

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of April 3, 2017

City of Independence, Ky.

Opening

The City Council of the City of Independence, Kentucky met on Monday, April 3, 2017 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 Eagle Scout Patrick Hutchinson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Franzen led the invocation. Roll was called and the following Council Members registered present: Bill Aseere, John Deaton, Amy Engelman, Carol Franzen, Patricia Taney and Greg Waite. Also present was City Administrator Chris Moriconi, City Clerk Gina Gabbard, City Attorney Jack Gatlin and Police Chief Tony Lucas.

Approval of the March 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Reinersman asked Council if there were any changes or corrections they would like made to the Council Minutes for the regular meeting on March 6, 2017.

Mayor Reinersman called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 6, 2017. Council Member Waite so moved, with a second by Council Member Engelman. Motion carried with all ayes, 6-0.

Police Recognitions – Swearing in Officers Kyle Wallace and Steven Robinson

Mayor Reinersman swore in Officer Kyle Wallace and Steven Robinson. He stated Officer Wallace comes from the Dry Ridge Police Department and Officer Robinson comes from the Elsmere Police Department with 14 years of experience.

Mayor Reinersman stated an email was received by the FBI Safe Streets Task Force which complemented five officers involved in a drug arrest about a year ago including the investigation, arrest and their testimonies. He stated his appreciation to Lieutenant Brian Ferayorni, Sergeant Nate Fuson, Officer Travis Hager, Sergeant Jeff Young and Detective Mark Fielding for all of their hard work on the case.

Kim Moser, Kentucky State Representative – Legislative Update

Kentucky State Representative Kim Moser addressed Council with some legislative updates. Mrs. Moser stated the session opened on January 3, 2017 and the next 5 days were spent passing several House Bills. She stated the bills passed included issues such as right to work, paycheck protection, prevailing wage, twenty week abortion ban, ultrasound bill, University of Louisville Board reorganization, legislative retirement transparency bill, charter schools, education bills including federal mandates for testing and common core math, medical review panels, defunding Planned Parenthood and mental health treatment. Mrs. Moser stated she worked hard on the House Bill 333 which deals with active trafficking, increases penalties and time served, sets prescribing limits for opioids and aligns federal and state drug scheduling guidelines.

Council Member Franzen asked Mrs. Moser if she could share the list of bills passed to post on the city's website. Mrs. Moser stated she would send the list to Mayor Reinersman. Mayor Reinersman reminded Mrs. Moser about the 536 project and Mrs. Moser stated it was on her radar.

Proposed Ordinance – Closing proposed street for Elmer Subdivision/Marshall Road – 1st Reading

Mayor Reinersman presented to Council a proposed ordinance which closes a platted proposed street filed of record for the Elmer Davis Subdivision which abuts to Marshall Road. Mr. Gatlin gave the proposed ordinance

a first reading and stated the current property owners have requested that the City abandon the property and close the public way as it serves no purpose. Mr. Gatlin stated once the street is closed, the Mayor is authorized to execute a deed to transfer the property of the adjoining property owners.

Attorney's Report – Jack Gatlin

Mr. Gatlin stated letters were sent to the remaining delinquent fowler creek properties and the city continues to receive payments and are left with only a handful of remaining delinquent properties.

City Administrator Report – Chris Moriconi

Mr. Moriconi stated the Personnel Policy will be updated annually. He stated in addition to budget and financial reports, building permits and police calls are also now available on the city's website by clicking on the OpenGov logo. Mr. Moriconi stated a safety policy and drug free policy are being implemented which should help reduce the cost to the City for workers compensation premiums.

Mayor's Report – Christopher J. Reinersman

Mayor Reinersman stated the Kenton County Planning Commission will be holding the public hearing for our proposed Residential Design Standards in the next few days. He stated the hearing gives the public an opportunity to voice their opinion and encouraged residents to attend and voice their opinion. Mayor Reinersman stated in addition to the Kenton County Fiscal Court purchasing the old Bavarian building in Covington, they are also looking at making substantial improvements to the Courthouse in Independence. He stated there will be a public Open House on April 17 to display some of the improvement ideas they are considering.

Mayor Reinersman stated a new service site called Xceligent will provide available commercial real estate and as well as demographic data for possible new business owners. He thanked Ken and Marilyn Noll for all they do in the city and for volunteering regularly with the Police Department.

Council Member Franzen recognized Patrick Hutchinson for his achievement of making it to state as a Simon Kenton swimmer as well as his work on becoming an Eagle Scout.

Council Member Waite stated that he wanted to table the idea of recognition for student athletes as it extends outside of just athletics.

Council Member Aseere stated the restrooms in the parks should be opening soon.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Waite and seconded by Council Member Taney to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes and the meeting ended at 7:52 p.m.

Christopher J. Reinersman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gina Gabbard, City Clerk