

City of Falmouth
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2018
7:00 PM

ORIGINAL

Falmouth City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 pm on August 14, 2018. Mayor Ron Stinson presiding. The following Council Members were present: Sebastian Ernst, April DeFalco, Joyce Carson, Amy Hitch, Philis Wait, and Amy Hurst.

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.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 9, July 10, July 19, July 26, August 8 and August 9, 2018.

- Motion to approve all meeting minutes by Council Member DeFalco, second by Council Member Hitch. All Aye.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Fire Department - Chief David Marquardt: 27 fire runs for June, 4 runs in the city. Truck 2603 still needing some repairs on cab. All pumps have been tested. Informed council that the 50/50 match grant will be used for flappers/brakes/equipment for HumV, and plus 30 safety vests. Council Member Wait informed the Chief of a compliment she received on him.

Wastewater Department – Supervisor Andy Richie: Still working on brown water issues. They have backed off caustic. Update was given from Mayor that the city received a \$7285 grant from the Area Development Funds for the Water and Sewer Plant. Fire hydrant flushing is done, no major issues found.

Public Works – Director Gary Lea: Lea commented on the flooding issues that the city received complaints on. He said that when the rain comes down fast in a short period of time the storm sewers cannot take it, and that is when you will see flooding. The flooding will reside in a short period of time but at this time there is nothing we can do to stop this. Replaced a fire hydrant and fixed a few leaks. Hired one new employee and is still looking for one more. Council Member Ernst asked how many hours are spent mowing buy-out lots, Lea estimated about 2 days (12 hours). Lea did want to address council and asked for a decision on the purchase of a garbage truck. Said it is 11 years old and needs new tires and brakes. Wanted to know should he be investing in this old truck or what are the plans for garbage. Council informed Lea that they will look at everything and form a decision at the next council meeting; after reviewing all the information plus reviewing the results from the second round of bids that have been sent out.

Police Department – Interim Chief Clem: Clem reported that the Office Manager went through old stat reports and saw some bad numbers, they compared them to the Cad reports to make the corrections. Clem introduced new Police Officer Mark McClure, and said he is improving on our drug arrests and doing a great job. Clem also informed Council that we have another new Officer John Riley, who was unable to attend tonight. Clem said they are working on the shooting range and have received donations to help. Council Member Wait stated that Hill Top donated the sand, and that Bray Trucking is donating the truck.

Standing Committees

Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – Discussed buy-out properties. Wanting to visit options: maybe lease lots for parking or gardens, transfer to nonprofit organizations.

Personnel Committee/Revitalization & Events Committee/ Finance Committee – Cancelled.

Council discussed revising the committees to make them more beneficial and productive. Committees will be on hold until we determine the schedule. Council is proposing holding a monthly caucus meeting instead of separate committee meetings. We will be looking to amend our ordinance for the 1st or 3rd Tuesday for regular meetings and the other Tuesday will be for the caucus meeting.

AGENDA

Brown Thornton, Representative for KyMEA Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency – Update regarding deadline with KU Contract that ends May 2019.

Brown was present to discuss the upcoming end of our KU Contract in May 2019. He invited everyone to their open house in September and said all could attend.

Introduction of Ordinance to amend water/sewer rates implementing a gradual increase of rates.

City residents were present to make comments and ask questions into the new rates. Many questions were asked and answered. The city will continue to work on the best way to adjust the rates while looking into options to assist, like budget billing and as proposed in the new ordinance lowering the minimum usage amount.

First Reading of Ordinance 71.25 -2018 was read by City Attorney Voelker.

Set date for Trick or Treat.

- Motion to approve the date of Saturday October 27th, 2018 for Trick or Treat from 6:00 to 8:00 was made by Council Member Hitch, second by Council Member Wait. All Aye.

Groups will be working to form other events for this evening. KRT is planning a haunted house for 3 weekends at their location on Main Street.

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With no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Wait, second by Council Member Hurst. All Aye.

Ron Stinson, Mayor

Attest: Chrissy O'Hara, City Clerk