

City of Falmouth
Council Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2017

ORIGINAL

Falmouth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on February 14, 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.

Request to amend the agenda to add "City Ordinances" by Council Member Ernst.

Motion to approve minutes was made by Council Member Carson, with a second by Council Member Hurst. Motion passed unanimously.

Departmental Updates

Fire Department Chief David Marquardt presented his reports to council and proceeded to ask for the approval of the purchase of a Hummer vehicle. He explained that the county was willing to donate \$2500 towards the purchase plus the City of Butler \$1250 if the City of Falmouth would be willing to contribute \$1250 towards the buy. After discussion, a motion was made.

- Motion to approve $\frac{1}{4}$ of the amount of the truck of \$5000 providing the confirmation that the amount in uniforms and clothing is correct on current printout and a written agreement with the county for their portion 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.

Police Department Chief Spaulding let everyone know that the Living Center is working with the Outlook for public awareness on mental health. He also informed everyone that NAMI would be having a meeting February 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Council Member DeFalco suggested that all police officers drive cruisers when they are attending training.

- Motion for police officers to drive cruisers when they are attending training, if a cruiser is available by Council Member DeFalco, with a second by Council Member Stinson.
Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Hitch, Yes. Carson, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Ernst, Yes.
Resolved: All Aye.
Motion carried.

Complaint brought up with dogs running at large from a concerned citizen, Philys Wait. The police expressed to please call and report when this happening so they can catch the animals in the act. Chief Spaulding tried to explain that by the time they show up the animals are gone. They will be working to see how they can improve this situation.

Maintenance Department Gary Lea reported to council. Council Member Ernst had questions and concerns regarding street cleanup. Supervisor Lea stated that he doesn't have a street sweeper and that would help to speed the process so they could get more things accomplished. They discussed looking into a street sweeper if that would help his department maintain the streets. Lea mentioned that a few citizens on Reservoir were requesting street lights to be put back in because the streets are so dark at night it is unsafe.

- Motion to fix lights on Reservoir by Council Member DeFalco, second by Council Member Hitch. All Aye.

Water/Wastewater Department Todd Ramsey reported to council. Explained issues with pump station at Bonar Village and the \$100 a load being paid to haul the septic. Supervisor Ramsey also explained that we have some issues with East Pendleton's water and they are considering putting in a variable speed drive that will cost about \$30,000. He said Mr. Wayne Lonaker will come and speak to council and explain the problems when they have more information.

Proposal for Klee Property – Council was informed of an interested party in the Klee Property, a firm looking to buy about 6 acres for development. Council would like to meet with the interested party and requested a meeting to be set up.

- Motion to setup meeting with the developer by Council Member Sebastian, and second by Council Member Stinson. All Aye.

Duke Franchise Agreement – The city's agreement with Duke Franchise expired back in 2007. We need to work to update this agreement. This process will take about 6 months. Requesting a motion from council to proceed with this process.

- Motion to proceed with the Duke Franchise Agreement by Council Member Ernst, second by Council Member DeFalco. All Aye.

Support New Business – Council Member Hitch addressed council and wanted to know any ideas that they may have to help show support for the new businesses coming into the city. Council Member Carson suggested a Proclamation be created for the new businesses from the city. The City Clerk agreed to come up with a Proclamation that could be presented to new businesses in our area.

Council Member Carson asked the status of the Falmouth sign, and was told that Rick Mineer took the sign about 2 weeks ago.

Council Concerns – Council Member DeFalco would like to see the Falmouth Festival Committee work with Pendleton County Tourism and other groups to see if they can all work together to come up with some ideas to help improve the Festival Committee. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made.

Motion to revise the Falmouth Festival Committee by Council Member DeFalco, second by Council Member Ernst. All Aye.

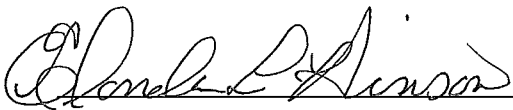
City business owner Jennifer Thornton made a proposal to council asking if they would allow her to donate her time of decorating and supplying wooden barrels on the streets downtown.

- Motion to allow the barrels by Council Member Ernst. Failed for conflict of interest.
- Motion for Jennifer to donate time and pots to decorate by Council Member DeFalco, second by Council Member Carson.
Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Hitch, Yes. Carson, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Ernst, Abstained.
Motion carried.

City Ordinances – Discussion regarding the nuisance violations and how to enforce them and get things cleaned up. City Clerk explained that the clerk's office has sent the Traffic Violations Citation Book to be printed and let council know we will be working to produce one for the Code Violations as well, in the meantime police officers can use letters to get the citation/warning process started. The Clerk's office will get a notice out to the citizens with the utility bills and in the Outlook to let them be aware of what is taking place.

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

Meeting adjourned.



Elonda L. Hinson, Mayor



Attest: Chrissy O'Hara, City Clerk