

City of Falmouth
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2017

ORIGINAL

Falmouth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on August 8, 2017 with Mayor Elonda L. Hinson presiding. The following Council Members were present: Amy Hurst, Ron Stinson, Alex Carson, April DeFalco, Amy Hitch, 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.

No minutes were presented to Council for approval. City Clerk was unable to complete and will provide at the next Special Meeting for approval.

Motion to amend Agenda for the Approval of Falmouth Forward Volunteer Collaborative Members and for presentation to council of legal review by Council Member Carson. Second by Council Member Hitch. All Aye.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Fire Department

Chief David Marquardt discussed issues with tank of Hum V; the water pump went out.

Water/Wastewater Department

As of August 4, 2017 Travis Lonaker was appointed as Interim Water Waste/Water Supervisor. Lonaker will be the Officer-In-Charge until further notice.

Lonaker went over a variety of things in the department to update council. Lonaker discussed with council the water tanks. Explained that we have one tank down but can't sand blast with the rain. He informed council that we are still looking at 4-5 weeks to finish the tower that is currently being painted. Lonaker reported that we are doing ok, so far, with water. Lonaker mentioned to council that he would like more conferences to attend to help him to learn and network better with other companies that deal with the same type of issues that we have and then he can better assist us. Lonaker explained the issues that he has been dealing with at the Bonar Village – Pump Station. Council Member Carson invited Travis to the September 5th Infrastructure Meeting.

Public Works – Water - Department

Interim Public Works Director Joe Wells reported on the scrap metal; still working on getting everything together but does not have a list ready at this time. Wells reported that they have been doing clean up along Hwy 27 and other areas. Council Member Hitch recognized the cleaning efforts and thanked the department for all their work.

Police Department

Chief Spaulding discussed an ordinance officer.

Chrissy O'Hara City Clerk – Klee Agreement has been sent just waiting to hear back and receive a final signed copy. The final copies of the Audit have been placed in your mailboxes. We will be looking at hiring a temporary person for the clerk's office until Susan can return. The city will be running an ad for a week for the position.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee members provided a summary update for each group.

Infrastructure – Water Treatment plant-Still looking into grant money and pursuing the interest of Bill Mitchell-Working on list for paving of streets-Gathering information for monthly Clean the Streets Day-Open to ideas-lane lines on the streets; like to see redone.

Personnel – starting with the policies and updating job descriptions.

Revitalization – have four volunteers – set goals. Halloween was proposed for the weekend of October 28, 2017.

- Motion to set Halloween for the weekend of October 28, 2017 by Council Member DeFalco. Second by Council Member Hurst. All Aye.

Committee is looking at Christmas parade for December 9th. Special Meeting for Revitalization Committee is scheduled for September 6th. Call Council Member Carson if you have any questions.

New Business

Brown Thornton, Discussed the Electrical Rates:

Electric Rates – Will see KU increase next month

-- Electric System needs work as well as water

-- Cost will go down 10% in 2019, but remember we will have to cover 2 utility bills at the time as well. City needs to start preparing for that now.

City may want to look into purchasing our transmission piece when the switch takes place.

Ordinance Electric 2017 – Rates

Introduction to Electric Ordinance setting new rates.

Parklet Presentation and Vote of Approval - Tabled

Funded by a Nano Grant – This is not a city grant it is awarded to the individual.

Questions were raised about insurance and KLC coverage. Parklet Presentation was tabled until more information could be provided.

Motion to table till next week by Council Member Ernst. Second by Council Member Hurst. All Aye

Resolution for FY17-18 Municipal Road Aid Funds

- Motion to approve Resolution by Council Member Carson. Second by Council Member Stinson.
Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Carson, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Ernst, Yes. Hitch, Yes.
Motion carried.

Old Business

Small World CDC – Crosswalk/Traffic Concerns (Lindsey Wolfe)

- Motion to table until Ms. Wolfe can be present by Council Member Carson. Second by Council Member Hitch. All Aye

Animal Control Interlocal Agreement

- Motion to approve the Interlocal Animal Control Agreement with the county by Council Member Carson. Second by Council Member DeFalco.
Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Carson, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Ernst, Yes. Hitch, Yes.
Motion carried.

Surplus Scrap Metal for Maintenance Department - Tabled

Budget FY 17-18 Review – 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 50.01-2017
Scheduled a Special Meeting for August 10th to review budget.

Audience Comments/Concerns

Lisa Florence spoke during the meeting to show support for the Mayor. Florence said there needs to be more done with drugs and stealing. She wanted to thank Mayor Hinson for what she has done.

Stan Love spoke saying we should view the cameras at the Veterans Park to see anything pertaining to the drugs.

Mentioning of a Neighborhood Watch was brought up during open discussion.

Approval of Falmouth Forward Volunteer Collaborative Members

Council members voting in: Tiffany Hehman
Donna Bathalter
National Honor Society
Tammy Spicer
Joyce Carson
Shannon Johnson

- Motion to approve members by Council Member DeFalco. Second by Council Member Ernst. All Aye

- Motion to approve legal services with Attorney Bob Bathalter by Council Member Carson. Second by Council Member Ernst. All Aye.
Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Carson, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Ernst, Yes. Hitch, Yes.
Motion carried.
- Motion to accept the presentation to council of legal review of findings from Attorney Bathalter by Council Member Carson. Second by Council Member DeFalco.
Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Carson, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Ernst, Yes. Hitch, Yes.
Motion carried.

Various employees & citizens had concerns that they had confronted council about. Those concerns lead to an investigation into all issues. The Investigator that the city hired interviewed and questioned current employees and past employees and gathered mass information. Council then requested an Attorney to review all information and present back to them any possible grounds for removal based on reviewing the legal statutes.

After review by Mr. Bathalter in his opinion the mayor established various legal issues that he reported within 17 charges. These charges would now be public record, once submitted.

- Motion to proceed forward by Council Member Carson. Second by Council Member Stinson. All Aye.

Council proceeded by scheduling a Public Hearing for Monday, August 28th and August 29th at 6:00 p.m.

- Motion to authorize Mr. Bathalter to carry out the arrangements by Council Member DeFalco. Second by Council Member Hitch. All Aye

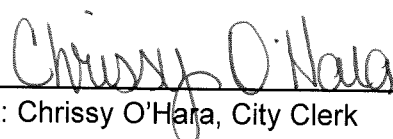
Motion for Alex to proceed with Anthony Strong about electric connection by Council Member DeFalco. Motion failed.

Mayor will touch based with Anthony Strong in regards to more details on working together to assist with each facility needs. She will try to establish how can we all work together to get what we need.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Elonda L. Hinson, Mayor



Attest: Chrissy O'Hara, City Clerk