

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**09/08/2020**  
**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: Police Chief Kim Kraeszig, Fire Chief Billy Mattingly, City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau, HR Director Greg Ashworth, Chief Financial Officer Aaron Boles, Chief Information Officer Nahom Ayele, Assistant City Clerk Lisa Burdett and City Clerk Gary Little. Councilwoman Hart joined the meeting at 6:35 pm.

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 explained that there would be an executive session at the end of the meeting regarding the future acquisition or sale of real property, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b).

**RESOLUTION R2020-07 FORMER MAYOR DR. HARRY SPALDING**

Former City of Bardstown Mayor, Dr. Harry Spalding, passed away recently and was honored by Mayor Heaton in Resolution R2020-07. Councilman Williams introduced the resolution and asked that it be read by City Attorney Audrey Haydon.

**COUNCILMAN HIBBS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R2020-07 IN HONOR OF FORMER MAYOR DR. HARRY SPALDING. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SHECKLES AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 5-0.**

**WATER SERVICE REQUEST OLD NELSONVILLE ROAD**

City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau explained that residents at 630 and 710 Old Nelsonville Road have requested water service. The water main extension will be 2,450 feet of 4" waterline that the residents will pay for.

**COUNCILMAN DONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE WATER MAIN EXTENSION AND SERVICE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY HORIZON ENGINEERING FOR 630 AND 710 OLD NELSONVILLE ROAD, TO BE PAID FOR BY THE RESIDENTS OF THESE TWO ADDRESSES. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 5-0.**

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

**THE MINUTES FOR THE 8/25/2020 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

**AUGUST 2020 FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Chief Financial Officer Aaron Boles provided an overview of the financial report for August.

**PROPERTY TAX RATE DISCUSSION**

Chief Financial Officer Aaron Boles presented three options to the Council for property tax rates for 2020. Option one included leaving the rates the same as 2019 which qualifies as a 4% revenue increase. This option generates an additional \$122,584 due to increased PVA property assessments. Option two would generate an additional \$61,175 in revenue by using the compensating rate for real property and the maximum allowed personal property rate. The third option would generate approximately the same amount of revenue as the prior year by using the compensating rate for both real and personal property.

**COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE READING PROPERTY TAX OPTION ONE, ORDINANCE B2020-13, AS PRESENTED BY CFO AARON BOLES WHICH WOULD GENERATE AN ADDITIONAL ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$122,584.00) IN TAX REVENUE WITHOUT RAISING THE CITY'S TAX RATE. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DONES AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 6-0.**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE B2020-12 SIGN REGULATIONS**

An amended version of Ordinance B2020-12 was introduced by Councilman Hibbs and read by City Attorney Audrey Haydon. The ordinance redefines "Campus" in the definitions of Chapter 98 of the municipal code to include school campuses that are being actively used as schools.

**FIRST READING ORDINANCE B2020-13 PROPERTY TAX RATES**

Councilman Buckman introduced Ordinance B2020-13 Property Tax Rates, and asked that it be read by City Attorney Audrey Haydon. A public hearing for the tax rates will be held just prior to the second reading of the ordinance at the City Council meeting that is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

**RESOLUTION R2020-06 CITY GOVERNMENT MONTH SEPTEMBER 2020**

Councilwoman Hart proposed that the City of Bardstown recognize September 2020 as City Government Month.

**COUNCILMAN SHECKLES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R2020-06 WHICH RECOGNIZES SEPTEMBER 2020 AS CITY GOVERNMENT MONTH. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 6-0.**

**ZONING MAP AMENDMENT #2591 JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION OF NELSON COUNTY**

The Joint City-County Planning Commission held a public hearing on August 25, 2020 for zoning map amendment #2591 and ruled in favor of amending 110 East O'Bryan from R1-C (Single-Family Residential District) to P-1 (Professional Office District). Mayor Heaton noted that the commission's vote was 6-3 in favor of the amendment and suggested that the Council discuss the zoning change and whether or not to file a notice with the planning commission. If filed, the notice would state that the legislative body or fiscal court shall decide the map amendment.

**COUNCILWOMAN HART MADE A MOTION TO AGREE WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION BASED ON THE FACT THAT OPPOSING IT WOULD PROVIDE A HARDSHIP TO THE OWNERS AND THAT THE PROPERTY WOULD NOT BE SELLABLE AS RESIDENTIAL BASED ON ITS LOCATION. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 6-0.**

**CEMETERY DEEDS**

**THE CEMETERY DEEDS FOR BRENDA WALDRIDGE AND LAURA POYNTER WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

**MAYOR'S UPDATE**

Mayor Heaton called on Chief Mattingly and Chief Kraeszig to report on their departments. Fire Chief Billy Mattingly reported that they were fully staffed and operating 24 hours a day out of the new fire station on John Rowan Boulevard. He and Assistant Chief Todd Spalding are working full-time from that location. Chief Mattingly said they have responded to more overdoses in the past few days than in the past several months, although none of those resulted in fatalities. The department will be receiving a \$1,500.00 grant for Narcan that will be available for future use. He also stated that they will start doing visits with Oreo the fire dog again in October.

Police Chief Kim Kraeszig said that although it is a very difficult time to be a police officer, they just hired their 31<sup>st</sup> officer who will start in October, and at that time, they will be fully staffed. None of the department's officers have had Covid-19. She reported that crime is down 19% from last year at this time. Body cameras are now in use in the department and Chief Kraeszig said that they are a great, additional tool for documentation and training. Student Resource Officer Tom Blair started working for Bardstown City Schools today.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**COUNCILMAN DONES MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)(B) *DELIBERATIONS ON THE FUTURE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY BY A PUBLIC AGENCY WHEN PUBLICITY WOULD BE LIKELY TO AFFECT THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY*. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HIBBS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0. The time was 7:28 pm.**

**COUNCILMAN SHECKLES MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND CONTINUE WITH THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0. The time was 7:44 pm.**

The minutes will reflect that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCILMAN HIBBS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:46 PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN HART AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6-0.**

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN**

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J. Richard Heaton, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Gary Little, City Clerk