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FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Florence Government Center with Mayor Diane E. Whalen presiding in the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:

Mayor 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 five (5) members of Council registered present: Mel Carroll, Gary Winn, J. Kelly Huff, Larry Brown, and David A. Osborne. Absent was Vice Mayor Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, City Coordinator Rick Lunnemann, City Attorney Larry B. Dillon, Business/Community Development Director Josh Wice, Finance Director Linda J. Chapman, Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench, Police Chief Tom Szurlinski, Public Services Director Bob Townsend, City Engineer Bill Viox, Police Lieutenant Tom Grau, Police Officer Craig Burris, Police Officer BJ Eder, Public Services Maintenance Worker Jonathan Gaines, Public Services Superintendent Chris Knapmeyer, Collins Elementary School Principal Carol Elliott, Collins Elementary School Music Teacher Cathleen Rahschulte, Boone County Alternative School Executive Director of Student Services Kathy Reutman, Public Services Supervisor Greg Ferguson, Videographer Jerry Schrepfer, Florence Recorder Reporter Justin Duke, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 8, 2013 Business Meeting

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2013 business meeting of Council. Councilmember Brown so moved, with second from Councilmember Winn. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

PRESENTATION:

2013 Police and Public Services Departments Polar Bear Plunge Teams

Mayor Whalen recognized Police Officer BJ Eder and Public Services Maintenance Worker Jonathan Gaines who discussed the Polar Bear Plunge on February 2 at 11:30am at Joe's Crab Shack in Bellevue. Additional discussion followed.

PRESENTATION:

Collins Elementary Dance for Fitness Program

Mayor Whalen recognized Collins Elementary School Principal Carol Elliott and music teacher Cathleen Rahschulte who introduced students from the Collins Elementary Dance for Fitness Program. Additional discussion followed.

SECOND READING:

Ordinance No. O-1-13

Mayor Whalen presented the following Ordinance for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O-1-13:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 0-02-01, RELATING TO TIMES AND PLACES FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE.

Mayor Whalen read aloud the following summary of the Ordinance:

This Ordinance changes the date and time of the official regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee of the City Council to the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-1-13 on second reading. Councilmember Osborne so moved with second from Councilmember Brown, that Ordinance No. O-1-13 be approved on second reading and be published in accordance with the law. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diane E. Whalen

Mayor Whalen advised of the story regarding the Marine (who went through the Florence Marine Corps Recruiting Office) who carried the colors during the President's inauguration.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's recently held Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program.

Mayor Whalen advised of Police Chief Szurlinski's 51st birthday.

Mayor Whalen advised Chief Szurlinski announced he will retire on Monday, April 1, 2013. Chief Szurlinski said it's been a privilege being chief and working for the City of Florence.

CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

City Coordinator Richard J. Lunnemann

No report given by City Coordinator Lunnemann.

OTHER:

Mayor Whalen asked if any councilmember desired recognition; no one responded.

Mayor Whalen asked if any department head desired recognition; no one responded.

Mayor Whalen asked if anyone in the audience desired recognition; no one responded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no need for City Council to go into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Carroll so moved, with second from Councilmember Winn, and **unanimous approval of Council,** the time being 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk

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