

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

**12/15/2020**

**5:00 PM**

The City Council met in special 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 (absent)

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

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 5:00 PM.

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM - PHASE III**

Mayor Heaton detailed Phase III of the Small Business Relief Grant Program intended for businesses that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the most recent Executive Order issued by Governor Beshear. With this Executive Order, restaurants, bars and gyms were forced to temporarily close or restrict their inside services. Mayor Heaton explained that the City of Bardstown will be eligible to apply for up to \$298,325.00 in additional CARES Act funding. This will allow the City to amend the General Fund budget and assist small businesses once again. He estimated that 20-30 businesses will be eligible for grants of up to \$3,000.00 each. The City will earmark approximately \$100,000.00 for the relief grants that will be distributed in early January.

**COUNCILMAN DONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PHASE III OF THE SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM ALLOCATING UP TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) FOR BUSINESSES THAT WERE IMPACTED BY GOVERNOR BESHEAR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-968. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HIBBS AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 5-0.**

**DONATION REQUEST - BREAD FOR LIFE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

HR Director Greg Ashworth said that he had spoken with the Executive Director of the Food Pantry, Chris Hovan, regarding the Bread For Life Community Food Pantry, and that the need for their services has greatly increased now that stimulus money is gone. Mrs. Hovan submitted a donation request for \$5,000.00 to assist with the purchase of food items for Bardstown residents. Mayor Heaton reiterated that money within the General Fund can be reallocated for purposes such as this because of the additional CARES Act reimbursements that will be applied for.

**COUNCILWOMAN HART MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DONATION REQUEST SUBMITTED BY THE BREAD FOR LIFE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00). THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DONES AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 5-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCILMAN SHECKLES MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:16 PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 5-0.**

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN**

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J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Gary Little, City Clerk