

City of Falmouth
Council Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2017

ORIGINAL

Falmouth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on January 10, 2017 with Mayor Elonda L. Hinson presiding. The following Council Members were present: Amy Hurst, Ron Stinson, Amy Hitch, Alex Carson, April DeFalco, and Sebastian Ernst.

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 add "Council Concerns" by Council Member DeFalco, with a second by Council Member Ernst. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes with corrections of the December 27, 2016 Council Meeting was made by Council Member DeFalco, with a second by Council Member Carson. Motion passed unanimously.

Departmental Updates

Chief Greg Spaulding submitted his monthly report regarding the Police Department. Officer Ray Dowers was also present to address council in regards to the Northern Kentucky Living Center, NKLC. Officer Dowers expressed to council his concerns with the number of serious issues regarding NKLC facilities and his belief that it is necessary for the city to take action in order to resolve these problems. Some of these issues range from resident harassment/assault/fights/disorderly missing persons, as well as multiple other incidents. After lengthy discussion regarding facilities and safety of those residents as well as the safety of others, Council referred to the City Attorney in regards to ways that they should proceed. He instructed them that they could start with a letter addressing the issues. Council felt that each facility, the one on Barkley Street and Maple Avenue should be addressed; Council proceeded with a motion.

- Motion to proceed with written notice from the city to the facility owners that concerns were raised by the police and that we wish to open lines of communications between the two entities to find solutions by Council Member Carson, with a second by Council Member Ernst.
Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Hitch, Yes. Carson, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Ernst, Yes.
Resolved: All Aye.
Motion carried.

April DeFalco wanted to recognize Chief Greg Spaulding for outstanding accomplishments while working with the residents of the citizens of Falmouth.

Mayor Hinson reported the Maintenance Department will start trimming trees and cleaning sewer lines.

Todd Ramsey was present and reported for his department of Water/Sewage that 2 pumps are down at Bonar Village and must be replaced. Stated that State Street, Shelby Street, and Hammer Drive location pumps are in need of replacement as well. Mayor informed council that she will be attending a meeting in Frankfort soon regarding the SSES.

Second Reading of the Flood Permit Fee

ORDINANCE 96.07-2017 AMENDING ORDINANCE 96.05-2004 AND SECTION 152.01 OF THE FALMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE FOR APPLICATION FOR FLOOD PLAIN CONSTRUCTION PERMIT.

- Motion to adopt Ordinance 96.07-2017 by Council Member Hurst, with a second by Council Member Ernst.
Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Hitch, Yes. Carson, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Ernst, Yes.
Resolved: All Aye.
Motion carried.

Falmouth Outlook Promotion Ad for 20th Anniversary of Flood

- Motion to table until Special Meeting when more information from the Outlook can be provided by Council Member Carson, with a second by Council Member Hurst.
Resolved: Council Member DeFalco sustained from voting due to conflict of interest.
Remaining Council All Aye.
Motion carried.

NKADD Ethics

City Clerk provided an update regarding the NKADD taking over the City Ethics. The Authority met in December and decided that because of the time and cost of amending an interlocal agreement it would be most efficient if they only go through the process once a year. Since the process as already begun for FY17 they will not be adding new members until FY18 in July.

NKADD did offer us to contract with them to collect and maintain the financial disclosures however since we already have collected our disclosures it was in agreement of council that we do not hire them to handle this for us. We will regroup with our current Ethics Board and move forward to finish out this FY.

Duke Franchise Agreement

Tabled the Duke Franchise Agreement until further information can be provided. Need to speak with Brian Thompson with Planning and Zoning regarding adding the Encroachment Permit process to this agreement before we present back to council.
Resolved: All agree.

Employee Request Regarding Personal Days

Officer Ray Dowers requested council to permit an extension to use his personal days that he was unable to get in before the end of the year. Council was also informed of other employees in the same situation.

- Motion to table until next month by Council Member Hitch. Motion failed.
- Motion to allow Officer Ray Dowers to carry over his personal days known as floating holidays for 30 days by Council Member Stinson, with a second by Council Member Hurst.

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Resolved: All Aye.
Motion carried.

- Motion to start the process of updating our personnel policy by Council Member Hurst, with a second by Council Member Hitch.

Resolved: All Aye.
Motion carried.

Council Concerns

Council Concerns went into discussion regarding multiple items. To rename a few items discussed, council requested that they would like to see Department Heads at the meetings to give them updates and let them know what is going on.

There were multiple questions and concerns regarding a variety of items and discussion regarding city issues that we will be addressing over time. Ultimately Council stated they would like to see better communication between everyone.

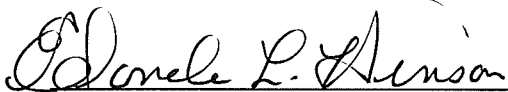
Council also had questions and concerns regarding the Falmouth Festival Committee and their spending along with how the city could better utilize other groups to expand the city festival events.

- Motion to freeze funds of the Festival Committee until further notice by Council Member DeFalco, with a second by Council Member Carson.

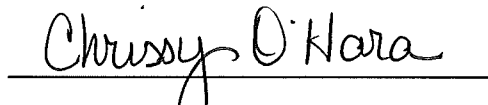
Resolved: All Aye.
Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Hurst, with a second by Council Member Hitch. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.



Elonda L. Hinson, Mayor



Attest: Chrissy O'Hara, City Clerk