

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1/26/2021

6:00 PM

The City Council met in regular session via video teleconference with Mayor Heaton and the following Council Members:

Councilman Joe Buckman
Councilman David Dones
Councilwoman Betty Hart
Councilman Franklin Hibbs IV
Councilman Bill Sheckles
Councilman Roland E. Williams

Others present: Fire Chief Billy Mattingly, Chief Financial Officer Aaron Boles, Assistant City Clerk Lisa Burdett, City Clerk Gary Little, City Attorney Audrey Haydon, HR Director/Risk Manager Greg Ashworth, Assistant Chief of Police Kevin Thompson and Recreation Director Daniel Jeffries.

Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, pursuant to KRS 61.823 (3) (4) and (5), and in accordance with Opinion 20-05 of the Kentucky Attorney General, there was no physical location designated for the public and/or media to view the meeting. This video conference was broadcast for public viewing on Bardstown Cable TV Channels 19.2, 20 and 20.1 and on the City of Bardstown YouTube channel.

Mayor Heaton called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

PROCLAMATION - FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY

City Attorney Audrey Haydon read a proclamation in recognition of heroic acts by four chaplains of different religious faiths aboard a ship on February 3rd, 1943.

COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HIBBS AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 6-0.

HISTORICAL REVIEW BOARD

The following recommendations from the Bardstown Historical Review Board were presented by City Attorney Audrey Haydon:

- (a) COA-21-01. Julie Filiatreau, Applicant, Rick and Sandy Mayberry, Owners, request to install two signs at 100 West Flaget Avenue.
- (b) COA-21-03. Summer Arlinghaus, Applicant, Bardstown Capital Brewing LLC, Owners, request to install outdoor heaters at 112 West Flaget Street.

COUNCILWOMAN HART MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE HISTORICAL REVIEW BOARD FOR COA #21-01 WITH THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH BY THE HRB. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

Councilman Dones recused himself at 6:07 pm.

COUNCILMAN HIBBS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE HISTORICAL REVIEW BOARD FOR COA #21-03 WITH THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH BY THE HRB. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0.

Councilman Dones returned at 6:08 pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

THE MINUTES FOR THE 1-12-2021 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

DECEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL REVIEW AND FY21 MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT

Chief Financial Officer Aaron Boles provided a report for revenue and expenses from December 2020 and discussed proposed changes to the annual budget.

FIRST READING - BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE B2021-01

Councilman Dones introduced Ordinance B2021-01 that will adjust revenue and expense projections for the current fiscal-year budget. The first reading of the ordinance was given by City Attorney Audrey Haydon.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilwoman Hart reported that the Blessings Boxes continue to be a success and that 52 bags of essential items for the boxes were picked up from Save-A-Lot last week. A Bethlehem High School student has volunteered her time to assist with the collection and distribution of donated items as part of a school project. Councilman Hibbs added that a local church had contacted him requesting information about how to donate to the program.

CEMETERY DEEDS

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CEMETERY DEED FOR SHARON CONNER WAS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

MAYOR’S UPDATE

Mayor Heaton highlighted many of the goals and projects that the City Council and staff will be working on during the next two years. The Police Department will have training that focuses on community relations, customer relations and cultural diversity as part of the accreditation process for officers to improve their knowledge, skills and abilities. The Fire Department will be doing a risk assessment for all of the Bardstown businesses, and engage in training with the bourbon companies to better protect them. The Finance Department will be implementing a new occupational license fee/net profit fee software to better track and uniformly collect what is owed to the city to enhance revenue. The City Clerk’s office will be working on changing the cemetery mapping system to improve overall efficiency and record keeping. They are also working on the purchase of a columbarium for the city cemetery during this fiscal year. The Electric Department will be deploying new software for better trouble-shooting and analytics, adding smart equipment in the system, and rebuilding existing infrastructure. The Human Resources and Risk Management Department will be conducting a wage and compensation study as well as planning for possible future renovations at City Hall. The Engineering Department will continue to upgrade utility infrastructure to meet community growth needs and replace aging infrastructure downtown. Some of their key projects include upgrades to the Corman’s Crossing, Royal Crest and Withrow Creek sewer pump stations. Additionally, they will be working on a Hwy 150 waterline loop from Leslie Ballard Road to Poplar Flat Road. Some future projects for our streets include a sidewalk extension on Chambers Boulevard, and both lighting and drainage improvements. The Cable and Internet Department is in the process of remodeling part of the old fire department to house the new headend for more equipment to support our growing fiber technology. The Recreation Department is gathering information and ideas from other facilities around the state for a multi-purpose athletic facility. The Historical Review Board will be working on updating their regulations, which include topics such as green energy, solar panels, and other federal regulations that have been modernized. The City Council members have many goals for the upcoming year including the park at 3rd and Broadway, and will be proceeding with planning, design and funding options for that project. They also want to start planning for a multi-purpose sports facility. The council would like to have a plan to combat hunger and homelessness. They are advocating for the Western Bardstown connector project, as this would have a great and positive impact for Bardstown. In addition, they would like to complete the parking study. The Council realizes industrial park planning is necessary, and will work towards that goal. They will continue to give as much support as possible to local businesses, as well as contribute to Tourism and Chamber events to help bring more visitors to our community and boost the local economy.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:53 PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 6-0.

CITY OF BARDSTOWN

J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gary Little, City Clerk