

City of Falmouth  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2017  
7:00 PM

ORIGINAL

Falmouth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on September 12, 2017 with Council Member Sebastian Ernst presiding. The following Council Members were present: Amy Hurst, Alex Carson, April DeFalco, Amy Hitch, and Ron Stinson.

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.

The minutes from July 11, August 8, August 10, and September 5, 2017 were presented to Council for approval.

- Motion to accept all minutes with the friendly amendment to September 5<sup>th</sup> minutes, correcting Sebastian Ernst's title by Council Member Hurst, second by Council Member Carson. All Aye.

Sealed Bids on old Sewer Plant were opened by City Attorney: 2 bids received.

\$1,026.00 Justin & John Kramer

\$1,505.00 Saul Bex

- Motion to approve Saul Bex bid for \$1,505.00 by Council Member Defalco, second by Council Member Carson.  
Vote: All Aye.  
Resolved: Motion carried.

#### DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Planning and Zoning - Brian Thompson

Thompson recommends the City adopt an Ordinance for Encroachment Permits. Thompson suggested the City may want to add Parklets, sidewalks, and driveways to the encroachment permits. Thompson also recommends something similar to that of the County & that mandatory sidewalk standards be required. Council Member Carson requested that Thompson be at the next Infrastructure Meeting.

Thompson provided an update on Flood -CRS – stating that a reduction by May 18 on insurance was expected.

Fire Department Chief David Marquardt

31 Runs, averaging 8 people per run. A lot more lifting assistance.

Marquardt discussed Hum V tank; looks like we're going to have to rebuild tank. Water pump has been repaired.

Wastewater Department – Interim Supervisor Travis Lonaker

Maintenance Issues: rebuild of an aerator pump at New Hope – waiting on approval once the \$1000 executive order is addressed. Flow Meters are still being checked into. Biggest issue at this time is Rumpke. Last month cost us \$10,000 on testing. We are failing toxicity. Plus leachate leaves a residue on our UV.

Send a letter to Rumpke setting a limit to hauling and addressing the fees.

- Motion to give the supervisor the authority to cap a limit on hauling by Council Member Carson, second by Council Member Hurst.  
Vote: All Aye.  
Resolved: Motion carried.
- Motion to increase of \$60.00 per 1000 on Rumpke after proper notification to start October 1 by Council Member Ernst. Seconded by Council Member Hitch.  
Vote: All Aye.  
Resolved: Motion carried.

Department will figure out surcharges for the Pretreatment Program.

Water Side: Need to look into chlorine system problem need a new rehab on system. Looking at about \$8,000 to switch. Would like to see a filter assessment be done. DOW interested in doing it – and its free. Needing 2 metal doors in plant.

- Motion to approve the purchase of the hydrants that were previously approved on 6/8/17 by former Mayor by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Stinson.  
Vote: All Aye.  
Resolved: Motion carried.

Maintenance – Interim Supervisor Public Works Joe Wells

Discussed pipe replacement program. Getting called out on sewer issues more. Talked with Gary Lea today will have electric work orders completed by next week. They are preparing for leaves the best we can. Still working on garbage ordinance.

Police Department - Chief Greg Spaulding

Introduced new officer Billy Linkugel. Will be here in October.

Looking at discussing hiring 1 or 2 more officers. Got one car down. Looking at getting it fixed. Looking at purchasing 1 new car.

Code Enforcement - Chris Pelle

Pelle reported that he was pretty pleased with compliance from Code Enforcement. He hopes to have 404 Park Street done soon.

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Clerk's Department – City Clerk Chrissy O'Hara

Reported to have collected about \$25,000 in back property taxes. Getting questions regarding leasing the barns on the Klee Property. Council decided that there would be no leasing at this time on the Klee Property. KLC was working on getting more information on the Parklets.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

Revitalization & Events:

Set October 28, 2017 at Fairgrounds for Halloween Controlled Bonfire & FFA  
Hayride/December 16, 2017 – Parade at 2:00 p.m./Adopt-A-Street Program – Allocate Funds/Ray interested in a Work Program – Trash bags & a set of gloves.

Infrastructure:

Key issue with water loss, trying to get that down/Bill Mitchell was present working with NKADD/Looking into Ordinances regarding lawnmowers.

Finance Committee:

- Motion to schedule a Special Meeting on Budget only @ 6:00 p.m., where all department heads are to be at by Council Member Carson. Seconded by Council Member Ernst.  
Vote: All Aye.  
Resolved: Motion carried.

Personnel:

Discussed having the employees work on mission statements from each department and for the city/The statement would include a vision for the department/Working on an employee picnic for next year/Clerk is working on a possible employee luncheon for this year/Thoughts on monthly employee awards/recognition/Worked on policy wording and different things that would need to be approved by the city attorney.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to table items 1-4 by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Hitch.  
Vote: All Aye.  
Resolved: Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

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

Lines on City Streets – Council Member Ernst called companies to get quotes.

Approval of Hearing Costs

- Impeachment of Process Fees – Total Cost = \$10,353.64
- A motion to approve additional fees on legal costs for impeachment of Mayor Hinson by Council Member Carson, seconded by Council Member Ernst.

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Vote: All Yes.

Resolved: Motion Carried.

Audience Comments/Concerns

Joint Meeting this week – Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned.

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Sebastian Ernst, Council Member

*Chrissy O'Hara*  
Attest: Chrissy O'Hara, City Clerk