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FALMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Special Council Meeting October 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Luke Price. The pledge of Allegiance, and the invocation given by councilmember Amy Hurst.

The following Council Members answering roll call:

Amy Hurst	Present	Joyce Carson	Present
Sabrina Hazen	Present	Amanda Moore	Present
		Brian Reid	Present

Also Present: Attorney Brandon Voelker

Mayor Luke Price opened the special meeting by having Attorney Brandon Voelker give a first reading of Ordinance 2024:8 approving a new non-exclusive franchise to Open Fiber Kentucky Company, LLC for the placement of facilities for the transmission, distribution, and sale of ethernet and internet along and under public right of way within the City of Falmouth.

Attorney Voelker then gave a first reading Ordinance 2024:9 amending the FY 2024-2025 budget to include expense of \$450,000.00.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Amy Hurst, seconded by Sabrina Hazen to adjourn the special meeting. All aye, motion carried, 5-0-0

FALMOUTH CITY COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING Caucus Meeting September 5, 2024

Mayor Luke Price opened the Caucus portion of the meeting.

Mayor Price reminded the council of a discussion to give money to the Pendleton County Search and Rescue. They had requested \$7500, the Fiscal Court had given \$12,500. He would like Council to make a decision by the next regular meeting.

Mayor Price then announced he had received an official letter from Councilman Dave Klaber resigning his Council position. A notice would be put out for applications to be received by October 15th and a possible decision made at the next regular meeting to fill his seat until the end of the year.

Officer Nick Timon was present to give a report for the Police Department. The Canine Dog Cairo was now on duty and in service. He had planned to have her at the meeting, but she had had surgery to be spayed and would be down for 2-3 days.

Keene Dougherty said they have a new hire, Hayden Edwards for the sewer plant. Some repairs had been made and they would start their bi-annual water plant cleaning.

Richard Courtney was on site for a water leak on Pendleton Street.

John Lucas was not present but had previously submitted his fire report.

Mayor Price announced the City of Butler had notified him to cease the agreement with Falmouth for fire coverage. They were in talks with Northern Pendleton, and Mayor Mason Taylor said the Butler Council was in favor of making the change. Mayor Price told him to get official action from his Council before he would take to Falmouth leadership.

There was a proposal sent to Council regarding the Headstart project that was a slight change in what was previously submitted. It changed the length of the road and the infrastructure taking only halfway instead of the full length as was originally proposed. The NKYCAC group will be at the next meeting for discussion.

Council members had been given the Sidewalk Analysis completed by Precision Concrete showing a detailed map of the City's sidewalks. It was a very comprehensive and complete analysis of every area needing to be leveled to match the surrounding areas as well as the places that needed to be completed replaced. This group would

only focus on the “leveling” of the sidewalks at this time. A future project would encompass sidewalk replacement.

Clerk Williams reported an upgrade that was needed for the meter reading software from Neptune (NECO). What is currently being used is becoming obsolete and will have to be replaced within the year. The cost which includes installation, upgrades, and on-site training was \$2875. This software will replace the handheld device used to read meters, and new technology would be added to the tablet that is used currently. She also reported that she is working with the Secretary of State’s office to get clarification on a map issue of the city boundaries.

Steve Groh reported a major clean-up of a property on Broad Street and two more liens had been filed on properties. He was working with Attorney Collins on the search for heirs on the 4th street property. The council commended Steve on the work he is doing.

Ron Moreland, a lifelong city resident was present and given the opportunity to address Council and ask questions. He questioned the lack of support by the City to the Pendleton County Recreation, the purchase of the Falmouth School Center, and to offer his support to a No vote on the Amendment 2 issue on the November ballot. Mr. Moreland explained he was part of the original group that helped build the athletic complex and was concerned the park was not being fully utilized as was the intended purpose. He stated he had driven by the park frequently and said, “nothing is going on” and that no one was on the fields. He was aware of the newly formed football program and understood there was a desire to have tackle football unlike the flag football that was deemed safer by the Recreation Commission. It had been his understanding the new league was not allowed to use the facilities, and he was seeking answers instead of “hearsay”. Councilwoman Sabrina Hazen explained the problems began with complaints from parents about the commission. She stated the City never took official action to remove themselves from the agreement. She insisted all three entities need to be involved and work together for the program. There were issues and questions raised by parents the City tried to get answers to, and in doing so the two removed the City from the talks/agreement. Mayor Price said he had a meeting scheduled with Mr. Buerkley and Judge Fields to discuss what can be done moving forward.

Mr. Moreland then inquired about the Falmouth School Center, how the city came to purchase it, and if the rumor of the Brighton Center and County were interested in it, and what the intentions were of the leadership. He emphatically stated he was not for another dollar of taxpayer money being put into that building. He felt it was old and a money pit. If there were an agency interested in the building then it needed to be sold or torn down. There was explanation at the time of purchase, then seated

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councilmembers had a 3 for 3 against vote with then Mayor Ernst breaking the tie vote in favor of purchase. He asked why the city would consider spending money on lights for that field when there is an unused field already lit.

Mayor Price thanked Mr. Moreland for his questions and attendance welcoming him to return at any time.

No other discussion, meeting over.



Mayor Luke Price



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