

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of April 7, 2014

City of Independence, Ky.

Opening

The City Council of the City of Independence, Kentucky met on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Independence Municipal Center, 5409 Madison Pike, Independence, Kentucky with Mayor Donna G. Yeager presiding. Mayor Yeager called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Council Member Bushong. Roll was called and the following Council Members registered present: Bill Aseere, Tom Brinker, Jim Bushong, Carol Franzen, Mike Little and Chris Reinersman. Also present was City Attorney Jed K. Deters, City Administrator Dan Groth and City Clerk Patricia Taney.

Approval of the March 10, 2014 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Yeager called for a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on Monday, March 10, 2014. Council Member Bushong so moved, with second by Council Member Little. No amendments to the minutes were noted and the motion carried with all ayes.

Proclamation Presented to the Family Nurturing Center in Support of Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Yeager welcomed Kathy DeLaura, Director of Donor Relations for the Family Nurturing Center. Mr. Groth read and presented a Proclamation to Ms. DeLaura recognizing April 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Ms. DeLaura thanked Mayor Yeager and Council and stated they appreciated the City's support of the Blue Ribbon campaign to help spread awareness of the issue of child abuse in our communities. She stated the Family Nurturing Center has partnered with the Bank of Kentucky to promote the campaign with all bank branches displaying Blue Ribbon educational material and offering blue ribbon pins, wristbands, donor cards and pinwheels.

City Administrator Report – Dan Groth

Mr. Groth announced this year's annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages nine and under would take place at Memorial Park at noon on Saturday, April 12, 2014. He stated the Recreation Director has reported that six thousand eggs will be hidden on the park grounds. He suggested participants arrive early to register for baskets that will be given away.

Mr. Groth also reported that the City's intent to apply for the Land and Water Conservation grant that was presented to Council a couple months ago and ultimately had to be aborted due to lack of funds, has now been revived because the R.C. Durr Foundation has pledged \$60,000 as the City's matching funds for the grant. The grant application is for a park improvement project to terrace the hillside between the Senior Center and the Amphitheater at Memorial Park. He advised the Public Hearing to get citizen input on this project, and which is a required part of the grant application, has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, April 16 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council Member Tom Brinker who chairs the Independence Park Board thanked Board Member David Cain for securing this grant from the R.C. Durr Foundation on behalf of the City. He stated this grant application is a 50% match for the project cost of approximately \$120,000.

Attorney's Report – Jed K. Deters

Mr. Deters advised he did not have anything to report, but would need a brief executive session to report on pending litigation and discussion of possible land acquisition.

Mayor's Report – Donna G. Yeager

Mayor Yeager stated she did not have anything to report.

Executive Session

At 7:15 p.m. a motion was made by Council Member Bushong and seconded by Council Member Little to go into an executive session in accordance with KRS 61.810 (b) to deliberate possible land acquisition and KRS 61.810 (c) to discuss pending litigation. Motion carried with all ayes.

At 7:38 p.m. a motion was made by Council Member Little and seconded by Council Member Reinersman to resume the regular meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Little and seconded by Council Member Franzen to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes and the meeting ended at 7:39 p.m.

Donna G. Yeager, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia H. Taney, City Clerk