



## FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Florence Government Center, with Mayor Diane E. Whalen presiding as Chair.

### **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:**

Mayor Diane E. Whalen called the regular meeting to order and declared the Regular Session to be open for the presentation of all City business.

### **ROLL CALL:**

The roll was called and the following six (6) members of Council were present: Gary Winn, Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, David A. Osborne, Duane Froelicher, J. Kelly Huff and Mel Carroll.

Also present were City Attorney Representative Tom Nienaber, Fire/EMS Chief Kelly Aylor, Police Chief John McDermond, Business and Community Director Josh Hunt, CFO/HR Director Linda Chapman, Videographers Mike McClanahan and Matt Miller, Deb McCarty (Community Projects Administrator), Nancy Zeilman (Part-Time Administrative Assistant), Kenneth Vaught (proposed appointed member of the Boone County Planning Commission), Scott Spicher (Executive Director of the Honor Run), Cheryl Popp (Executive Director of Honor Flight Tri-State) and fellow Ambassadors of Honor Flight Tri-State, Ed Lee (Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity), (Bob Green and Pat Gutzeit (Boone County – A Great Place to Live), Gary Griesser (singer), Skip Seltman (President of Crescent Paper Tubing), Ken Schmidt (President of Bawac), Trisha Scheyer (River City News), Police Corporal Walt Cooley and City Clerk Erin Courts.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#### **November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Business Meeting**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Business Meeting of Council. Council Member Winn so moved, with second from Council Member Froelicher. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

### **PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Whalen introduced Scott Spicher for the Honor Run Check Presentation:

Scott started off by saying that this was the fourth year for the Honor Run on Veterans Day weekend and with raising money for Honor Flight Tri-State and Habitat for Humanity, the total amount is \$163,000.00. He thanked Police Captain Grau, Police

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Captain Bowles and Assistant Fire Chief Knoll for their support as well as members of the community that were a part of the event and/or donated.

- Scott presented a check for \$36,000.00 to Cheryl and members of the Honor Flight Ambassadors.
- Cheryl then presented Scott and the Honor Run committee a gift for everything they do for Honor Flight Tri-State.
- Scott presented a check for \$10,000.00 to Ed Lee and Habitat for Humanity.

Scott mentioned that he is looking forward to Veterans Day next year and that they will be ready for another successful Honor Run.

Mayor Whalen thanked Scott, the Honor Run Committee, Honor Flight Tri-State and Habitat for Humanity for all of the wonderful things that they do and said it is an honor to be a part of it all.

**PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Whalen introduced Bob Green and Pat Gutzeit and their presentation of “Boone County – A Great Place to Live”:

This presentation included Gary Griesser singing “America the Beautiful” and “Proud to be An American”. Mr. Green and Ms. Gutzeit thanked Mayor Whalen, Council, Department Heads and the Administrative Staff for everything they do on a daily basis to make Boone County and Florence a great place to live. Mr. Green spoke about the growth of the City and introduced Skip Seltman who is the President of Crescent Paper Tubing, the first company to move to the Industrial Park District and Ken Schmidt, the President of Bawac. Ms. Gutzeit presented the Mayor and Mr. Seltman with gifts. Judge Gary Moore thanked everyone via video since he could not attend the meeting.

**MUNICIPAL ORDER:**

**Municipal Order No. MO-27-17:**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Resolution for approval:

A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JANET KEGLEY TO THE BOONE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AS A MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM.

Council Member Aubuchon moved, with second from Council Member Huff, that Municipal Order No. MO-27-17 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**Municipal Order No. MO-28-17:**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Resolution for approval:

A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARLIE ROLFSEN TO THE BOONE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AS A MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM.

Council Member Winn moved, with second from Council Member Osborne, that Municipal Order No. MO-28-17 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**Municipal Order No. MO-29-17:**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Resolution for approval:

A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TIMOTHY PIEPER TO THE FLORENCE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND ZONING APPEALS FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM.

Council Member Winn moved, with second from Council Member Aubuchon, that Municipal Order No. MO-29-17 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**SECOND READING:**

**Ordinance No. O-18-17:**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for Second Reading:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 0-34-82, AS AMENDED, TO CONFORM TO RECENT CHANGES IN STATE LAW.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-18-17 on second reading. Council Member Huff moved, with second from Council Member Winn, that Ordinance No. O-18-17 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**FIRST READING:**

**Ordinance No. O-19-17**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR OF THE CITY. (AMENDMENT #1)

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Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-19-17 on first reading. Council Member Osborne moved, with second from Council Member Aubuchon, that Ordinance No. O-19-17 be approved on first reading and be held for second and final reading at the next Council Business meeting. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**Ordinance No. O-20-17**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, AMENDING ORDINANCE 0-15-14 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS FOR TRAINING AND PROMOTIONS WITHIN THE FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-20-17 on first reading. Council Member Huff moved, with second from Council Member Winn, that Ordinance No. O-20-17 be approved on first reading and be held for second and final reading at the next Council Business meeting. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Annual Leaf Collection – will end on December 15. Last year 1274 cubic feet of leaves were collected and used in fertilizer and compost. If you still have leaves in your yard after the pick-up date is passed, please call the Public Services Department and they will come and pick it up.
- 2018 Aquatic Center memberships are available until April 30, 2018 at a 15% discount. It would be a great Christmas gift.
- Mayor Whalen thanked the community for the food donations made to the United Ministries in the barrels located out in the lobby of the Florence Government Center.
- We will meet for a Special Meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2018.
- The Florence Government Center will be closed on December 25-26 for the Christmas Holiday and on January 1, 2018 for New Year's Day.
- There will be no Rumpke garbage pick-up on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Services will be pushed back a day.
- Northern Kentucky University will be hosting a Boone County Night on December 30 at 7:00 pm when the NKU Norse Basketball team will host the UIC Flames. Proof of Boone County residency must be provided. Tickets are \$5.00.
- Christmas tree curbside pickup will be on January 3, 2018 between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm. Please have the trees outside the night before.
- Christmas Tree Drop off service will be held on January 6, 2018 at Stringtown Park on Burlington Pike before 8:00 am.
- Next week is a Special Meeting and Mayor Whalen asked Council for permission to add the appointment of Kenneth Vaught to the Boone County Planning Commission to the agenda for action.

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- Mayor Whalen reviewed a couple memos for Council:
  - ABB Optical made an announcement based on preliminary approval from the KY Economic Development Finance Authority for tax incentives through the KBI in Frankfort. They were looking at a couple different locations in Florence and Boone County. Choosing the Florence location looks pretty promising and the building is not yet complete. They have 2-3 years to use the incentive package. It is a great company coming in!
  - There will be monitoring of traffic during the Holiday season. The City has been working closely with the Airport Board and the KY Transportation Cabinet to do traffic counts in the Community so that when Amazon Prime opens, they will have a good idea where the traffic is. The City asked them to pick the peak times and the Holiday season is one of those times. December 16 and December 19 are the dates the traffic counts will take place.

**RECOGNITION:**

Mayor Whalen asked if any Council Member desired recognition;

- No one desired recognition

Mayor Whalen asked if any Department Head desired recognition:

- No one desired recognition

Mayor Whalen asked if any anyone in the audience desired recognition:

- No one desired recognition


**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:**

There was no need for an Executive Session

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Huff so moved, with second from Council Member Winn and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:58 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Erin M. Courts, City Clerk

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