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FALMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes of Caucus Meeting March 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Luke Price. The pledge of Allegiance, and the invocation given by Clerk Ramona Williams.

The following Council Members answering roll call:

Joyce Carson	Present	Craig Owen	Present
Amanda Moore	Present	Sabrina Hazen	Present
Anthony Cox	Present	Steve Jenkins	Present

Also Present: Attorney Brandon Voelker

Mayor Luke Price opened the Caucus meeting departmental reports.

Departmental Reports:

Richard Courtney- maintenance had been busy with several water leaks, doing some cold patch repairs, and Mayor Price explain a new preventative maintenance program having been implemented. He also reported the new utility truck had been outfitted with snow removal equipment giving us 4 total trucks.

New Supervisor Christian Hutchinson was not present, but Mayor reported he was getting acclimated to a new routine. The raw water meter had arrived and they would scheduling the installation in the coming weeks. Rose Electric had been onsite to repair some heaters. At the sewer plant, the UV's had been changed and cleaned which significantly reduced our testing levels to a normal range.

Nick Timon was present for the Police Department reporting the new recruit would complete the Academy around April 1st. He was looking forward to being on the streets. Nick reported the range located at the sewer plant facility was almost finished. The weather had slowed down the progress. Also reporting drug arrests were on the increase and still some targeted areas on their list.

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Clerk Ramona Williams stated she had prepared a notice for the paper regarding delinquent taxes and would be working with IT as the server had once again failed. There may be a need for a new server in the future.

John Lucas-Chief Lucas had submitted his report previously. The new ladder truck; 2610 was getting the new lettering and hope to be on scenes soon. There had been several structure fires they had been called to; but they had been slow.

Steve Groh made note of his report there had been a few people come off the listing due to compliance. Still several he was working one.

Mayor Price wanted to give an update on the Klee property and NKY CAC. The new dentist office should be opening the end of March. There had been approval by the Planning Commission for Headstart site plan with the contingency to extend the road and sidewalk on both sides of their proposed property. After clarification of this, Mayor stated this was part of the previously signed agreement.

Mayor had been in contact with Bayer Becker to get a cost proposal for blacktopping of those streets that don't have the sewer manholes. There had been discussion of putting in a pickleball court at the Veteran's park. It was being requested by Mayor for them to do a cost analysis of what it would take to upgrade our existing water plant. Mayor Price felt stated that before agreed to discussions of a new regional water plant, he wanted to see what it would cost to upgrade our own.

Another update from Mayor Price was manhole extensions had been order to raise the current ones. A much-needed project going forward.

Mayor Price then gave the floor to Anthony Cox. Anthony began by stating as a committee member who had been working on the Code Enforcement issues, he felt Council was limited in what and when they were able to accomplish anything. He would like to see the Caucus meeting be changed to a regular meeting to allow for voting purposes without calling a special meeting when needed. He spoke on having done some research with other cities on committees and how they seem to work more efficiently. He would like to propose amending the current ordinance to reflect two meetings a month be regular meetings and draft or address committees. Suggestted committees were: Safety/Code Enforcement, Personnel, Public Works/Beautification...or committees allowing for what is needed. Also suggesting the committees meet on the same night as the regular meetings either the 1st Thursday or the 2nd Thursday. A special meeting was called for March 11 at 6:00 PM to have a 1st reading on suggested amendments.

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Anthony Cox also wanted to speak briefly about the mock council meeting with Tami Vater's Youth Initiative. He felt it went very well and was glad to be part of it. He felt it would be advantageous to have more youth involvement in the future. All seemed to agree.

No other discussion, meeting over.

Mayor Luke Price