

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

06/2/2020

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

Others present: City Attorney Audrey Haydon, HR Director/Risk Manager Greg Ashworth, Fire Chief Billy Mattingly, Police Chief Kim Kraeszig, City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau, Chief Financial Officer Aaron Boles, Chief Information Officer Nahom Ayele, City Electrical Engineer Eric Richter, Electrical Superintendent Jeff Miller, Assistant City Clerk Lisa Burdett and City Clerk Gary Little.

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 special meeting 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 5:04 PM.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

THE MINUTES FOR THE 5/26/2020 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

CEMETERY DEEDS

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CEMETERY DEED FOR CAROL BREY WAS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

CARES ACT RELIEF FUNDS GRANT – RESOLUTION R2020-03

Mayor Heaton explained that Resolution R2020-03 approves the filing of a Coronavirus Relief Fund application with the Department for Local Government (DLG) for reimbursement of expenses incurred due to the Covid-19 public health emergency. He discussed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and detailed how it provides funds for this reimbursement through the DLG. Chief Financial Officer Aaron Boles reported that the City has already incurred nearly \$400,000 in reimbursable expenses. Councilwoman Hart introduced Resolution R2020-03 and requested that it be read. Mayor Heaton read the resolution and asked for a motion.

COUNCILMAN SHECKLES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R2020-03 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR EXPENSES INCURRED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HIBBS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

FY21 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Chief Financial Officer Aaron Boles explained how the budget's unrestricted reserves had been accounted for in the past and how changes have been made to correct the accounting method for the reserves which include 2.2 million dollars for capital improvement projects. He reported that insurance costs were up while retirement costs remained steady.

City Electrical Engineer Eric Richter reported that revenue was a little lower than had been forecasted, mainly due to a decrease in factory usage. He said that the Electric Department will expand and pay the Cable Department for their vacated space when they move into their new building. The Electric Department is requesting to replace a bucket truck and a van.

City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau discussed the Water Department budget and her capital expenditure requests which include adding the US-150 Water Loop to Poplar Flat Road, as well as upgrading the aging water system downtown. She stated that many of the items in the Sewer Department budget are for capital improvements. She also said that new garbage and chipper trucks are in the Garbage Department budget and that she'll be evaluating service rates because they haven't increased in several years.

Chief Information Officer Nahom Ayele stated that the Cable/Net Department continues to grow as they expand Internet and Cable TV services into the county. The Cable/Net Department will be vacating the building they now share with the Electric Department and will be moving into a new shop on Padgett Way.

FY21 BUDGET WORK SESSION (cont.)

Councilman Joe Buckman requested additional funding for a columbarium in the cemetery and estimated the project will cost \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00. Chief Financial Officer Aaron Boles agreed that this should be paid for in one fiscal year budget rather than over two years and will adjust the budget accordingly.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Heaton reported that Nelson County had its first death related to Covid-19 and that the number of cases in the county were escalating a little. He said that mask sales had slowed down and thanked the local distilleries for providing over 700,000 gallons of hand sanitizer to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:17 PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

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J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gary Little, City Clerk