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25 PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS 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