



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes Regular May 16, 2023

After pledge and invocation, Mayor Ernst called the Meeting to order.

Amy Hurst	Present	Joyce Carson	Present
Sabrina Hazen	Present	Bob Pettit	Present
Darryl Ammerman	Present	Luke Price	Present

Present: Attorney Brandon Voelker

**MOTION:** Joyce Carson made a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion of fire department. Seconded by Amy Hurst; all aye. 5-1-0 with Luke Price voting no.

Mayor recognized Chief Marty Hart to speak since he was in attendance. He reported to Council the process to renew accreditation and begun and he would be gathering necessary paperwork as needed. The new fulltime person, Matthew Campbell would be going to the academy in October. He is still waiting on the quote from the IT folks on the computer upgrade and the camera tech people to come look at those. Otherwise, everything was going smoothly. He was asked if we were up to 24/7 coverage to which he replied he is able to cover 123/168 hours at this time.

### GUESTS

Mayor Ernst opened then recognized guest speaker Stephanie Green with the Pendleton Co Drug Coalition along with one of her Sharp Middle School students, Kendall Purvis. Mrs. Green was present to update Council on some of the programs they have been working on in the school district and NKY. They had started a program called "Sources of Strength in which Ms. Purvis explained was a student/advisor program to encourage youth and mentors to speak on the topic of suicide and prevention. It was an educational program offering resources for youth who entertain suicidal thoughts, but also for peers to meet in groups and talk about current situations and the mental health aspect with dealing with feelings, situations, events. She explained that while it may seem a negative topic, the program was geared towards being a safe place for students/advisors to be open, have fun, interact through partnerships to feel they are in a protected environment and be open to communication. Ms. Purvis explained there had been success in preventing at least one known suicide attempt this year.

Mrs. Green also spoke on other initiatives being in collaboration with other schools in the Northern Kentucky Area. One of the programs introduced at the High School level was vaping prevention by doing educational training on the negative impact tobacco use and vaping along with other substance abuse might have on our youth. She was excited about a new year with more opportunities and thanked Mayor and Council for their continued support.

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Noelle Currans, Marketing Director for Harrison Memorial Hospital was present to introduce herself to the Council and speak on their role in the City and Pendleton County. They have purchased Family Care Associates on Shelby Street and by Fall will have an OB/GYN on staff, they have joined the Rotary, and are coordinating community forum meetings periodically that involve several members of leadership and the community to help develop what is needed. She also wanted to speak on The Cottages of Flat Run in regard to potential development of the Klee Farm. She present brochures to Council on the cottages, how they are designed, targeted demographic of people being 65+. They are two-bedroom, 2-bathroom, open concept, and approximately 1296 sq feet of living space. The plan is for potential of 49 total once project complete. Residents would have full access to HMH resources including shuttle serves to HMH Wellness Center and appointments. She wanted to present the idea to Council as an idea for future development. She thanked Mayor and Council for their time and the opportunity to speak on behalf of HMH.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Before the minutes were approved, Amy Hurst questioned the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting there was no reference of the discussion regarding fire department and if agreement rejected, open to negotiation. She felt the minutes should have reflected that discussion, but all agreed the motion stood for itself.

Minutes of Regular Meeting Reg Meeting April 18, 2023 and Minutes of Special Meeting and Caucus meeting May 2, 2023.

**MOTION:** Darryl Ammerman made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Luke Price. Motion carried 5-1-0 with Amy Hurst voting no.

## ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MUNICIPAL ORDERS

**Resolution 5.16.23:1** A resolution reappointing Jeff Cropper to the Gene Snyder Falmouth Pendleton County Airport Board.

**MOTION:** Joyce Carson made a motion to approve Resolution 5.16.23:1; seconded by Darryl Ammerman. All aye, motion carried 6-0-0.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Ernst reported to Council that all information had be submitted as requested to the Engineers at the State and we are now waiting on their response.

## NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION:** Sabrina Hazen made a motion to retire to Closed Session per KRS 81.610(1)(b) for land acquisition discussion; seconded by Luke Price. Motion carried 5-1-01 with Darryl Ammerman voting no.

**MOTION:** Sabrina Hazen made a motion to come out of Closed Session, seconded by Amy Hurst; motion carried 6-0-0.

It was stated discussion took place and no action was taken.

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Mayor Ernst then presented the Council with a draft version of the FY 23-24 proposed budget. He stated he was asking for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an ordinance to get the process started but would like for Council to take the draft home, study it, prepare for questions and a Special Meeting could be called for discussion and work going forward. If changes are needed, it may necessitate another 1<sup>st</sup> reading. He went onto explain that if Council would please consider what has been presented as it shows a continual savings of money going into future years with an ongoing balance of \$200,000 and not drop below that amount in the General Fund. Clerk Williams stated she and the Mayor had worked very hard over the course of two weeks to get the numbers as he was presenting, and this was his budget. On paper, the numbers show everything he is asking for is doable. Mayor Ernst was not asking for discussion tonight until everyone had had a chance to review the entire packet.

Cassandra Jacobs, Marketing Director with Kincaid Regional theater was present to request funding from the city. She spoke about the previous year's contributions and personally thanked leadership for the support. She updated them on the plans to involve more local youth by explaining the workshops being planned for to involve a greater number for those interested. As explained, not every young person is athletically inclined and the Arts and Entertainment within our school system is lacking. KRT was working towards initiatives to develop programs for those students as well. She was asking for continued support and thanked Mayor and Council for their time.

Clerk Williams stated she had received an email request for the airport funding. It was asked what the purpose of the airport was, and what benefit to the city their contribution made. Clerk Williams stated she would send an email to the director requesting information be sent to educate council of benefit.

A discussion then took place regarding the Pendleton County Recreation agreement that was up for renewal. After lengthy back and forth discussion, Attorney Voelker stated that based on their 501C status, and the fact they are operating with government appointees to a board, there are concerns of being compliant with KRS 65.175.

**MOTION:** Sabrina Hazen made a motion to amend the existing agreement to remove Item #1 and #3 for the next FY23-24.

After more discussion Sabrina Hazen rescinded her motion to table until Attorney Voelker to draft a letter to get an Attorney General Opinion on how it was being ran.

**Resolution 5.16.23:2:** A resolution to surplus multiple vehicles.

**MOTION:** Luke Price made a motion, seconded by Darryl Ammerman, to approve Resolution 5.16.23:2 to surplus multiple vehicles from the city fleet. All aye, motion carried 6-0-0.

A discussion then took place regarding the fire department and the letter sent to Fiscal Court requesting the funding increase. Council felt it should be open to negotiation for them to make a counter offer but Mayor Ernst felt leadership should stay united in what was being asked for. The City cannot continue to fund a department where more of the majority of expense was being incurred due to runs in the County and not within the City limits. His letter stated if they did not agree to the funding as requested, they would cease response to county runs. After more discussion, Attorney Voelker quoted KRS 82.02 and the AG opinion of 2012 that without an interlocal agreement, the City cannot go outside it's jurisdiction/boundaries. The Home Rule would apply that a written agreement must be in place to allow the City that ability. There was discussion of all parties within the Fiscal Court and City Council to have a

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discussion together to reach an agreement. Mayor Ernst still remained firm the funding request would be met or the agreement would terminate June 30.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Ernst announced he had contacted an appraiser for the Klee Farm and should be in touch within the week and also there had been inspectors at the Falmouth School Center and he would get a report to Council when complete. He then referred to the list of announcements stating the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will most likely be a Special Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Luke Price made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Sabrina Hazen. All aye, motion carried 6-0-0.

  
Sebastian Ernst, Mayor

  
Attest: City Clerk

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**CITY OF FALMOUTH  
RESOLUTION 05.16.23:1**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JEFF CROPPER TO THE GENE SNYDER AIRPORT BOARD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2025.

Be it resolved by the City of Falmouth, Kentucky:

Section 1: That the Mayor's reappointment of Jeff Cropper to the Gene Snyder Airport Board for a two year term ending April 30, 2025, be and hereby is approved.

Section 2: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

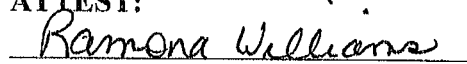
Enacted Regular Meeting May 16, 2023.

**CITY OF FALMOUTH, KENTUCKY**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Sebastian Ernst, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Ramona Williams, City Clerk

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**RESOLUTION NO. 05.16.23:2**

**CITY OF FALMOUTH, PENDLTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

**A RESOLUTION SURPLUSSING MULTIPLE CITY VEHICLES**

**Whereas**, the Falmouth has an excess of fleet vehicles to surplus; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FALMOUTH, COUNTY OF PENDLETON, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, THAT THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES TO BE SURPLUSED:**

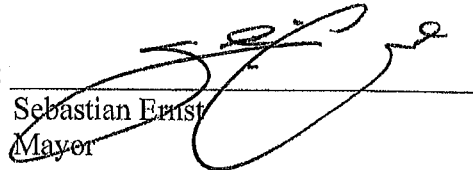
That the vehicles are surplussed and that the Mayor is directed to sell in a reasonably commercial manner.

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2001 Chevy Silverado	1GBHG31F211175868
2019 Dodge Charger	2C3CDXAG7KH572949
2014 Dodge Charger	2C3CDXAT2EH142716
2011 Dodge Charger	2B3CL1CT0BH587400
2011 Dodge Charger	2B3CL1CT2BH582148
2009 Dodge Charger	2B3KA43T99H641807
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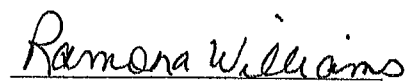
This 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

**CITY OF FALMOUTH**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Sebastian Ernst  
Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Ramona Williams, Clerk