

City of Falmouth
Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2017

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Falmouth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on March 14, 2017 with Mayor Elonda L. Hinson presiding. The following Council Members were present: Amy Hurst, Ron Stinson, Amy Hitch, Alex Carson, April DeFalco, and Sebastian Ernst.

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.

Motion to approve all three sets of minutes was made by Council Member Carson, with a second by Council Member Hurst. Motion passed unanimously.

Departmental Updates

Fire Department Chief David Marquardt was absent. City Clerk O'Hara confirmed to council that the uniforms for the Fire Department that were questioned the previous month were included in the expense/paid printout numbers presented. The uniforms have been paid, they are just waiting their arrival.

Police Department Chief Spaulding informed council of the recent promotion of Officer Ray Dowers to Sergeant. Two officers within the Police Department applied for the position and Officer Dowers was the only officer to pass the written exam while meeting other requirements pertaining to his job performance to receive the promotion.

Maintenance Department Gary Lea reported to council that they are still trimming trees. Supervisor Lea also reminded council that he would have an employee retiring at the end of March. He asked if we could do something to honor Jake Jacobs for his time he dedicated to the city. Council agreed to commend Jake.

Water/Wastewater Department Todd Ramsey was absent. Administrator/Safety Director Dawn Hughes presented the Public Works report and discussed the water loss issue and what we needed to do to get better numbers. City Clerk O'Hara will provide Dawn with the water usage for residential, industrial, and commercial accounts at the end of each month for calculation. Dawn will work with the Fire Department to get the usage of water they use as well.

Council had questions regarding the Griffin Contract; the Clerk's Department has looked into this and cannot locate any information on an executed contract but will do some more research to try and locate some information. Questions regarding the charge for Rumpke hauling leachate was also discussed, council requested to know the cost to treat so they could look at all the information to determine rates.

Council had questions regarding the burnt down house on Park Street. Council recommended sending a forceful letter to Fannie Mae to explain the situation and that we cannot wait any longer. Also, suggested using Code Enforcement to work on this as well; start citing them in the hopes that the house will be removed.

Homeless Shelter – Council Member April DeFalco

Council Member DeFalco addressed council with the arising issue the city has with homeless people. Council Member DeFalco explained how she handles the calls she gets regarding homeless people and what she offers them. She explained that she provides them with a tent and a location to put the tent up. She has the person/persons sign a waiver releasing the property owner of any liability associated with the people staying on their property.

Council listened and offered to help in ways that do not bind the city to funds or liability. They recommended that maybe the city could help in ways of transportation funds not housing. Council Member DeFalco informed everyone there would be a meeting on March 27th at City Hall at 3:00 if anyone would like to come and help determine a solution for this problem.

Draft New City Drug Policy

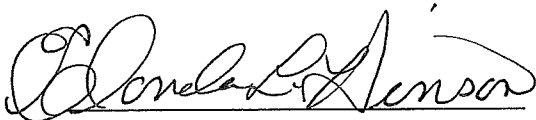
Presented council with a draft for the new City Drug Policy.

Council Concerns – Council discussed the City Festival Committee and requested a Special Meeting to be scheduled to set up the new committee. Council Member Carson proposed the question of rescheduling the day the city holds its monthly meetings. Council agreed to think about rescheduling the meetings.

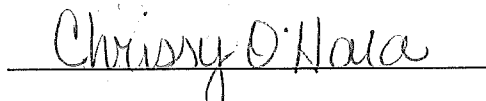
Pretreatment Program and SSES violations were discussed. Mayor explained to council that during the meeting in Frankfort they went over everything the city needed to do in regards to all violations and said they would be contacting us in about 2 weeks to set a new agreed order.

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

Meeting adjourned.



Elonda L. Hinson, Mayor



Attest: Chrissy O'Hara, City Clerk