



FALMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes Regular Meeting September 19, 2024

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

Amy Hurst (arriving late)	Present	Joyce Carson	Present
Sabrina Hazen	Present	Amanda Moore	Present
David Klaber	Present	Brian Reid	Present

Present: Attorney Brandon Voelker

After the pledge of allegiance and invocation, Mayor Price called the meeting to order.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tami Vater was present to introduce herself and the new position she was hired for with the Pendleton County Fiscal for the new Economic & Tourism Development Director. She explained in her role there are grants available for various areas of small business, industry, and development. There is to be some work done to create a database that has been lacking over the last 4-5 since, and once the demographics were in place, she would be able to better assess the needs of the communities! She encouraged the Council members to reach out to her if they had any questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for approval: August 15, 2024 and Regular Meeting and Special & Caucus Meeting September 5, 2024

MOTION: Brian Reid made a motion, seconded by Amanda Moore to approve the minutes as submitted. All aye; motion carried. 5-0-0

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MUNICIPAL ORDERS

ORDINANCE 2024:6 was read approving the Codification of ordinances by American Legal Publishing.

MOTION: Sabrina Hazen made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024:6, seconded by Joyce Carson; all aye. Motion carried 5-0-0

Ordinance 2024:7 was read setting the tax rate for 2024 real property being .555 per \$100 value, and personal/tangible being .704 per \$100, motor vehicle being .204 per \$100 value.

MOTION: Amanda Moore made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024:7, seconded by Joyce Carson, all aye. Motion carried 5-0-0

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Price gave an update on blacktopping with a pre-construction meeting to be held on Wednesday Sept 25, work to begin in Cardinal Ridge around October 1.

The Wilson Lane Sewer project-HMB engineers had submitted to the Division of Water, approval had been received, HMB was in the process of getting bid specs done and advertise for bid within the next month or two.

Precision Concrete had completed their analysis of the sidewalks and is putting it together to present to Council. Their work was mainly to "raise the sidewalks" and Mayor was seeking interest in sidewalk replacement with other contractors.

Mayor Price then asked for discussion and possible decision regarding buyout of the Enterprise lease on the vehicles. He reminded Council of the information he had previously given them on the cost to continue over the next 5 years and the strain on the budget. His recommendation was to pay off leases and moving forward with preventative maintenance plans in all departments to properly care for the vehicles. He felt the cost savings in the end was better business than keeping the leases.

MOTION: Sabrina Hazen made a motion to amend the budget for paying off the leased vehicles with Enterprise; seconded by ???????; all aye 5-0-0????

Mayor Price brought before Council the only applicant received for Assistant Fire Chief, Jared Brown as his recommendation for appointment. He had previously sent via email the credentials of Mr. Brown, who was more than qualified for the role. Mayor further stated he had already been a great asset to the department and this appointment would help lighten the load for Chief Lucas.

MOTION: Amy Hurst made a motion to approve the appointment of Jared Brown as Assistant Fire Chief, seconded by Sabrina Hazen; all aye. 6-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Price explained to Council the current utility ordinances allow for an annual CPI (Consumer Price Index) increase annually to be added to the October bills. The national rate is 3.1% but Mayor explained the ordinances only allow up to 3% or less. Discussion consensus was currently there was not a need for the increase and Attorney Voelker said there would be to be action taken in order not to do the increase.

MOTION: Sabrina Hazen made a motion not to do the CPI increase this year, Amanda Moore seconded; all aye. 6-0-0

Sabrina Hazen was given the floor to discuss the Joint Recreational Facilities or PC Recreation. She had previously sent Council members the MOA (Memorandum of Agreements) dated 2002, 2019, and 2023, which were obtained via a records request to the KDE (Kentucky Department of Education). The 2002 MOA was between the Pendleton County Schoos, Pendleton County Fiscal Court, and the City of Falmouth. Ms. Hazen felt the City owed it to the community to revisit this issue (since the City had been excluded from the existing annual agreement). She would like the entities to make every attempt to properly create the board and operate per KRS 97.035. Said KRS is very definitive on the creation of the board, the duties of the board, and operations of the commission. There are ongoing issues with the fields and not allowing certain groups to use and/or schedule which was not the intention of the athletic park. After a lengthy discussion of various issues with the current operation, Mayor Price was asked to reach out to the Superintendent for a discussion and if need be, reach out to KDE again.

Clerk Williams had received the franchise agreement application with KY Wired Project. Attorney Voelker would review the application with the next step passing an ordinance adopting/accepting the franchise agreement. He would have ordinance ready for a 1st reading and call a Special Meeting for the October 3rd meeting.

OTHER/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Clerk Williams announced the closing had taken place on the 10-acres of the Klee farm to the Kobasuk couple, and deed had been filed with County Clerk. Check was in the bank. She also announced receiving word the KIA check for \$134,000 was in the mail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last Monday of the month pickup would be September 20th. Caucus and Special meeting would be held on October 3.


ADJOURNMENT

ORIGINAL

MOTION: Amy Hurst made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Sabrina Hazen. All aye; Motion carried 6-0-0.



Luke Price



Attest: City Clerk

**CITY OF FALMOUTH
ORDINANCE 2024:6**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING SUPPLEMENT
2024 S-34 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
FALMOUTH, KENTUCKY.

WHEREAS, American Legal Publishing Corporation of Cincinnati, Ohio has completed the 2024 S-34 supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Falmouth, which supplement contains all ordinances of a general nature enacted since the prior supplement to the Code of Ordinances of this municipality; and

WHEREAS, American Legal Publishing Corporation has recommended the revision or addition of certain sections of the Code of Ordinances which are based on or make references to sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Council to accept these updated sections in accordance with the changes of the law of the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Falmouth:

SECTION 1. That the 2024 S-34 supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Falmouth, Kentucky, as submitted by American Legal Publishing Corporation of Cincinnati, and as attached hereto, be and the same is hereby adopted by reference as if set out in its entirety.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its date of passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Passed this 19 day of Sept, 2024.

Introduced and First Reading: September 5, 2024

Second Reading and Enacted: September 19, 2024


Published in Summary: September 24, 2024

Recorded by Clerk: _____

CITY OF FALMOUTH, KENTUCKY

BY:  _____
Luke Price, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ramona Williams
City Clerk/Treasurer

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CITY OF FALMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. 2024:7

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FALMOUTH IN PENDLETON COUNTY KENTUCKY AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL/TANGIBLE PROPERTY, INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF FALMOUTH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, PURSUANT TO THE PENDLETON COUNTY ASSESSOR'S PROPERTY VALUATION ASSESSMENT; AND LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX THEREON FOR CITY PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAXES AND THE PENALTIES AND INTEREST THEREON; AND DESCRIBING THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE TAXES SO COLLECTED SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND USED.

PURSUANT TO KRS. 92.280, 132.190.132.487 AND 134.420, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF FALMOUTH IN PENDLETON COUNTY, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I

The City of Falmouth hereby provides for the assessment of all real and personal/tangible property, including motor vehicles, subject to taxation within the City of Falmouth for the fiscal year 2024-2024 by use of the annual assessment thereof by the Pendleton County Property Valuation Administrator, Pendleton County, Kentucky.

SECTION II

There is hereby levied on all real property subject to taxation within the City of Falmouth, an ad valorem tax of .555 dollars for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the value thereof assessed pursuant to the terms hereof; and there is hereby levied on all personal/tangible property, other than motor vehicles, subject to taxation within the City of Falmouth, an ad valorem tax .704 dollars for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the value thereof assessed pursuant to the terms hereof; and there is hereby levied on all motor vehicles subject to taxation within the City of Falmouth, an ad valorem tax of \$0.204 dollars for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the value thereof assessed pursuant to the terms thereof.

SECTION III

The City of Falmouth has a lien on all property upon which ad valorem taxes are hereby levied, and for all penalties, interest, fees, commission, charges and other expenses including court costs and attorneys' fees incurred by reason of any delinquency in payment of such taxes, or in the process of collecting them and such lien has priority over all other obligations or liabilities for which the property is liable.

SECTION IV

The taxes levied and collected pursuant to the terms hereof shall be deposited in the General Fund of the City of Falmouth and appropriated and used for the general operating expenses of the City.

SECTION V

The provisions of this ordinance are severable; and the invalidity of any provision of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provision thereof; and such other provisions shall remain in full force and affect as long as they remain valid in the absence of those provisions determined to be invalid.

SECTION VI

All provisions or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION VII

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, publication and recording, according to law.

Adopted this ¹⁹21st day of September 20²⁴.


FIRST READING: 9-5-24

SECOND READING: 9-19-24

PUBLISHED: 9-24-24

VOTES CAST 5 YES 0 NO

CITY OF FALMOUTH, KENTUCKY

BY 
LUKE PRICE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RAMONA WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK