

Opening

The City Council of the City of Independence, Kentucky met on Monday, September 8, 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 Chris Moriconi and City Clerk Patricia Taney.

Approval of the August 4, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Yeager called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, August 4, 2014. Council Member Bushong so moved, with second by Council Member Franzen. No amendments to the minutes were noted and the motion carried with five ayes and one abstention from Council Member Little.

Proposed Ordinance – Adopting 2014 Real and Personal Property Tax Rates – 1st Reading

The proposed ordinance to adopt the 2014 property tax rates was presented by City Administrator Chris Moriconi. He noted that the rates being proposed were the same rates as 2013. Mr. Deters read the proposed ordinance that would adopt a real estate rate of \$0.237/\$100 of assessed value and a personal property rate of \$0.656/\$100 of assessed value. Council Member Bushong requested an updated list of tax rates adopted by other local cities to see how Independence compares.

Proposed Ordinance – Relating to Fowler Creek Sewer Fund by Setting Parameters for Delinquencies and Authorizing Administration Fees for Transfer to General Fund – 1st Reading

Chris Moriconi, City Administrator submitted to Council a proposed ordinance relating to the Fowler Creek Sewer Fund which would provide for the allocation of certain expenses against the Fowler Creek Sewer Fund, setting parameters for delinquencies and authorizing the transfer of administration costs and expenses from the Fowler Creek Sewer funds to the General Fund. Mr. Deters read the proposed ordinance. A brief discussion ensued. Council Member Reinersman expressed concern that the language of the ordinance may be confusing and sound as if the current properties being assessed would actually be paying on this assessment longer since the fund would remain on the books after the retirement of the debt. Mr. Deters explained the intent is that the books of this fund would remain open solely for the collection of the delinquent accounts and the language will be changed to clarify that before the second reading of the ordinance.

Resolution No. 2014-R-08 – Approving the Transfer of Comcast Cable to Charter

Mayor Yeager presented to Council Resolution No. 2014-R-08 that would approve the transfer of control of Comcast Corporation of Insight Kentucky Partners to Charter Communications. Mr. Moriconi advised this is the second step in the merger of Time Warner Cable to Comcast. Council Member Reinersman commented that he spoke with Tim Broering of the Telecommunications Board who explained that Comcast has agreed to transfer a portion of its

post-merger (Time Warner Cable to Comcast) subscribers to Charter Communications thereby trading subscribers in different markets which will let them operate more efficiently and keep within the regulations of the FCC (Federal Communications Commission).

Council Member Bushong made a motion, seconded by Council Member Reinersman, to approve Resolution No. 2014-R-08. Roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 6-0.

Declaring Surplus Property – City Owned Vehicles and Computer Equipment

Mayor Yeager presented to Council a list of city owned property to be declared as surplus items to be either auctioned or recycled. The list included six police cruisers, four police bikes, cruiser equipment, refrigerator, microwave oven, modems, cameras, monitors, portable radios, computer docking stations, marine band radios, laptop computers, printer, keyboards, computer towers and miscellaneous computer accessories. The items that could be auctioned would be placed in the Kenton County auction that will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2014.

A motion was made by Council Member Franzen and seconded by Council Member Aseere to declare the list of presented items as surplus property for disposal by auction or recycling. Roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 6-0.

Attorney's Report – Jed K. Deters

Mr. Deters stated he did not have anything to report, but requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

City Administrator Report – Chris Moriconi

Mr. Moriconi announced that bids for the City's banking services are due by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 11th at which time they will be opened.

He also reported that a survey conducted by Motovo real estate blog has ranked Independence as the fourth safest city in Kentucky. He stated that Motovo utilizes statistics from the FBI's crime data.

Update on Independence Pointe Subdivision entrance

Council Member Brinker reported that the entrance to the Independence Pointe Subdivision was mowed but the grass is high again. He suggested a change to the nuisance ordinance. Mr. Deters advised we can issue a five-day notice to the property owner and post immediately after the five day notice has expired to speed up the process.

Mayor's Report – Donna G. Yeager

Mayor Yeager stated she had nothing to report.

Executive Session

At 7:11 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 (c) and (f) to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues. Motion carried with all ayes.

At 8:36 p.m. a motion was made by Council Member Bushong and seconded by Council Member Franzen to resume the regular meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Franzen and seconded by Council Member Bushong to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes and the meeting ended at 8:37 p.m.

Donna G. Yeager, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia H. Taney, City Clerk