



FALMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes Regular Meeting May 1, 2025

Joyce Carson	Present	Craig Owen	Present
Amanda Moore	Present		
Anthony Cox	Present	Steve Jenkins	Present

After the pledge and Invocation by Amanda Moore the meeting of the Falmouth City Council was called to order by Mayor Sabrina Hazen.

GUEST:

Tami Vater, Economic Development/Tourism Director was present to discuss an educational grant project of a boat ramp to honor the late Boo Singleton for his service to the Butler area and environmental work. Fund raising efforts are underway in need of \$15,000. She was inviting the City of Falmouth to join in donating or sponsoring funds. A memorial dedication would be planned. She mentioned several organizations that would be giving either monetarily or in-kind. Ms. Vater then gave an update on some of the other activities going on throughout the county announcing the Paragon Company to relocate in Falmouth at the old Hammer Strength building around the 1st of June and employing approximately 40 people. She also mentioned a new tourism website and invited people to visit it for more information.

MOTION: Amanda Moore made a motion, seconded by Anthony Cox to match the amount given by Butler of \$1000 to be split between this fiscal year, and next fiscal year; \$500 each year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for approval: April 17, 2025

MOTION: Anthony Cox made a motion seconded by Craig Owen to approve the minutes as submitted. All aye; motion carried. 5-0-0

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MUNICIPAL ORDERS

RESOLUTION 05.01.25:1 A resolution to appoint Mayor Sabrina Hazen as the new director of KYMEA due to the resignation of former Mayor.

MOTION: Joyce Carson made a motion, seconded by Amanda Moore to approve Resolution 05.01.25:1 as read for the appointment of director to KYMEA. All aye, motion carried 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

The bid opening for the Falmouth School Center took place with two bids having been received.

Bid 1: CSXM, LLC in the amount of \$155,000.00

Bid 2: Trinity Baptist Church in the amount of \$150,000.

There was a brief discussion before a vote was taken as to whether to delay the vote for further discussion or make a decision tonight.

MOTION: Joyce Carson made a motion, seconded by Amanda Moore to award the bid to the Trinity Baptist Church for the Falmouth School Center stating the intended use(s) were more in line of what would benefit the area and residents the best. Roll Call Vote: Steve Jenkins-yes; Craig Owen-no; Anthony Cox-yes; Amanda Moore-yes; Joyce Carson-yes. Motion carried 4-1-0

The next bid opening was for a 2012 Silverado Truck the City had surplused; 6 bids having been received.

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| 1. Perkins Tire | \$899.99 |
| 2. George Smith | \$3000.00 |
| 3. Gary Lea | \$3600.00 |
| 4. Patty Groh | \$501.50 |
| 5. Rick Mineer | \$3200.00 |
| 6. Jon Fodor | \$1200.00 |

MOTION: Anthony Cox made a motion; seconded by Amanda Moore to award the winning bid to Gary Lea. All aye, motion carried 5-0-0.

The next agenda item was to discuss the appointments of a Fire Chief and Assistant Chief. Dave Klaber and been filling in as Chief upon the resignation of former Chief and so had John Fields as Assistant Chief. Both had agreed to remain if chosen.

RESOLUTION 05.01.25:2 was read appointing David Klaber as the Falmouth Fire Chief for a term to end December 2026.

RESOLUTION: 05.01.25:3 was read appointing John Fields as the Falmouth Assistant Fire Chief for a term to end December 2026.

MOTION: Amanda Moore made a motion, seconded by Joyce Carson to approve both resolutions appointing the Chief and Assistant Chiefs to the Falmouth Fire Department. All aye, motion carried 5-0-0.

It was then mentioned that council would like to resume receiving the reports from the fire department on runs and training.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Thompson was present as the Flood Plain Coordinator to briefly discuss the CRS 5-year certification as part of the Hazard Mitigation Program. He had to show via the official minutes and through the website of the review of the plan and acknowledgement of such. We are only one of a few cities throughout the state with a level 7 rating which is good. Brian also wanted to discuss getting the city's blessing to move forward with a text amendment application to remove the wording in the Zoning Ordinance to remove the historic overlay in parts of the downtown area. Several years ago there was a Renaissance Program that encompassed an area with historic buildings, etc. with that overlay as part of the zoning map. Since the program lost funding, it does not exist any longer, therefore there is no need for the designation. Brian would like to see the ordinance and map reflect such. Council did concur that he should move forward with the necessary steps to make changes.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Anthoney Cox reported that the Safety Committee did not meet but he wanted to bring before Council a reminder of the hydrant work and ask for a status. It was reported that 2 should be replaced/repared before May was over. He also asked about the possibility of a dog park on some of if not one of the FEMA lots owned by the city. Discussion took place of the liability that goes along with that and the need for owners to stay at the park with animal. There were several issues brought up about this and more of a liability issue than worth trying to pursue at this time.

OTHER/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Three guests had signed to speak:

Camerin Ernst was representing CSXM, LLC that bid on the school center and he asked why with a bid process you would not take the high bid as was done with the truck bid. He did not agree with the selection and felt CSXM would benefit the City more adequately with more affordable housing, which is a huge need in the city. It was explained by Mayor Hazen the city had advertised in the bid "the highest, most responsive, responsible, and best bid which is in the best interests of, and most advantageous to, the city and its residents." Brian Thompson also asked to interject that currently the school center as it stands is zoned for permitted use. A residential apartment complex is not. Therefore, any plans for such would have to go before the zoning commission for approval, which could have been done, but that property currently is not zoned for residential use.

Gary Lucas with the Falmouth Fire Department was present to announce he is retiring after 54 years of service. He felt that he and Jimmy Taylor both still had much to offer as a Level II Instructor in the education of future firefighters. He was very emotional and thanked Council for allowing him to serve. All council members agreed that a special recognition was in order to honor their years of service and would speak with Chief Klaber.

Mary Noel was present to inquire about the fire hydrant issue. Councilman Cox assured her there would be two replaced before the end of May. The schedule had been pushed back due to weather issues.

Monica Gales asked to address Council to thank them for their personal connection during the weekend of the flooding. She praised those that went door to door, listening to residents, and being seen. She felt it was huge they were out and about speaking directly to residents and sharing information.


Steve Groh reminded Council there was a developer interested in the Klee Farm and to please pursue talking to them. They had been to the farm, and walked the property, and were very interested in discussing options.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Anthony Cox made a motion, seconded by Steve Jenkins to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried 5-0-0.



Mayor Sabrin Hazen



Attest: City Clerk

ORIGINAL

**CITY OF FALMOUTH
RESOLUTION 5.1.25:1**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MAYOR SABRINA HAZEN AS KENTUCKY MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY DIRECTOR FOR City of Falmouth.

WHEREAS, the **City of Falmouth** is required to appoint a local KYMEA Director;

WHEREAS, an alternate designee is also required,

WHEREAS, alternate designee to be Ramona Williams.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the CITY of Falmouth, Kentucky hereby appoints Mayor Luke Price as local KYMEA Director.

Enacted at the Special City Council Meeting May 1, 2025

BY: Sabrina Hazen
Sabrina Hazen, Mayor

Attest: Ramona Williams
Ramona Williams, Clerk

ORIGINAL

**CITY OF FALMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 05.01.25:2**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF
DAVID KLABER AS FIRE CHIEF OF THE FALMOUTH FIRE
DEPARTMENT WITH A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026.**

Whereas, Falmouth Code of Ordinances §35.16 provides that the Mayor shall appoint a qualified Fire Chief, with the approval of City Council; and

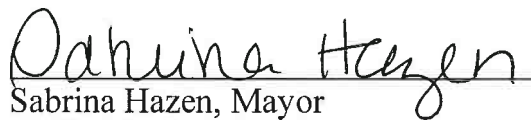
BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY OF FALMOUTH:

Section 1. That the Mayor's appointment of **DAVID KLABER** as Fire Chief for a term beginning May 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026, be and hereby accepted and approved.


Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and approval as require by law.

Enacted at the regular meeting on this 1st day of May 2025.

CITY OF FALMOUTH


Sabrina Hazen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ramona Williams, City Clerk

ORIGINAL

**CITY OF FALMOUTH
RESOLUTION 05.01.25:3**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN FIELD AS
THE ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF OF THE FALMOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH A
TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026**

Whereas, Falmouth Code of Ordinances §35.16 provides that the Mayor shall appoint a qualified Assistant Fire Chief, with the approval of City Council, for a term of two (2) years; and

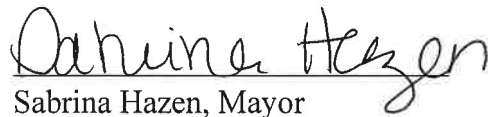
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FALMOUTH, County of Pendleton,
Commonwealth of Kentucky:**

Section 1. That the Mayor's appointment of John Field as the Assistant Fire Chief for a term beginning May 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026, be and hereby accepted and approved.

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and approval as required by law.

Enacted at the Special City Council Meeting on this 1st day of May, 2025

CITY OF FALMOUTH


Sabrina Hazen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk