

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**12-27-2016**  
**7:00 PM**

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers with Mayor Royalty and the following Councilmen:

Councilman Buckman  
Councilman Copeland  
Councilman Hagan  
Councilman Lydian - **absent**  
Councilman Simpson  
Councilman Williams

Others present: Director of Public Works and Engineering Larry Hamilton, CFO Tracy Hudson, City Clerk Barbie Bryant, City Electrical Engineer Jeff Mills, City Attorney Tim Butler, Police Chief Steve Uram, Fire Sergeant Justin Brown, Councilmen-elect John Kelley, Bill Sheckles, Dick Heaton and Joe Buckman, Senator Jimmy Higdon, PLG-TV13 Reporter Matthew Fogle, WAVE-3 TV personnel, Nelson County Gazette Reporter Jim Brooks, The Kentucky Standard Reporter Randy Patrick, WHAS Reporter Anna Rivera and citizens C.R. Royalty, Austin Weller, Pen Bogert, Jimmy Yocum, Daniel Newcomb, Bill Newcomb, Thomas Hamilton, Lanny Baker, David Avis, Barbara Werner, and family members of the Council-elect.

**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF THE 2017-2018 CITY COUNCILMEN**

Senator Jimmy Higdon administered the Oath of Office to the newly-elected members of the Bardstown City Council.

**RENEWAL OF SOUTHEASTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION (SEPA) CONTRACT**

**COUNCILMAN HAGAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT RENEWAL AGREEMENT FROM SOUTHEASTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION (SEPA) AND TO AUTHORIZE BROWN THORNTON OF NEWGEN STRATEGIES TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BARDSTOWN. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMPSON AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0.**

**FY 2015-2016 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT**

Linda Gray, with Peercy and Gray CPA, gave a brief outline of the presented audit to the Council. Notes of concern were mentioned for the KY retirement liability with the E-911 Dispatch special fund, a more stringent policy for credit card use, and expenditures of the General Fund vs. budgeted amounts.

**CEES & DEES, LLC - SEWER SERVICE REQUEST**

A sewer service request was submitted for the extension of an 8" sewer main along Lincoln Way in the Mainstream Subdivision that will serve 2 commercial building lots.

**COUNCILMAN HAGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEWER SERVICE REQUEST FOR CEES & DEES, LLC. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0.**

**COUNCIL INVESTIGATION – CONTRACT FOR SERVICES**

Councilman Hagan withdrew the agenda item and the investigation will be considered by the 2017-2018 City Councilmen. Council-elect John Kelley will oversee the investigation.

**HISTORICAL REVIEW BOARD**

The following recommendations from the Bardstown Historical Review Board were presented:

- (a) COA-16-108. Knights of Columbus, applicant/owner propose to install signage at 111 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Recommendation: Approval of the installation of two new signs.
- (b) COA-16-110. Justin Durbin, applicant/owner proposes to renovate the front porch at 115 East John Fitch. Recommendation: Approval to renovate the porch with the following conditions: **Conditions**: The proposed material for the columns and the railings are solid wood and that the final design will be approved by the Preservation Coordinator.
- (c) COA-16-112. Stiles, Carter and Associates, applicant/owner propose to install signage at 120 West Stephen Foster Ave. Recommendation: Approval of the installation of two new signs.

**COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE HISTORICAL REVIEW BOARD FOR COA #16-108, #16-110 AND #16-112 WITH THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH BY THE HRB.**

**THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0.**

During the 12-06-2016 Special Meeting of the Council to hear the appeal of Newcomb Oil, LLC, Councilman Hagan had recommended the matter of new evidence be submitted to the Historical Review Board for their opinion regarding the request to demolish the house located at 118 East Stephen Foster Avenue. The HRB presented their renewed findings with the following recommendation:

COA #16-85. Newcomb Oil Co. applicant/owners propose to demolish the house located at 118 East Stephen Foster Avenue.

Recommendation: **Denial** of the appeal to demolish the building. This was based on the finding that the demolition is not consistent with the demolition standards set forth in section 9 in the Bardstown Historic Design Review Manual. Specifically the applicant failed to demonstrate a reasonable claim of economic hardship by a preponderance of the evidence which is required by article 15.7 of the Zoning Regulations that any reasonable rate of return cannot be obtained by the existing structure without the approval of the application of demolition for this building.

**COUNCILMAN HAGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE HISTORICAL REVIEW BOARD FOR COA #16-85 AND ADOPT THE REASONING AND THE FINDINGS THAT THE HISTORICAL REVIEW BOARD MADE DURING THEIR DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC HARDSHIP. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 1. Councilman Buckman voted no. Councilman Copeland abstained.**

**MINUTES**

**THE MINUTES FOR THE 12-13-2016 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

**NEW - REAPPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Royalty presented the recommendation to re-appoint Margaret Sims to the Code Enforcement Board for a 3-year term.

**COUNCILMAN SIMPSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MARGARET SIMS TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3 TO 2. Councilmen Hagan and Copeland voted no.**

**REPORTS OF STAFF AND COMMITTEES**

Mayor Royalty recognized Councilmen Simpson, Hagan and Buckman and thanked them for their years of service to the City of Bardstown. Mayor Royalty stated how much he appreciated Councilman Simpson’s wisdom and mentorship when he was a newly-elected councilman.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Simpson thanked the public for their support during his 16 years as a City Councilman.

Councilman Buckman noted his two years as a Councilman was a hard learning experience – tougher than policing.

Councilman Williams requested an update from Police Chief Uram regarding an auto accident that occurred on Christmas Day on South Fourth Street.

Councilman Hagan has completed three terms, has enjoyed his service to the public and wished the new Council the best of luck.

Councilman Copeland also requested from Police Chief Uram a more diligent approach to traffic control on South Fourth Street.

**CEMETERY DEEDS**

**THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CEMETERY DEEDS FOR DONALD O’BRYAN AND MARIAN BROCE WAS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCILMAN HAGAN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:45PM. THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN**

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John Royalty, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Barbara Bryant, City Clerk