

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes May 18, 2021

After the pledge and invocation by Amy Hurst, Mayor Stinson called the Meeting to order.

Amy Hurst	Present	Joyce Carson	Present
Craig Owen	Present	Sebastian Ernst	Present
Darryl Ammerman	Absent	Luke Price	Absent

Also present: Attorney Brandon Voelker

**MOTION:** Motion to amend the agenda for guest speaker by Sebastian Ernst, seconded by Joyce Carson. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Property Owner Steve Groh was present to address Council with his concerns for the properties being piled with junk, garbage, debris, and trash. He had a notebook of pictures he had taken all over the City and wanted to know what council was going to do to address the situation. He said the eyesores are a deterrent for anyone to come into Falmouth and want to live here. After speaking for a lengthy time, Mayor Stinson said they are diligently working to address the issues on several properties he mentioned, there is a process with the current ordinance that has to be followed, and now the enforcement is reaching out to property owners. It is their responsibility to properly maintain their properties, regardless of who they rent to. To address the issue on Rigg Street, Clerk Ramona Williams stated the police department had been notified there are no active current leases with any owner for the City owned lots adjacent to residents. A letter will be sent to all parties notifying them to remove items from FEMA lots immediately. If at that time they wish to lease a FEMA lot, a letter of intent must be submitted to City Hall, and an agreement signed by both parties noting FEMA regulations. This holds true for any City owned FEMA lot within the City. Attorney Brandon Voelker then explained the lien process and the legal court process to declare a property "blighted". The City would be out money that would not be recouped, but this is an option for discussion during the next budget cycle. Mr. Groh thanked Council for their time and said he would be back again.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 20, 2021 Council Meeting and May 4, 2021 Caucus Mtg.**

**MOTION:** Joyce Carson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Craig Owen. Motion carried 4-0-0.

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance 2021:3** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Approval of Supplement to Code S-31.

**MOTION:** Amy Hurst made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021:3, seconded by Joyce Carson.  
Motion carried 4-0-0.

**Resolution 05.18.21:1** Resolution to approve the Mayor appointment of Darcy McCay to the Pendleton County Recreation Commission for a two-year term.

**MOTION:** Amy Hurst made a motion to approve Resolution 05.18.21:1, seconded by Joyce Carson.  
Motion carried 4-0-0.

## OLD BUSINESS

Bridge Lights Update: No real update other than Luke Price had conveyed to Clerk he had not heard back from second person about the iron work needed for light bases.

## NEW BUSINESS

After discussion at the Caucus meeting regarding the set backs in the zoning ordinance, it was decided a text amendment needed to be done to make changes to that requirement.

**MOTION:** Sebastian Ernst made a motion to move forward with sponsorship of text amendment in zoning ordinance to address setbacks along the US 27 Corridor. Seconded by Joyce Carson: Motion carried 4-0-0.


## OTHER

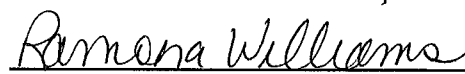
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Veteran Banner's go up week of May 24<sup>th</sup>/when new ones arrive
- End of month large garbage day will be June 1 due to being closed 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Offices closed May 31, Memorial Day
- Kennett Building Door Replacement to begin June 8, 2021
- Annual Daniel Boone Race June 19, 2021

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Joyce Carson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Amy Hurst. Motion carried 4-0-0.

  
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Ron Stinson, Mayor

  
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Attest: City Clerk