

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of April 4, 2016

City of Independence, Ky.

Opening

The City Council of the City of Independence, Kentucky met on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Independence Municipal Center, 5409 Madison Pike, Independence, Kentucky with Mayor Christopher Reinersman presiding. Mayor Reinersman called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Jim Bushong led the invocation. Roll was called and the following Council Members registered present: Bill Aseere, Tom Brinker, Jim Bushong, Lucas Deaton, Carol Franzen and Donna Yeager. Also present was City Clerk Patricia Taney, Assistant City Clerk Gina Gabbard and City Attorney Jack Gatlin. City Administrator Chris Moriconi was absent due to a training conference he was attending out of town.

Approval of the March 7, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Reinersman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 7, 2016. Council Member Bushong so moved, with a second by Council Member Franzen. No amendment to the minutes were noted, roll was called and answered with all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Proclamation – Recognize Sophie Skinner

Mayor Reinersman presented a Proclamation to Sophie Skinner to recognize her outstanding swimming accomplishments including four Olympic Trial qualifying cuts and setting two State records. Sophie is also an honor roll student at Notre Dame Academy. Council Member Franzen spoke a few words as one of Sophie's previous swim coaches.

Proclamation – National Child Abuse Prevention Month - April 2016

Mayor Reinersman presented a Proclamation to recognize the month of April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Mayor thanked the City Clerk and City staff for displaying the blue ribbons on the trees outside the Municipal Center and encouraged citizens to do the same.

Award Bid – Holton Drive Reconstruction

Mayor Reinersman presented to Council the four bids that were received for the Holton Drive reconstruction project. The Mayor stated this road project within the Industrial Park is critical and he realizes it's a lot of money to spend on one road. He stated in 2015, Holton Drive generated over \$500,000 of revenue for the City in occupational taxes, real estate taxes and tangible taxes which equates to about 7% of the City's general fund revenue. The Mayor stated Len Riegler Blacktop presented the lowest bid amount of \$733,695.75 which includes removing the concrete road and replacing with asphalt pavement. There were some questions from Council regarding the differences between concrete and asphalt. The Mayor stated asphalt is a better option for this project due to the amount of traffic and is less costly to replace than concrete. He stated the road project should start in July and be completed by the first of November.

Council Member Franzen made a motion to accept the bid from Len Riegler Blacktop in the amount of \$733,695.75 for the Holton Drive reconstruction project, seconded by Council Member Brinker. Roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 6-0.

Memorandum of Understanding with Kenton County for Pelly Road Bridge Reconstruction Project

Mayor Reinersman presented to Council the Memorandum of Understanding between Kenton County and the City for combined efforts to complete the Pelly Road Bridge reconstruction project. The Mayor stated Kenton County will provide and assist with in-kind services for the Pelly Road Bridge reconstruction project if the City agrees to be fully responsible for the anticipated expenditures. He stated the estimated cost of construction is \$225,175.50 which would be the City's responsibility. He added Kenton County will be covering the cost of in-kind assistance which is estimated at \$125,000.00 and the Kenton County's Public Works Department will be doing most of the work. The Mayor stated the City's portion of the project will be funded with the \$100,000 received from the State Road Aid as well as funds in the Fowler Creek Sewer Fund. He stated the project would include installing a giant culvert pipe which is approximately 38 feet in diameter. The Mayor stated the goal is to have the Pelly Road bridge re-opened before school starts back up in August. He added this option should be completed by the August 5th deadline and would provide a long term fix to the bridge.

Council Member Aseere made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Kenton County for the Pelly Road Bridge reconstruction project, seconded by Council Member Yeager. Roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 6-0.

Declare Surplus Property – 2007 Dodge Chargers

Mayor Reinersman presented to Council a blue 2007 Dodge Charger and a black and white 2007 Dodge Charger which need to be declared surplus property. The Mayor stated the vehicles will be auctioned on govdeals.com.

Council Member Franzen made a motion to declare two 2007 Dodge Chargers as surplus property, seconded by Council Member Brinker. Roll was called and answered unanimously. Motion carried 6-0.

Attorney's Report – Jack Gatlin

Mr. Gatlin stated there has been recent positive negotiations with the Sanitation District No. 1 (SD1) in regards to SD1's responsibility for lateral line breaks along public right of ways. He stated he is reasonably confident that he will have something to present to Council at the next meeting.

City Administrator Report – Chris Moriconi

Mr. Moriconi was not present to a report.

Mayor's Report – Chris Reinersman

Mayor Reinersman stated he had an update regarding the placement of the new administrative offices for the Northern Kentucky Health Department as discussed at the last City Council meeting. He stated the Health Department's Board of Directors decided on the Florence site

over the Independence site for their new administrative offices. The Independence site that was being considered is located at the intersection of Turkeyfoot Road and Industrial Road.

Mayor Reinersman stated the Kelly Miller Circus will be coming to Independence on May 13th and 14th to perform four shows. He added tickets are available for purchase at the City Building, Ace Hardware and the Independence and Taylor Mill Remke locations.

Miscellaneous Comments

Council Member Brinker stated the Easter Egg Hunt went well on March 19th even though it was moved indoors and the parent's patience was appreciated. He stated improvements will be made to Sterling Staggs ball field #2 within the next month to help with the drainage issues.

Mike Robbins, 778 Jimae Avenue, Independence - voiced his concerns for the proposed zone change for new homes being built in the Lakefield subdivision. The proposed change would reduce the spacing requirements between new homes being built. The land is currently zoned R1C and would change to zone R1D. Mr. Robbins stated he has seen his property value decrease over the years for various reasons and believes this change would decrease the value of properties in his neighborhood even more.

Mayor Reinersman stated Celestial Homes is the builder that owns the land and has requested the zone change. He stated this new development would be accessed mainly through the Lakefield subdivision which is zoned R1D. He added PDS Staff has recommended approval for the proposed zone change and a public hearing will be held by the Kenton County Planning Commission (KCPC) later this week. He stated KCPC will make a recommendation to the City for Council to discuss and could be on the agenda for discussion in possibly May or June.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Franzen and seconded by Council Member Yeager to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes and the meeting ended at 7:54 p.m.

Christopher J. Reinersman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia H. Taney, City Clerk