

City of Falmouth
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
February 13, 2018

ORIGINAL

Falmouth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Tuesday February 13, 2018 with Mayor Ron Stinson presiding. The following Council Members were present: Amy Hurst, Alex Carson, Amy Hitch, Sebastian Ernst and Philis Wait. Absent: April DeFalco

With a quorum present the meeting was called to order by Mayor Ron Stinson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation by Councilwoman Amy Hurst.

The minutes from January 9, 2018 were unavailable and will be presented to Council at the March 13, 2018 meeting for approval.

- Robin Cooper, Chief Member Services Officer with the Kentucky League of Cities was introduced by Mr. Bill Mitchell. Mr. Cooper provided Council with an overview of what services and benefits that KLC offered including but not limited to Insurance, Consulting, Financial, and Legal Services as well as trainings, webinars, and conferences.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

- **Fire Department-** Chief David Marquardt
There was a total of 31 runs responded to for the month of January. Fire Chief also informed council that he had gotten the tank back that had been cleaned and repaired, and also one of the Butler trucks was down and getting repaired.
- **Water/Wastewater-** Interim Supervisor Travis Lonaker
Water Plant: Lab has been cleaned and painted. Bonar pump station has been completely rebuilt and is now operating more efficiently.
Water loss for the month of January is noted at 37.7%, however, Mr. Lonaker does not believe this to be accurate based on outdated equipment that is used to tally the amount of water that is being produced.
Wastewater Plant: UV lamps have been worked on. Aerator has been sent off for repairs.
- **Public Works-** Director Gary Lea
Council welcomed Mr. Lea back to this position with applause. Mr. Lea reported to council that his top priority is finding and fixing water leaks followed by electrical issues. He will be having his crew starting on cleaning up the parks before spring; Councilman Alex Carson suggested that the combined effort including the volunteers from the Revitalization & Events Committee would be beneficial to beautifying our parks. Councilman Sebastian Ernst asked Mr. Lea what his thoughts and opinions were regarding outsourcing our garbage. Mr. Lea stated he does not believe it would be a good idea, he also believed doing such would receive a lot of negative feedback from

the residents. Mr. Lea also stated he does not believe that the garbage department is losing money. Councilman Ernst requested a P/L statement for the garbage department as well as all other departments.

- **Police Department-** Assistant Chief Shannon Clem Accreditation is underway. Shawn Butler from KACP did a walk thru inspection on February 1st. The facility passed, so now concentrating on the evidence room and policies. Once an audit is complete by KSP, Officer Jacob Mangan will assume responsibilities over the evidence room. Assistant Chief Clem stated he would like to have the accreditation completed by July. Officer candidate Linkugel is doing very well at the academy and his graduation ceremony will be April 6, 2018.
- **Clerks Department-** City Clerk Chrissy O'Hara was absent

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Revitalization & Events:

March 5, 2018

Shop Keepers Day

Adopt a Street or Park

Infrastructure:

March 6, 2018

Motion to change the regular scheduled meeting to a special meeting by Councilman Alex Carson, second by Councilwoman Philis Wait. All Aye

Garbage discussion

Finance Committee:

February 15, 2018

Enterprise Fleet Management discussing leasing fleet vehicles, maintenance program and 5 year turnover. Starting with the police department and then exploring other departments.

Personnel:

March 1, 2018

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Motion by Councilwoman Amy Hitch to change the time of all committee meetings to 6:30 pm, second by Councilwoman Amy Hurst. All Aye

AGENDA

1. Update to Council regarding Industrial Authority and property at the Industrial Park: Industrial Authority Board Member Steve Ammerman was present asking council to de-annex the Industrial Park property to eliminate the insurance premium tax to attract new businesses. Council agreed more info was needed and to come up with more ideas to work with the Industrial Authority to find solutions. No action taken at this time.
2. Introduction of updated Garbage Ordinance, possible 1st Reading: Tabled until March meeting.
3. Review and approval of Section 1 and Partial of Section 2 of the new City of Falmouth Handbook: Tabled until March meeting.

Skipped #4 to allow for audience comments prior to closed session.


5. Audience Comments and Concerns: Tammy Johnson 305 Monument Street spoke to council regarding her mailman driving through her yard. Pertains to Federal Government, so legally is out of City Council's jurisdiction.
4. Closed Session per KRS 61.810 (1) (f) to discuss a personnel matter; hiring a new City Attorney:
 Motion to go into closed session per KRS 61.810 (1) (f) was made by Councilman Alex Carson, second by Councilman Sebastian Ernst. All Aye. Time in: 9:40PM
 Motion to come out of closed session was made by Councilwoman Philis Wait, second by Councilwoman Amy Hurst. All Aye. Time out: 10:20PM No Action Taken.

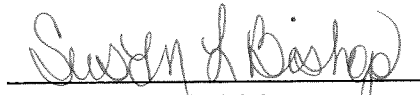
Motion for the City of Falmouth to enter into negotiations with Brandon N. Voelker to execute a legal services agreement made by Councilwoman Amy Hitch, second by Councilman Sebastian Ernst. All Aye.

Motion to form a negotiations committee consisting of Sebastian Ernst, Ron Stinson, Chrissy O'Hara and Bill Mitchell was made by Councilman Alex Carson, second by Councilwoman Philis Wait. All Aye.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Amy Hitch, second by Councilwoman Amy Hurst. All Aye.

Meeting adjourned.


 Ron Stinson, Mayor


 Attest: Susan L. Bishop