

City of Falmouth  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 2018  
7:00 PM

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Falmouth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on June 12, 2018. Mayor Ron Stinson presiding. The following Council Members were present: Amy Hurst, Alex Carson, Philis Wait, Sebastian Ernst, April DeFalco and Amy Hitch.

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.

Council Meeting Minutes were not approved due to the absence of City Clerk. Minutes will be on Agenda at the next Council Meeting.

#### Departmental Updates

Chief David Marquardt – gave fire report for dept. Had a total of 32 runs for May. Truck 2603 is out of service. Tested 5 pumps and they tested ok. Would like to do some training at night. So far since June 7<sup>th</sup> the fire dept has been on 14 runs, making it difficult to do the ladder testing that is needing to be done. Mayor asked David to contact Fire Commissioner to let him know a time frame.

Supervisor Andy Richie for Water/Waste Water- Brentag did bench test and it was good. Water Plant is moving along – Mark Martin said the quality of the water is better than it has been. Council Member Hitch asked about the mowing of grass. They have cut down on unnecessary mowing. Council Member Ernst asked Mayor Ron Stinson, about the pay of an employee, Travis Lonaker, why is he making \$20.00 an hour? Mayor stated he is well worth the pay.

Public Works Director Gary Lea - Several water leaks reported within the last month. He lost 3 employees. They have been doing coal patch, getting from the county and paying approximately \$40.00 per ton as to what we usually pay. Council Member Carson asked if they can do anything that can be done about the weeds on US 27, Gary said he would contact state to see if they can help out with that.

Council Member Wait, wanted to know about the property on Montjoy and who owns that, not sure of address, said place is a mess and would like to have someone contact Larry Ritter to have it cleaned up. Code Enforcement Chris Pelle, will be given information to address.

Interim Chief Shannon Clem – Police Department had 299 calls last month. Handed out a guide for pay scales for new hires for Police Dept. to let any officers applying for Falmouth know what may be the starting pay for them. Shannon was asked why are the officers leaving Falmouth, he said for better pay and benefits. Discussion about the contract about paying back the City of Falmouth for leaving after academy. Contract needs to be signed and Chief is responsible to keep, and send copy for personnel file. Brandon Voelker, City Attorney states will the City enforce if the other City the officer goes to pay back the contract? It may be prorated and you

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may not get full amount. Council Member Wait asked if the County Sheriff's Dept is covering any City runs. County is not, the City is assisting with County runs to help the County out, which leaves the City uncovered. Mayor Stinson stated that Chief Greg Spaulding resigned and will appoint Shannon Clem as Interim Chief of Police, signing an Executive Order stating this.

## Reports from Committees

Infrastructure- Special Meeting to score engineers, narrowed down to 3 candidates, will interview with Bill Mitchell, and make a decision.

Revitalization – Appointed Donna Bathalter as new Chairperson, meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm, for Universal Shop NKY. Mary McDowell is in charge of pre-firework entertainment, if anyone is interested.

Personnel – Final draft to be completed in the next few weeks, by end of July for the handbook.

Finance – Need to get proposed budget, working with Paul Maddox to gather information.

## Agenda

Welcome sign for US 22 E, Gary has the letters for the sign, need to know if we can make one. Location is what is in question? Is it on the state highway, or private property? Design of the sign and cost if we have one made. Will follow up with David Bay or Mike Flynn to get cost of making a sign for Falmouth. Follow up on sign with more information at next meeting.

Resident questions cleaning of gutters on Pendleton and Liberty St., and what could be done. Gary states he does not have enough man-power to keep up with cleaning. Council Member Carson asked about possibly getting a milling machine to help out with that. Street curbs have no fall and water will not run down. Streets were not properly milled and may be causing an issue.

Review of Fleet Management- received one bid from Enterprise. Council Member Carson states this is a wise decision. Council Member Hitch said that the Finance Committee has pros and cons on this. Council Member Wait said we should stay with the Dodge Chargers.

- Motion to accept the proposal of Fleet Management with Enterprise by Council Member Hitch, second Council Member Wait.  
Vote: Ernst, No. Carson, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Hitch, Yes. Hurst, Yes. Wait, Yes.  
Resolved: Motion carried.

Discussion of Disconnects – City received a complaint in regards to how utility disconnects are handled. Council was addressed to see if any changes or different policies needed to be made. Council agreed to keep doing business the same way. Council Member DeFalco said you can't make everyone happy. Council Member Hitch felt like she did not know why we are discussing this, bills are due by 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. Council Member Hurst commented that it has been on the back of bills forever.

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Approval of Route for 5K Race

- Motion to approve route of Race to the Polls Color Run/5K by Council Member DeFalco, second Council Member Ernst. All Aye.

Garbage proposals for City Waste Services

Received one bid from Rumpke proposing \$12.50 per residential pickup where we currently charge \$13.00.

- Motion to reject the proposal of Rumpke regarding Solid Waste Collection by Council Member DeFalco, second by Council Member Hitch. All Aye.
- Motion to resubmit for new bids for garbage by Council Member Wait, second by Council Member Ernst.

Vote: DeFalco, Yes. Carson, No. Hitch, Yes. Hurst, No. Wait, Yes. Ernst, Yes.

Resolved: Motion carried.


Council discussed the resignation of Council Member Carson. Carson's official last day to serve is July 1, 2018. Council wants to advertise seeking a new Council Member. Council Member Hitch suggested to get an ad out and have all applications submitted by June 29, 2018. Interviews will be held on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, and swearing in at Council Meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Officer Ray Dowers had signed in to speak at meeting. He gave all Council a letter and read from letter that spoke of things going on in the Police Dept. He did not give a lot of information to council. Told Council Members if they were interested in this matter, he would meet them in private to discuss what is going on in the Police Dept.

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



Ron Stinson, Mayor



Attest: Belinda Stevens, Utility Clerk  
Chrissy O'Hara, City Clerk