



**FALMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Minutes of Special Council Meeting August 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Luke Price. The pledge of Allegiance, and the invocation given by councilmember Amy Hurst.

The following Council Members answering roll call:

Amy Hurst	Present	Joyce Carson	Present
Sabrina Hazen	Present	Amanda Moore	Present
David Klaber	Absent	Brian Reid	Present

Also Present: Attorney Brandon Voelker

Mayor Luke Price opened the special meeting by introducing Stephanie Green with the Pendleton County Coalition. She was present to open the discussion on medicinal cannabis that is going to be legal on January 1, 2025. In her role the goal is to prevent substance abuse among the youth by educating them on the effects of drug use. Their goal is to put protective measures in place for prevention and while you can't control their environment, at least give them tools to know the differences. She also stated that while the medicinal cannabis is supposed to be strictly for medicinal purposes, it is felt that unless monitored and watched, illegal sales will become the norm. Regulations are to be put in place and only certain areas will be licensed for opening. She also wanted to state that what was grown and used years ago, is so very different than the product of today as it is being laced with other drugs. She was asking the Council to give careful consideration of the issue whether they opt completely out by banning or making the decision to add to the voter ballot.

Steve Groh also asked to speak on the medicinal cannabis issue with a different perspective with a personal experience with tobacco and alcohol. He agreed with Mrs. Green on the issue of educating, controlled situations of sale/use, the potency issue is real and a concern, but there was no known death from use of cannabis. He wanted to point out that cannabis is also a Schedule 1 drug meaning it is in the same category as OxyContin.

State Representative Mark Hart was also present to give a perspective from the State. He said in sponsoring the bill it was staggering the people in favor of (about 90%). He said unlike other drugs from pharmaceuticals there is no way research or gather data that is needed; but there is strong evidence in certain medical situations that it cannabis is an effective pain killer and far less side effects. He further stated the medical cannabis will be heavily regulated and that cities could not restrict further than state allows. Mark further stated there would be a need to address zoning text changes when the time comes. There would only be a certain number of dispensaries across the state. There were still many things the state had to work through on the issue.

After further discussion, Attorney Brandon Voelker said they had prepared an ordinance and a resolution depending on the Council's preference of action. The ordinance would ban medical cannabis completely and not be allowed or a resolution was prepared to authorize a referendum to determine whether cannabis may occur in the City. The **Resolution 8.1.2024:2** option would allow voters to have the say in whether it's allowed or not by being placed on the November ballot. Sabrina Hazen felt the residents had a right to make that choice by being able to vote on a ballot. They as Council could not speak for every resident, nor should they on such an issue.

**MOTION:** Joyce Carson made a motion to approve Resolution 8.1.224:2 which authorizes a referendum be added to the ballot in the upcoming election; seconded by Brian Reid. Roll Call Vote: Amy Hurst-yes; Sabrina Hazen-no; Joyce Carson-yes; Amanda Moore-yes; Brian Reid-yes. Motion carried 4-1-0.

Attorney Voelker did say that Brian Thompson should be notified to be prepared for zoning text changes for medicinal dispensaries in the near future as a resolution/ordinance would be needed.

**RESOLUTION: 8.1.24:1** Authorizing the mayor to execute documents related to the KIA supplemental funding.

**MOTION:** Amy Hurst made a motion to approve Resolution 8.1.24:1 as read, seconded by Amanda Moore; all aye. Motion carried 5-0-0.

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Amy Hurst, seconded by Joyce Carson to adjourn the special meeting. All aye, motion carried, 5-0-0

FALMOUTH CITY COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING  
Caucus Meeting August 1, 2024

Mayor Luke Price opened the Caucus portion of the meeting.

Marty Hart gave an update on the K9 program stating that officer Kyle Florer would be gone the month of September to train with the dog. The money was being taken from the Asset Forfeiture account and in turn, hopefully there will be a return on the investment of the canine unit. No general fund monies were being expended on this effort.

Mayor Price reported the dredging of lagoon 2 at the sewer plant was done. They were working on getting all the weeds removed from the lagoon and results of the testing of was getting lower results.

Richard was working on a 2" water main break, they were working on replacing the lights on the Hwy 22 bridge, and now they were at full staff.


David Klaber asked about surplus equipment of SCBA air packs. He would like to donate to Campbell County technology school. It was mentioned there needed to be better communication between folks during events of volunteers as a result of the Balloons & Tunes miscommunication.

Steve Groh reported the chimney was down on Beech Street.

Mayor Price then wanted to update the Council on some of the other on-going projects that he is working on.

- Working with the company to install fuel tanks and collect the data so they can program. Hoping within a couple weeks to be installed and operational.
- Working with Bayer Becker Engineering firm to develop specs for bid to blacktop Cardinal Ridge streets as it is the most in need currently, and others that are in dire need.

There was nothing else to discuss and the meeting was dismissed.

  
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Mayor Luke Price

  
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Attest:

**R** ESOLUTION 08.01.24:1**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FALMOUTH ACCEPTING THE SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT, APPROVING THE GRANT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT [or the GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT], AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF FALMOUTH'S ANNUAL BUDGET, AND AUTHORIZING A REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Kentucky General Assembly has appropriated funds for infrastructure projects in Senate Bill 36 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly and in House Bill 1 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly for the Cleaner Water Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Falmouth (the "Grantee") has previously determined that it is in the public interest to acquire and construct certain facilities and improvements to the Grantee's utility system (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Grantee desires funding from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (the "Authority") for the purpose of acquisition and construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain a supplemental grant from the Cleaner Water Program for the Project, and administered by the Authority, the Grantee is required to enter into a supplemental assistance agreement (the "Agreement") with the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Falmouth as follows:

SECTION 1. The Grantee hereby accepts the grant award and approves the Agreement between the Grantee and the Authority to provide the additional funds to the Grantee for the Project.


SECTION 2. That       Luke Price      , and any Successors-in-Title, is hereby designated to be the Grantee's "Authorized Official" for this Project and is hereby directed and empowered by the Grantee to execute the Agreement, related documents and agreements, and to otherwise act on behalf of the Grantee to affect such grant award, and to engage a qualified Project Administrator.

SECTION 3. That the Grantee hereby agrees and commits to include, by amendment to its annual budget and audit process, the receipts and expenditures of funds subject to the Agreement up to and including the date of Project closeout.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect at the earliest time provided by law.

ADOPTED on August 1, 2024.

**CITY OF FALMOUTH**



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Authorized Signatory

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CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary/Clerk of the Grantee, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of said Grantee at a meeting duly held on August 1, 2024; and that this official action appears as a matter of public record in the official records or journal of the Grantee; and that said meeting was held in accordance with all applicable requirements of Kentucky law, including Sections 61.810, 61.815, 61.820 and 61.823 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes; and that a quorum was present at the meeting; and that this official action has not been modified, amended, revoked or repealed and is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my signature, below, on August 1  
    , 2024.

Ramona Williams  
Secretary/Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 8.1. 2024.2**  
**CITY OF FALMOUTH, PENDLTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE  
WHETHER CANNABIS BUSINESS OPERATIONS MAY OCCUR IN THE CITY  
OF FALMOUTH, KENTUCKY**

**WHEREAS**, on April 15, 2024, the Kentucky General Assembly passed 2024 House Bill 829, signed into law by Governor Andy Beshear on April 17, 2024, that amends KRS Chapter 218B, which codifies the statutes governing the Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program;

**WHEREAS**, KRS 218B.130 authorizes local governments to pass resolutions directing that the question of prohibiting cannabis businesses from operating within its territory be submitted to the voters of its territory at the next regular election;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Falmouth wishes to utilize the authority granted to it by KRS 218B.130 to direct that the question of prohibiting cannabis businesses from operating within the City of Falmouth be submitted to the voters of the City of Falmouth at the next regular election.

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

**Section 1**

**Definitions**

The definitions within KRS 218B.010 are hereby adopted as if set out herein and as relevant to this resolution.

**Section 2**

**Cannabis Business Referendum Authorized**

Pursuant to KRS 218B.130(2)(a)(2) and KRS §218B.130(3)(b), the Mayor of the City of Falmouth hereby resolves that the question of prohibiting cannabis businesses from operating within the City of Falmouth be submitted to the voters of the City of Falmouth at the next regular election in accordance with the language in KRS 218B.130(3)(b).

The ballot for the 2024 election shall state as follows: "Are you in favor of the sale of medicinal cannabis at a licensed dispensary and the operation of other cannabis businesses in Falmouth, Kentucky? Yes or No?".

Section 3

**Effective Date**


This resolution shall be effective upon its enactment and publication by the City of Falmouth.

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

That the Mayor is authorized a referendum to determine whether cannabis business operations may occur in the City of Falmouth.

**CITY OF FALMOUTH**

BY:   
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Luke Price  
Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Ramona Williams, Clerk