

CITY OF BARDSTOWN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
05-14-2014
7:00 – 8:45 PM

The City Council met in a special session in the Council Chambers with Mayor William S. Sheckles and the following Councilmen:

- Councilman Buckman
- Councilman Lydian
- Councilman Reed
- Councilman Royalty - **absent**
- Councilman Simpson
- Councilman Williams

Others present: Assistant City Administrator Larry Green, City Clerk Barbie Bryant, Chief Financial Officer Mike Abell, City Civil Engineer Jessica Filiatreau, City Fire Chief Marlin Howard, Planning Commission Director Jan Johnston Crowe, Preservation Administrator Hope Hawkins, Bardstown Historical Review Board Member Bruce Reynolds, Kentucky Standard reporter Randy Patrick, Nelson County Gazette reporter Jim Brooks, PLG-TV13 reporter Mathew Fogle, BRT-TV Cameraman Colin Rogers and citizens Mary and Joe Logan, Tom A. Justus, Irvin Lyons, Jr. and Alonzo Aaron.

The Mayor called the special meeting to order. He introduced those Purple Heart recipients still living in Bardstown; Joe Logan, Tom Justus, Donald Drew and Paul J. Wirth, Jr. and named those who have passed away; J.W. Buckman, Elihu Motley, Ralph Williams, Joseph Hughes, and Edward Downs. Mayor Sheckles then presented the following proclamation.

WHEREAS: The Purple Heart in 1782 was the first American service award and decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy; and

WHEREAS: The mission of the Military Order of Purple Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly-make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS: The City of Bardstown has had several residents make the ultimate sacrifice in all of the world wars since 1898 and has a number of residents that have been awarded the Purple Heart, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

WHEREAS: The City of Bardstown appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms and believes it is important that we acknowledge their courage and show them the support they have earned.

Now, Therefore, **Be It Resolved** that I, William S. Sheckles, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the City of Bardstown as a

“PURPLE HEART CITY”

2014 SEWER REHABILITATION & INSPECTION PROJECT

City Civil Engineer Filiatreau presented one bid from Municipal & Contractors Sealing Products (MCSP) of Cincinnati, Ohio. Terra Cotta Rehab and Robinson Pipe Cleaning, both of Louisville, KY are listed as subcontractors to MCSP. She recommended approval of their total bid price for \$122,712.72. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN LYDIAN, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMPSON AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE MCSP BID OF \$122,712.72 WAS APPROVED.**

SERVICE REQUEST FOR MONIN WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENT, BUILDING #2

City Civil Engineer Filiatreau presented a request from Monin Trucking to dedicate 540 feet of an existing 8” water main ran for fire protection for Building #1 as a public water main in order to tap that line to provide domestic and fire protection for Building #2. She recommended approval provided specifications are met through the Kentucky Division of Water and the City of Bardstown. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN REED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0, THE RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE SERVICE REQUEST FROM MONIN TRUCKING, WAS APPROVED PROVIDED ALL SPECIFICATIONS ARE MET.**

AUTOMATED ELECTRIC METER READING PROJECT

Chief Financial Officer Abell announced that the automated water meter reading project was nearing completion and he would like to request the Council consider the process to automate the electric meter reading program. This would allow the service to be read, connected, or disconnected from the office in high turnover areas, eliminating the need for truck rolls; give an actual “time of day” usage report; bill within one week of the read date, thus cutting the City’s bad debt loss risk; and provide the Electric Department with better data on load demand.

He also explained how the Electric Meter Automation Project would be a “mesh project”, meaning the City would use its cable-internet infrastructure to collect the readings rather than have a vehicle drive past the meter. CFO Abell presented a breakdown of projected costs totaling \$775,000. He recommended the project be funded from accumulated un-restricted reserves in Fiscal Year 2015.

HISTORICAL REVIEW BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Sheckles presented the following Historical Review Board recommendation:

- (c) COA-14-20. Beth Hawkins, Applicant/Owner, demolition of existing meat house at 105 North First Street. Recommendation: Approval for the demolition of the existing, non-historic accessory structure (meat house).

UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMPSON AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0, THE HISTORICAL REVIEW BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR COA #14-20 WAS APPROVED WITH THE RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS SET FORTH BY HRB.

HISTORICAL REVIEW BOARD – CHANGES TO ARTICLE 15

Planning Commission Director Jan Johnston Crowe introduced a proposal to amend the administrative review of Section 15.61B(2) to allow approval through HRB Chair and staff level review instead of the full HRB Board and City Council on certain areas of the application that comply with all adopted standards set forth in the Bardstown Historic District Design Review Manual, i.e., signage, paint color, to name a few. Another proposal pertaining to Section 15.611 recommended that HRB approval become the final action in the approval process, however, should the application be denied or if HRB fails to act on the application, the applicant may appeal to the City Council. Council members were in consensus with the proposals.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 04-22-2014 Regular Council meeting were presented. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMPSON AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0, THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.**

FIRST READING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE B2014 – REZONE #2415 – HUR-BE, INC

Councilman Williams introduced proposed Ordinance B2014 – Rezone #2415, Hur-Be, Inc., and asked for its first reading. This ordinance will rezone 4.55 acres on the north side of Old Bloomfield Pike, approximately 125 feet east of Federal Hill Manor, and approximately 0.40 mile west of Bloomfield Road (US 62) from A-1 (Agriculture District), R-1C (Single Family Residential District) and R-1D (Single Family Residential District) to R-1T (Single

Family Townhouse District). City Clerk Bryant read the full content of the proposed ordinance. **No vote was taken.**

EXPANSION OF US 31E ROAD DIET

Mayor Sheckles and City Civil Engineer Filiatreau were contacted by Kevin Young with District 4 of the Kentucky Department of Highways to discuss his “alternate #3” expansion of the road diet that would continue south of Beall to Broadway. This plan would also add northbound and southbound left turn pockets at Broadway on Third Street. After some discussion, Filiatreau will request the expanded area be re-stripped as soon as possible to allow the public time for adjustment.

NEW CITY ATTORNEY

Mayor Sheckles recommended the appointment of David Bruce Reynolds as the City Attorney. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LYDIAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0, THE APPOINTMENT WAS APPROVED.**

2014 CRUMB RUBBER GRANT

Mayor Sheckles announced that the Recreation Department had received a grant in the amount of \$24,131 for the Jones Avenue Park and W Broadway Park Playgrounds. He had also been contacted by Dawn Gee with WAVE TV who will contribute handicapped playground equipment to these parks as well.

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

The Code Enforcement Officer, Steve Hatler, will celebrate ten (10) years as a part-time employee with the City this month.

CEMETERY DEEDS

Three Bardstown Cemetery deeds were presented; two grave sites for Samantha and Holly Netherland, two grave sites for Michael Ryan and Sue Carol Hale, and one grave site for Curtis P. Wigginton. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN SIMPSON, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN REED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0, THE DEEDS WERE APPROVED.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss and **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN REED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**

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ATTEST:

William S. Sheckles, Mayor

Barbara Bryant, City Clerk