

City of Falmouth
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2018
7:00 PM

ORIGINAL

Falmouth City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 pm on July 10, 2018. Mayor Ron Stinson presiding. The following Council Members were present: Sebastian Ernst, April DeFalco, Joyce Carson, Amy Hitch, Phillis Wait, and Amy Hurst.

With a quorum present the meeting was called to order. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer by Council Member Amy Hurst.

- Motion to amend the agenda to swear in new Council Member Joyce Carson and discussion regarding a Neighborhood Watch by Council Member Wait, second by Council Member Hurst. All Aye.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 12, June 25, and June 28.

- Motion to approve meeting minutes for June 12, June 25, and June 28 2018 by Council Member DeFalco, second by Council Member Ernst. All Aye.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Fire Department - Chief David Marquardt: 26 fire runs for June, 4 runs in the city. Truck 2603 is back in service. Working on approval for Forestry Grant in the amount of \$1600.

Wastewater Department – Supervisor Andy Richie: Working on driveway at the Sewer Plant. Clarifier arm has been fixed. Waiting on samples to come back on water. Running new carbon and it is going well. Will be starting with the hydrant flushing the week of July 27th.

Public Works – Director Gary Lea: Things running as usual. One issue is the old packer is down. Will be putting an AD in the paper for available positions, 2 full time positions.

Police Department – Interim Chief Clem: The police department started by commending the maintenance crew for cleaning the PD lot. Police activity logs are up from 108 to 233. Residential and business checks are up from 299 to 460. One cruiser had the fuel pump go out and is being repaired. Clem informed Council that Officer Jolley is doing real well in the academy and she will complete her program in October.

Standing Committees

Infrastructure and Public Works Committee - Cancelled for Special Meeting held July 9th.

Personnel Committee -- Cancelled still working on policy updates.

Revitalization & Events Committee - Cancelled

Finance Committee – Worked to finalize the Proposed Budget FY18-19 for Council Approval.

AGENDA

Landlord/tenant responsibility of property.

Council Member Wait asked for discussion regarding landlords and way to hold them responsible for their tenants and the maintenance on their property. Council agreed for the City Attorney to work on a draft ordinance that would allow the city to possibly charge for renting or a way of maintaining the properties in town in a more efficient way.

ABC License Fee

Council Member DeFalco discussed increasing ABC license fees in order to help with the added expense and work on the officers monitoring the businesses due to the recent extension of operating hours for businesses selling alcohol. Council discussed and agreed that at this time adjustment to the fees was not warranted; since the officers were present and said they do not have an increase in activity due to the later hours nor a significant amount of additional work has been required since the change of hours.

Budget Review FY 18-19: Possible Ordinance Reading

Council received an updated proposal of numbers and will be reviewing for a Special Meeting that will be called.

Neighborhood Watch

Council Member Wait brought up the discussion of a neighborhood watch and/or what could be done to help with the drug use, thefts and/or anything happening in the city that the police need to be aware of. One option discussed was to bring the VIPS program back. It was discussed how the VIPS helped with patrolling, if they saw something they would contact the PD to check it out, help with funeral processions, parades and how just having the presence of having another person monitoring activity in the city would be beneficial.

- Motion to reinstate the VIPS by Council Member Hitch, second by Council Member Wait. All Aye.

No Comments or Concerns from the audience.

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Ernst, second by Council Member Hitch. All Aye.

Ron Stinson, Mayor

Chrissy O'Hara

Attest: Chrissy O'Hara, City Clerk