

City of Falmouth
Council Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2017

ORIGINAL

Falmouth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on April 11, 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.

Mayor introduced Jay Hoffman with Wet or Dry to describe the work he performed regarding the inspection of our 5 water towers. Council will be provided with complete printouts regarding his findings. Mr. Hoffman provided a breakdown on what he observed and his opinion on what was needed and what was needed first. He explained it was time to do some work on all tanks. He believes the 2 tanks at the Water Plant would be first, the work would consist of water tank interior needs to be sand blasted/overcoat the tank on the outside. The two tanks on the hill we must do the inside within 5 years. The one in the ground will need a new roof. Mr. Hoffman also mentioned to council that the city needs to think about adding a couple of new mixing systems to our tanks. Mr. Hoffman explained the process of getting bids and how it would work and said that if council proceeded he could possibly have bids ready to open as early as May 9th.

Motion to move forward and get bids on towers by Jay Hoffman by Councilmember Ernst. Second by Council Member Carson. All Aye.

Mayor introduced Brian Thompson, Flood Plain Coordinator. Brian has been working on getting the city, county and Butler involved in the CRS Program, that will offer discounts on Flood Insurance. In order to complete this process, we must alter our Flood Ordinance and make changes like, to add 1 foot or free board.

Introduction to Ordinance No 2017-96.08 Updating the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Will constitute the 1st Reading.

Departmental Updates

Fire Department Chief David Marquardt went over monthly runs. Chief said they had received the Hummer and wanted to let everyone know it would be painted by donations from Pete Shields Body Shop.

Water/Wastewater Department Todd Ramsey was present and went through Dawn's report and explained the water loss reports. Explained that the water test we send off have failed twice and that we must perform samples for 6 months straight. We will also have to create a CAP.

Maintenance Department Gary Lea reported that they will be flushing hydrants May 8th -12th. City Clerk brought up the issue involving utility services were inactive but were on at the Hope Center located at 707

W Shelby St. We have now come to understand that they were told they could have free utilities, however there are no minutes or formal documentation that supports that. Before council would agree to this they requested to speak with the owners and get a better understanding of the services that are offered to the city residents. Leave as is for now and have them come in and discuss.

Police Department Chief Spaulding said Parking Citations have started and the Code Enforcement Citations continue. Chief Spaulding also informed council of a new police officer William Giberson and that Officer Mangan would be back soon from the academy. They discussed the burned house on Park Street again and the Mayor informed council that the company was interested in selling the property to the city. A lengthy discussion regarding cruisers, fuel and take home policy on cars was discussed. After the discussion Councilmember DeFalco asked the Mayor if it would be okay while the Police Department was short staffed that Ray be allowed to take his cruiser home. The mayor told Ray he could take his cruiser home.

Chrissy O'Hara City Clerk reported on different things the city has been working on. Occupational License renewals have gone out. Delinquent Property Tax bills will be sent out. Still working on updating the Drug Policy changes. Working to complete the documentation of expenditures for CSX to be able to send to them. Falmouth Arrow Sign is almost complete, working to obtain the State Permit to permanently place the sign. The city's new website is ready to launch we will just not have the utility payment option available till the 1st of May. Brown Thornton with KYMEA will be present to give an update and inform new council of how KYMEA works regarding our contract with KU.

Introduction for 1st Reading for Committee Adoption Ordinance 2017.

Council suggested 4 baskets for the Senior Bash with a limit of \$200.00.

Personnel/Job Descriptions Update

All job descriptions need to be updated. The city will begin to work on updating Personnel and Job Description along with our other policies.

LOI for Klee Property

Council had a few changes that they wanted to see before they would authorize signature on the LOI. They wanted us to address the Earnest Money being refundable if the buyer should terminate the Purchase Agreement and question where it says the Seller agrees to pay the 7 % commission of the Purchase Price. See if we can split this fee between seller and the buyer. If we can get these two changes then the council agree to the terms.

Motion to approve the mayor to sign the LOI if the revisions can be made by Councilmember Stinson. Second by Ernst. All Aye.

Housing Authority Appointment

The mayor asked for a motion for the reappointment of Sherry Wilcher for the Housing Authority. Council had questions and concerns regarding the appointment of Ms. Wilcher. Councilmember Hitch also stated she had another interested party, Tim King. Council said they would like to see other people be given the chance to serve on boards rather than have the same people repeat terms.

Move to table till next meeting by Council Member Carson. Second by Council Member DeFalco. All aye.

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Amendment to Agenda

Introduced for the 1st Reading for the Annexation for Cameron Courtney.

Council Concerns – Council questioned the status of the audit. City Clerk stated that they had completed their work but she had not heard any updates regarding the completion.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Elonda L. Hinson, Mayor

Chrissy O'Hara
Attest: Chrissy O'Hara, City Clerk