

CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
07/14/2020
6:00 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, 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, Assistant City Clerk Lisa Burdett, City Clerk Gary Little, City Sign Administrator RaShae Jennings, Matthew Bowman, Johnny Warren, Donna Phillips and Alex Kaufman. Councilman Sheckles joined the meeting at 6:45 pm. A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

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 6:00 PM.

Mayor Heaton began the meeting by asking everyone to observe a moment of silence for Larry Hamilton, a longtime City of Bardstown engineer who passed away recently.

DONATION REQUEST – BETHANY HAVEN/ROOM IN THE INN

Matthew Bowman, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Bethany Haven, requested a \$10,000 Community Development Grant from the City of Bardstown for Bethany Haven and Room in the Inn which provide basic shelter for the homeless in Bardstown. He stated that their costs have increased significantly due to COVID-19 and that donations from the Nelson County Fiscal Court and the City of Bardstown cover about 20% of their budget. The donation will be used primarily to help pay for utilities, maintenance, supplies, and insurance.

COUNCILWOMAN HART MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DONATION REQUEST FOR BETHANY HAVEN, INC. AND ROOM IN THE INN IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00). THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 5-0.

DONATION REQUEST – THE STEPHEN FOSTER DRAMA ASSOCIATION, INC.

Johnny Warren, Executive Artistic Director of the Stephen Foster Drama Association, presented a request for a \$5,000 Community Development Grant to assist with the funding of a Black History Advisory Council established by the Drama Association. Cast member and Assistant Director Donna Phillips stated that the Advisory Council will examine specific elements of their shows to more accurately and carefully depict Black History through art. Mr. Warren requested an additional \$5,000 donation to be used for marketing their shows and concerts in the spring of 2021.

COUNCILMAN HIBBS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DONATION REQUEST FOR THE STEPHEN FOSTER DRAMA ASSOCIATION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00). THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DONES AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 5-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FLOORING PRIMER

Fire Chief Billy Mattingly explained that the Apparatus Bay concrete floor in the new fire station has a high moisture level which he recommends treating with a primer/sealer. Kaufman Flooring Vice President Alex Kaufman detailed how they diagnosed the issue and how they will remedy the situation. Applying the sealer will provide a good bond for the epoxy top coat and keep the 1-year warranty for that product intact. The cost will be \$9,955.00.

COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF FLOORING PRIMER TO THE CONCRETE FLOOR IN THE APPARATUS BAY OF THE NEW FIRE STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$9,955.00). THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 5-0.

BID TAB – BITUMINOUS CONCRETE PAVEMENT - RESURFACING 2020-2021

City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau presented the two bids for the City of Bardstown’s annual street resurfacing for fiscal year 2021. Mago Construction submitted the lowest bid of \$77.50 per ton, for an estimated 6,250 tons. The other bid was submitted by MAC Construction in the amount of \$78.00 per ton. She noted that last year’s low bid was \$85.00 per ton.

COUNCILMAN DONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION BY CITY CIVIL ENGINEER JESSICA FILIATREAU TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR BITUMINOUS CONCRETE PAVING AND RESURFACING FOR FY20/21 TO MAGO CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$77.50) PER TON. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN HART AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 5-0.

AGREEMENT AMENDMENT - JOHN ROWAN BLVD MULTI-USE PATH PROJECT

City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau stated that this agreement amendment updates the paperwork and adds funding to the TAP Grant for the John Rowan Boulevard Multi-Use Path Project, which will allow the City of Bardstown to complete the work and reimburse the contractor.

COUNCILMAN SHECKLES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT FOR THE JOHN ROWAN BOULEVARD MULTI-USE PATH PROJECT. COUNCILMAN HIBBS SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 6-0.

CAMPUS MASTER SIGN PLAN BARDSTOWN BOURBON COMPANY

City Sign Administrator RaShae Jennings recommended the approval of a request by Bardstown Bourbon Company to replace their current sign with a slightly larger sign that falls within the guidelines of the new Campus Master Sign Plan.

COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SIGN REQUESTED BY BARDSTOWN BOURBON COMPANY PER THE CAMPUS MASTER SIGN PLAN. COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN DULY SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6-0.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

THE MINUTES FOR THE 6/23/2020 AND 6/24/2020 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSIONS WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

MOBILE FOOD VENDOR PERMIT – SMOK’N CANTINA

COUNCILMAN HIBBS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MOBILE FOOD VENDOR APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY SMOK’N CANTINA. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 6-0.

RESOLUTION R2020-04 FOR LARRY HAMILTON

Mayor Heaton presented a resolution in honor of Larry Hamilton for his many years as an engineer for the City of Bardstown. His contributions to the growth and development of the utility infrastructure in the City of Bardstown are greatly appreciated, and Mayor Heaton added that the City was very blessed that Mr. Hamilton chose to work for the City of Bardstown. Councilman Buckman introduced Resolution R2020-04 and it was read by City Attorney Audrey Haydon. A copy of the resolution will be presented to his family, as well as being published in the local newspaper.

COUNCILMAN DONES MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R2020-04 IN HONOR OF LONGTIME CITY OF BARDSTOWN ENGINEER LARRY HAMILTON. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN HART AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 6-0.

PHASE II SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANT PROJECT

Chief Financial Officer Aaron Boles reported that he had received 85 applications, 73 of which were eligible for relief grants in Phase II of the Small Business Relief Grant Project. Each eligible applicant received a \$2,000 grant for a total disbursement of \$146,000, to be split equally between the City of Bardstown and Nelson County Fiscal Court. The City will seek reimbursement for their portion of the distributed amount as permitted by the CARES Act.

CEMETERY DEEDS

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CEMETERY DEEDS FOR DEBORAH STEMMLE, JAMES AND VALERIE WILLIAMS, DEWAYNE AND LAURA LIVERS, AND WILLIAM BERRY WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Heaton announced that the City of Bardstown will formally dedicate Arch Pendergrass Way at the new fire station on Friday, July 17, 2020. He invited all residents and members of the media to join the Pendergrass family at 11:00 AM for the dedication.

Mayor Heaton reported 116 cases of COVID-19 in Nelson County to date, and noted Governor Beshear had recently ordered that everyone entering a public place must now wear a mask. Mayor Heaton encouraged everyone to comply and continue to observe social distancing practices. Chief Financial Officer Aaron Boles said that the City of Bardstown has 40,395 masks available for sale.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:22 PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN HART AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0.

CITY OF BARDSTOWN

J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gary Little, City Clerk