

City of Falmouth
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2017

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Falmouth City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on June 13, 2017 with Mayor Elonda L. Hinson presiding. The following Council Members were present: Amy Hurst, Ron Stinson, Amy Hitch, April DeFalco and Alex Carson. Absent: 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.

Meeting started with a motion to amend the Agenda for an update on the investigation and an amendment to the budget for allocation of funds for the investigation process by Council Member DeFalco. Second by Council Member Carson.

Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Hitch, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Carson, Yes.

Resolved: All Aye.

Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Fire Chief David Marquardt reported on the Fire Department's monthly runs to council and also informed council that one of the fire trucks was currently being fixed to replace the seal on the door and then it should be ready to go.

Council had a discussion with Fire Chief regarding the 4th of July Fireworks and explained that we will not be having fireworks this year; however we will be focusing on ways to provide fireworks for next year. Chief Marquardt said that Jim Brossart would be happy to assist if given enough time to prepare.

Water/Wastewater Todd Ramsey reported business as usual. Mayor Hinson reported that the water tower money was in the budget and would like to proceed. Council would like to see all bids to review and accept or deny before any further action is taken.

Interim Public Works Director Joe Wells commented on the current electric concerns that the city is facing since we no longer have Gary Lea in the Maintenance Department. Wells has called and spoken with multiple agency's but we do not have any one contact in place at this time. Council Member DeFalco asked about price for services, and when Wells did not have a cost now, she expressed the importance of getting pricing for these services. Wells said he will make sure to receive price quotes from any contacts he works with. A reminder was given to the department regarding the upcoming fair and the assistance that the city will offer in the means of dumpsters and barricades.

Motion to formally approve the use of city dumpster and barricades for the Pendleton County Fair by Council Member Carson. Second by Council Member Hurst. All Aye.

Wells explained to council that he has a lot of old scrap metal that he would like to get rid of and doing some cleaning up around the shop. Council requested a list be provided and then they would proceed with the surplus process.

Police Chief Greg Spaulding was out on a call and Officer Ray Dowers reported for him. Officer Dowers showed council a new arm patch that was designed for the Police Department. Council explained to check the uniform budget and then order if they had it in their budget. Council discussed Code Enforcement and Officer Dowers stated at this time it was difficult to focus on Code Enforcement when he is on nights and the Police Department is short staffed. Officer Dowers also stated that the metal door at the Police Department was in bad shape and needed to be replaced. Council explained he needed to get estimates and proceed from there.

City Clerk Chrissy O'Hara reported to council an update on the collections of the delinquent property taxes. Since the delinquent notices went out the city has collected \$19,142.51 and funds are still coming in. Plus, property owners are setting up payment arrangements to get their back taxes taken care of. Clerk O'Hara let council know ABC renewals would be going out in the mail this week. She also informed Council that the Extension Office will be hosting a Community Block party on August the 20th at the Veterans Park.

Council Member Carson expressed the idea of forming committees for council to work on varies issues. Forming groups that consist of Budget and Finance, Infrastructure, Personnel Policy, and Revitalization & Events. Council agreed and will proceed with working on forming these groups.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Brian Thompson - Resolution to Join the Regional Emergency Management Group
The City was to have joined this group in 2012 however it seems it was not passed. Planning and Zoning Administrator Brain Thompson is asking the city pass the resolution to join the Regional Emergency Management Group. Council felt that if Mr. Duncan, or anyone else, had any reservations about adopting the resolution council felt it was acceptable to proceed.

Motion to adopt the Resolution for the Northern Kentucky Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan by Council Member Carson. Second by Hitch.

Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Hitch, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Carson, Yes.

Resolved: All Aye.

Motion carried.

Plum Creek – Jared Perkins: Regarding Utilities for the Hope Center

City Clerk needed clarification from council regarding a question about the city covering utilities for the Hope Center located at 707 W Shelby. When the question was brought before council they thought it would be best to meet with the owner and get a better understanding on what service the Hope Center offered for the citizens.

Jared Perkins was present to meet and discuss with council what all the Hope Center does for Falmouth. He explained that they offer many services from writing grants for the school, summer programs for kids, and a mentoring program. Cindy Feldkamp, Multi Center Director was also present to relay their primary focus of the New Hope Center which is helping young women handle unplanned pregnancies. The Hope Center helps girls choose against abortion and know what their options are. They have things from testing to ultra sounds available to help the girls make a decision that is best for them. They also help with the homeless issue.

After discussion with many questions answered, council agreed that this was a much needed service for the citizens and agreed to continue the contribution of utilities on behalf of the city.

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Motion to approve the city to continue to contribute by paying the utilities for Plum Creek Baptist Church the owners of 707 W Shelby operating as the New Hope Center with the understanding to supply quarterly reports to council on the non-profit community outreach program by Council Member Carson. Second by Council Member DeFalco.

Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Hitch, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Carson, Yes.

Resolved: All Aye.

Motion carried.

Council Member DeFalco mentioned she needed somewhere to store food for the homeless people she received calls on. Many options were discussed and the final decision was made to get with the Police Department and work out a place to store the food so it could be given at any time of day when it was needed by DeFalco.

Surplus Sewer Plant

Mayor Hinson requested the old sewer plant be declared surplus. Council agreed to surplus and sell the property "As Is".

Motion to surplus the old Sewage Plant property "As Is" by Council Member Hitch. Second by Council Member DeFalco.

Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Hitch, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Carson, Yes.

Resolved: All Aye.

Motion carried

Amendment to Agenda

Investigation Update and Budget Amendment

Council Member DeFalco explained how council had agreed to get quotes on hiring an outside source to come and investigate all the allegation and information that has been provided to them. DeFalco provided council with the information on an investigator out of Cynthiana who will offer her services with a limit of \$1500.00. Council Member DeFalco said if council agreed we would need to amend the budget to cover the cost.

Motion to amend the budget for \$1500 to be taken from the line item of Fireworks by Council Member Carson. Second by DeFalco.

Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Hitch, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Carson, Yes.

Resolved: All Aye.

Motion carried

Motion to hire the private investigator by Council Member Carson. Second by Council Member Hitch.

Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Hitch, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Carson, Yes.

Resolved: All Aye.

Motion carried

Motion to designate Council Member DeFalco on behalf of all Council to execute the contract with the investigator by Council Member Carson. Second by Council Member Hurst.

Vote: Hurst, Yes. Stinson, Yes. Hitch, Yes. DeFalco, Yes. Carson, Yes.

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Resolved: All Aye.
Motion carried

Council members discussed a contribution for Kincaid Regional Theater, however they believe the city has contributed by providing KRT with the \$18,000 last year. The city will look at the possibility of future contributions.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Elonda L. Hinson, Mayor

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