

CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY
WORKING SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
09-05-2017
5:00 PM

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers with Mayor Heaton and the following Councilmen:

Councilman Buckman
Councilman Copeland
Councilman Dones
Councilman Kelley
Councilman Sheckles
Councilman Williams

Others present: CFO Tracy Hudson, City Clerk Mary Riley, Risk Manager Greg Ashworth, City Electrical Engineer Jeff Mills, City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau, City Systems Engineer Nahom Ayele, Interim Police Chief C.D. Marksbury, Bardstown Bourbon Community Alliance Chairman Gary Bishop, Kentucky State Representative Chad McCoy, Nelson County Economic Development Director Kim Huston, Bardstown Main Street Executive Director Lisanna Byrd, Nelson County Gazette Reporter Jim Brooks, The Kentucky Standard Reporter Randy Patrick.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and announced that a Closed Session would be called near the end of the meeting pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) Discussions which might lead to the appointment of an individual to the office of Bardstown City Police Chief.

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR 08-22-2017 WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

BOURBON CAPITAL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE – GARY BISHOP

Gary Bishop, Chairman of the Bourbon Capital Community Alliance, presented to the Council a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the mission, goals and objectives of the organization, as well as work that is currently being completed and future projects to be launched. Information was provided about enhancements to be made to the downtown Streetscape and a navigator application for smart phones that allows the visitor to have an augmented tourism experience. Mr. Bishop outlined the strategic plan that has been developed and how the Mayor and Council members can get help and support that plan.

ROBOTICS COURSE AT COBEC BUILDING – STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHAD MCCOY

Kentucky State Representative Chad McCoy referred to the PowerPoint he provided and explained how the existing robotics competitions function in the school systems. He discussed the forecasted gap in the workforce and how coursework and training in what he called “Blue Collar Robotics” would prepare students for jobs and careers in local production and manufacturing companies that currently use robots. Local schools have agreed to provide various resources to help establish a program. The two (2) unused classrooms at the City’s COBEC building would be an ideal space to set up the training program. The Mayor has committed that space to help address the issues in workforce development.

WINDSTREAM – HEAVEN HILL FIBER NETWORK SYSTEM

City Electrical Engineer Mills explained the contract presented to the Council that would make Windstream a customer of the City by renting a circuit in the City’s headend that would run out to Heaven Hill. That fiber is already in place, but a different protocol is necessary. Currently it is just an internet connection and Heaven Hill would like to have Windstream turn that into a more formal telecommunications connection.

COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTIVE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN AND WINDSTREAM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DONES AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Heaton updated the Council on the two capital projects that have been discussed with Lincoln Trail Area Development District, seeking their assistance in facilitating a funding source once the scope of the projects are known. The two projects are: Adding ADA Accessibility and restrooms at the City Community Park and the Rowan Creek Trunk Sewer & Pottershop Pump Station Improvement Project.

Mayor Heaton announced the hiring of Jennifer Eggemeier as the new Assistant City Clerk. Ms. Eggemeier brings seventeen (17) years of experience in government and accounting and the City is looking forward to her joining the organization on 09-18-2017.

ARTS, CRAFTS & ANTIQUES FAIR – STREET CLOSURES

COUNCILMAN KELLEY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED STREET CLOSINGS AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

SISTERS OF CHARITY OF NAZARETH – WATER MAIN EXTENSION

COUNCILMAN DONES MOVED TO ACCEPT THE WATER SERVICE EXTENSION FOR THE SISTER OF CHARITY OF NAZARETH INTO THE CITY’S UTILITY SYSTEM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SHECKLES AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

KENTUCKY BOURBON FESTIVAL – STREET CLOSURES AND LAWN LAYOUT

UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN KELLEY, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, THE ROAD CLOSURES PRESENTED BY THE KENTUCKY BOURBON FESTIVAL WERE APPROVED. VOTE CARRIED 6 TO 0.

ROTARY KIDS DAY

Councilman Kelley disclosed that he is a member of the Rotary Club but has no financial interest in the event.

COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE FRONT LAWN OF CITY HALL FOR THE ROTARY CLUB’S KID DAY ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2017. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DONES AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

NEW LIFE CENTER ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Councilman Kelley disclosed that the New Life Center is one of his tenants at 202 East Stephen Foster Avenue, but has no financial interest in the event.

COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE NEW LIFE CENTER’S 5K RUN/WALK ON NOVEMBER 23, 2017. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COPELAND AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

JOHN ROWAN BLVD. CONNECTION MULTI-USE PATH AGREEMENT

City Civil Engineer Filiatreau explained that the funding for this project would come in phases and that there were still items to complete, such as the project design phase, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, then construction.

COUNCILMAN DONES MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT FOR THE MULTI-USE PATH AND ALSO TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TOTAL PROJECT COST. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SHECKLES AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

ROWAN CREEK TRUNK SEWER & POTTERSHOP PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS

City Civil Engineer Filiatreau reported that HDR Engineering has been selected to do the preliminary design and perform a study to help determine the scope of the project.

COUNCILMAN SHECKLES MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE CONTRACT WITH HDR ENGINEERING FOR THE ROWAN CREEK AND POTTERSHOP PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

RESOLUTION 2017-06 JOHN ROWAN BLVD & CONNECTION MULTI-USE PATH PROJECT

City Clerk Riley read aloud the following:

R2017-06

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the federal-aid highway program state administered funding was awarded the amount of \$80,000, and;

WHEREAS, this approved amount will be authorized in phases as federal requirements are met for the John Rowan Boulevard & Connection Multi-use Path Project, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Bardstown has agreed to provide a minimum of 20% matching funds and to accept responsibility for all administration, staffing, maintenance and operation costs for the Project as identified in the Agreement, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Bardstown recognizes that Federal-aid projects are to serve a public purpose and benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Bardstown does hereby authorize Mayor J. Richard Heaton to sign the above mentioned Agreement, as well as any other necessary documents relating to the project.

City Civil Engineer Filiatreau suggested that the Resolution reflect the full project scope amount (\$552,000) and all phases of the project, as opposed to the cost (\$80,000) of simply the first phase of the project. This would allow one Resolution to be sufficient for the entire project.

COUNCILMAN SHECKLES MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R2017-06 FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT COST OF \$552,000. MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mayor Heaton announced the five (5) year anniversary of Justin Brown in the Fire Department, the five (5) year anniversary of Kurt Updike in the Electric Department and the twenty (20) year anniversary of Carl Lewis in the Public Works Department. He asked the Council and staff to extend their appreciation for their service to the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS MOVED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(f) DISCUSSIONS WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO THE OFFICE OF BARDSTOWN CITY POLICE CHIEF. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KELLEY AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0. Time was 6:36 PM.

All attendees left the Council Chambers except for City Clerk Riley and Risk Manager / HR Director Greg Ashworth.

COUNCILMAN SHECKLES MOVED TO COME OUT OF THE CLOSED SESSION AND CONTINUE WITH THE REGULAR MEETING AT 6:55 PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KELLEY AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

The minutes will reflect that no action was taken during the closed session.

Mayor Heaton made the recommendation to the Council to appoint Kimberly Kraeszig to the position of Chief of Police for the City of Bardstown. He explained Mrs. Kraeszig was a retired Assistant Chief for the Louisville Metro Police Department. He characterized her as very experienced, well respected and excited to come to Bardstown. The Mayor also commended the Police Chief Search Committee for doing a wonderful job of going through the applicants.

UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KELLY, THE RECOMMENDATION BY MAYOR HEATON TO APPOINT KIMBERLY KRAESZIG TO THE POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF FOR CITY OF BARDSTOWN WAS APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Heaton indicated that the new Chief of Police would be formally introduced to the public and a formal swearing in ceremony will take place at the next City Council meeting on September 12, 2017.

The Mayor also announced that Charles David Marksbury who has been serving as Interim Police Chief will now serve as Captain in a permanent, full-time position.

ADJOURN

UPON MOTION BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SHECKLES, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:01PM. VOTE CARRIED 6 TO 0.