

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
12/8/2020
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, Chief of Police Kim Kraeszig, Recreation Director Daniel Jeffries, Assistant City Clerk Lisa Burdett, City Clerk Gary Little, City Attorney Audrey Haydon, City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau, 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 6:00 PM and requested a moment of silence for Bloomfield Chief of Police, Edward Scott Dennis, who passed away recently.

BID TAB – AMERICAN GREETINGS PUMP STATION

City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau presented the bids to replace the pump station at the American Greetings location. Eleven companies submitted bids and the lowest bidder was Seven Seas Construction. Richard Smith with HDR Engineering reviewed the bids, and in a letter to Filiatreau, recommended awarding the contract to Seven Seas for their bid of \$299,662.57.

COUNCILMAN DONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID THAT WAS SUBMITTED BY SEVEN SEAS CONSTRUCTION AND RECOMMENDED BY HDR ENGINEERING FOR THE AMERICAN GREETINGS PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$299,662.57). THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HIBBS AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 6-0.

CHANGE ORDER – RECREATION CENTER FLOORING PROJECT

Recreation Director Daniel Jeffries presented a change order for the Recreation Center Flooring Project in the amount of \$13,605.00 and discussed the validity of the amount being requested by the contractor, Redbird Construction. He suggested that the Council consider a lesser amount because he thought the contractor should have requested the change order prior to the additional work being done. He also stated that he couldn't justify the amount that was being requested. Councilman Buckman and Councilman Dones provided insight into the unexpected changes that would normally be encountered when working on a project like this, and agreed that the contractor should be paid for the additional work, but the full amount that was requested was not reasonable. Councilman Buckman said that he thought \$8,800 was a fair amount for the additional labor and materials, while other council members suggested amounts that were slightly lower or higher.

COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE RECREATION CENTER FLOORING PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$8,800.00) FOR THE ADDITIONAL LABOR AND MATERIALS THAT WERE REQUIRED. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DONES AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 6-0.

DONATION REQUEST – UNITED FOR RECOVERY

Councilwoman Hart presented a donation request for \$2,000 submitted by United For Recovery. The funds will be used for printing the Nelson County Resource Book, which is distributed through the Blessings Boxes, Communicare and First Responders. The booklet contains information for individuals and families seeking help for someone suffering from a drug addiction.

COUNCILMAN SHECKLES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DONATION REQUEST SUBMITTED BY UNITED FOR RECOVERY IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00). THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 6-0.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

THE MINUTES FOR THE 11-24-2020 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

NOVEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL REVIEW

Chief Financial Officer Aaron Boles discussed the November 2020 financial report.

REPORTS OF STAFF AND COMMITTEES

City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau reported that they’re finalizing the work on the first phase of the downtown water and sewer project and she expects that it will be completed by Christmas. She thanked the residents for their patience, and added that these improvements are going to provide better water service, sewer service and fire protection, including the addition of nine new fire hydrants.

Chief of Police Kim Kraeszig discussed the Narcotics Unit that was formed within the police department and detailed the success that they’ve had in such a short period of time since their inception.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Heaton said that Austin Weller, Todd Johnson, Wes Parrish and Pat Hagan all agreed to continue serving on their respective boards and he recommended them for re-appointment.

COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS:

- AUSTIN WELLER – JOINT CITY-COUNTY ETHICS BOARD, 12/27/2020*
- TODD JOHNSON – DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD, 01/01/2021*
- WES PARRISH – DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD, 01/01/2021*
- PATRICIA HAGAN – HISTORICAL REVIEW BOARD, 01/10/2021*

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN HART AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 6-0.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilman Hibbs complimented the community for supporting the Blessings Boxes, and said that donations through Sav-a-Lot’s five and ten dollar bag program had generated over \$2,750.00 in essential items that are distributed throughout the city in the boxes.

Councilwoman Hart said that NelCARE, the drug coalition, is forming a Quick Response Team with Communicare and local first responders for follow-up treatment of drug overdoses. The program has been very successful in other cities, and they intend to share ideas with the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition in Ohio during an upcoming video conference.

CEMETERY DEEDS

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CEMETERY DEED FOR MARY MATTINGLY WAS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

MAYOR’S UPDATE

Mayor Heaton said that the newly-elected City Council members will be sworn in by Nelson County District Court Judge, Jack Kelley, at 5:00 PM on December 22nd in the Council Chambers. This will be prior to the next council meeting which will be held as a video conference at 6:00 PM. He also stated that new COVID guidelines have been released by Governor Beshear, and that he expects other changes will be announced soon.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:15 PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SHECKLES AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 6-0.

CITY OF BARDSTOWN

J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gary Little, City Clerk