

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

5/27/2021

12:00 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

Others present: Chief Information Officer Nahom Ayele, Electrical Engineer Eric Richter, City Clerk Gary Little, Assistant City Clerk Lisa Burdett, HR Director Greg Ashworth and Chief Financial Officer Aaron Boles.

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 12:00 PM.

FY22 ANNUAL BUDGET PROPOSAL

Mayor Heaton presented the FY22 Annual Budget proposal and thanked all the department heads for their effort in preparing the budget. He stated that the \$65,000,000 budget proposal is a \$4,000,000 increase over last year's budget and will now include all non-major funds in the text of the budget ordinance. There is roughly \$3,500,000 in capital project carryovers from the previous year. He highlighted some of the expenses in the budget that include paving streets, improving drainage, moving overhead electric lines underground, and making improvements in the Recreation Department. The budget also includes \$1,200,000 for a new raw water source, \$1,400,000 for water treatment and infrastructure improvements, \$6,000,000 for the sewer system, and \$1,600,000 for internet broadband expansion and improvements. Mayor Heaton informed the Council that there are several studies underway for short-term and long-term plans for the City. The first reading of the budget ordinance will be on June 8, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 12:12 PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN HART AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 6-0.

CITY OF BARDSTOWN

J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gary Little, City Clerk