

City of Falmouth
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2017
7:00 PM

Falmouth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on October 10, 2017. The following Council Members were present: Amy Hurst, Alex Carson, April DeFalco, Amy Hitch, and Sebastian Ernst. Mayor Ron Stinson scheduled to arrive late. One vacant council seat.

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 appoint Council Member Ernst to preside until Mayor Stinson's arrival by Council Member Carson, second by Council Member DeFalco. All Aye.

Council Meeting Minutes from September 12, September 19, September 26, October 4, and October 5, 2017 were presented to Council for approval.

- Motion to accept all minutes with the friendly amendment to October 4th minutes to remove Council Member Carson from the present list by Council Member Hurst, second by Council Member Carson. All Aye.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Planning and Zoning - Brian Thompson – Was not present. Tabled: Until further information can be provided.

Fire Department - Chief David Marquardt

Presented spread sheet for fire runs to council for September. Purchase order submitted to Mayor for material for \$800.00 for the Hum-V. Chief requested five more sets of gear.

Wastewater Department – Interim Supervisor Travis Lonaker

Water: Received most of the quotes for the roof. Got a quote on the metal door. Repaired Booster Station, had a pump go down. Gary, Craig, and Travis worked 4 hours to repair electric on Reservoir. Replaced plumbing at the water plant. Carbon machines are back online. Service done on truck needed a new fuel pump.

Waste/Water: Pump at Hammer fixed on 25th, pump was free and under warranty. Pump for New Hope has been ordered. Got Flow Meter pricing. Had an air rater down. Meeting on Friday on Bonar Station, now the pumps are out for 8 weeks. Craig Smith is going back to test for his license.

Mayor Ron Stinson arrived at 7:13pm. Mayor Stinson now presiding.

Public Works – Interim Supervisor Joe Wells

Everything is going good. Doing electric more now that Gary Lea is back part-time. Looking to give Hwy 27 maintenance back to state. Working on lights at the Athletic Park. Rodney Miles is done with garbage truck but waiting on cylinders.

Code Enforcement – Chris Pelle

Announced that the house on Park Street has come down as of tonight. Is working with the railroad to get their property cleaned up. Vanlandingham property is cleaning up the tree by the old car wash. Then will be working to get the furniture cleaned out. Working on abandoned properties. Questioned Fire Marshall training and if he could attend the 8 hour class.

Police Department – Waiting on Chief Spaulding to arrive from a call to report

Clerks Department – City Clerk Chrissy O'Hara

Property Taxes will be out by Friday, October 13. Spoke with Council in regards to terminating our current agreement with Van Gorder and Walker and going back to our former auditor Paul Maddix. All council members agreed and had no reservations about this change. Paul Maddix would not only save the city money but offer more assistance because he is more familiar with our software and information that pertains to the city. Working on submitting the Litter Abatement Grant and the Liability Grant for the Public Works Department. Finishing up CSX train derailment paperwork to get submitted. Working with Personnel Committee on the Personnel Policy. Needing to address the holiday/sick/vacation time before the next month.

Standing Committee Reports

Revitalization & Events Committee met October 2nd

Reported by Council Member Carson: Tiffany Hehman has been appointed as Chair for Falmouth Forward. She will be heading up her first event, Spooktacular for Halloween on October 28th 8:00 to 10:00pm. Reminder Truck or Treat is 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Athletic Park. Christmas parade, White Christmas is scheduled for December 16th at 5:00pm. Lineup is at 4:00 at Southern Elementary. Donna Bathalter will be having Morning to Remember breakfast at St. Xaiver. Kincaid Regional Theater will be caroling and Santa will be at City Hall for pictures. Committee is working on 4th of July events. Working on donations for fireworks.

Infrastructure and Public Works Committee met on October 3rd

Reported by Council Member Ernst: Working on encroachment permits with Alex Carson and Brian Thompson. Discussing doing a rental property permitting process. Still talking with Bill Mitchell regarding Infrastructure and what he can do for the city. Health Department Becky Messmer is looking to connecting trails at the Athletic Park, she is working on a proposal.

Personnel Committee met on October 5th

Reported by Council Member DeFalco: Still working on policies focusing on employee benefits/sick/vacation/personal time first. Will be having a luncheon provided from out IT company Sopicity, possibly the 19th of October.

Finance Committee – Meeting was cancelled

New Business

Introduction of Bill Mitchell - Economic Development Partnership Overview

Bill Mitchell presented to council an Outline of Pendleton County Economic Development Office Support for the City of Falmouth 2002-2017. The complete document can be provided with a Records Requests to the City Clerk.

Klee Farm – Hunting Rights

Council Member Hitch proposed the question of hunting on the Klee property. She had been approached for permission to hunt and was told that city employees were allowed to hunt there. The city was not aware of any hunting taking place on this property. Council all agreed that there is no hunting permitted on the Klee property by any employee or the public. City will make sure there are proper signs posted and a memo will be sent to all employees so that they are aware; if they were not before.

Resolution Approving Amendment to Interlocal Agreement creating the Bluegrass and Central Kentucky Unified Police Protection System (BACKUPPS) – Chief Spaulding

Proceeding with agenda items until Chief Spaulding arrives.

Discussion regarding De-Annexation of Stacey Wells/Crouch Property

Reminded Council of an old issue that has been outstanding for years, Stacey Wells and Brian Crouch properties have been in the process of De-Annexation for some time now. We now have the correct plat and legal from the surveyor and are ready to proceed and complete this project. Council proceeded with no objections of Ordinance regarding the De-annexation.

Ordinance was introduced constituting for the 1st Reading.

Audience Comments/Concerns

Patty Tate was present and signed the sign in sheet to speak. Ms. Tate informed council of a situation she had with Council Member DeFalco. She provided council with a written statement and wanted them to be aware of the situation. She stated her concerns and council acknowledged them and instructed her that any further communication needed can be handled through the Mayor.

No further comments or concerns. City continued with the agenda items.

Closed Session per KRS 61.810(1)(c), discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency regarding Attorney fees from former Mayor.

- Motion to move to closed session for the discussion of proposed or pending litigation KRS 61.181(c) on behalf of the public agency regarding fees from the former Mayor by Council Member Ernst, second by Council Member Carson.
Vote: Carson, Yes. Ernst, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Hitch, Yes. Hurst, Yes.
Resolved: Motion carried

- Motion to come out of closed session from Council Member Hurst, second by Council Member DeFalco.
Vote: Carson, Yes. Ernst, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Hitch, Yes. Hurst, Yes.
Resolved: Motion carried

No action was taken.

Resolution Approving Amendment to Interlocal Agreement creating The Bluegrass and Central Kentucky Unified Police Protection System (BACKUPPS) – Chief Spaulding

Chief Spaulding arrived for the meeting and presented to council his request to pass the Resolution to approve the BACKUUPS Interlocal Agreement. He explained that this would allow them to have full power of arrest, investigation and searches, plus other authorities outlined in the agreement. Council agreed that this would be an asset to the police department.

- Motion to approve the Mayor to sign the Resolution for BACKUUPS by Council Member Carson, second by Council Member Hurst.
Vote: Carson, Yes. Ernst, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Hitch, Yes. Hurst, Yes.
Resolved: Motion carried

Updates to all council: Council Member Carson has the City Facebook page ready/The Pendleton County Tourism painted sheep is to be placed at the Falmouth sign coming into town/Mix and Mingle is scheduled for November 30th/Council Member Hurst will have the 15 star replacement flag soon.

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

Ron Stinson, Mayor

Attest: Chrissy O'Hara, City Clerk