

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS, CAMPBELL  
COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON MONDAY,  
APRIL 5, 2004.

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mary H. Brown at 8:00 P.M. on April 5, 2004. The Clerk called the roll with the following members present: Barbara Runge, Jim Doepker, Karen Lied, Eric Haas, Tom Lampe; Roger Peterman was absent. In addition, the following staff members were present: City Administrative Officer Jeff Earlywine, Assistant to the CAO Jay Trefl, City Treasurer Fred Ewald, Police Chief Steve Schmidt, and Fire Chief Dale Edmondson, along with City Clerk Dottie Ivie. Mayor Brown led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and then asked for disposition of the Minutes. It was moved (Lied) and seconded (Lampe) to approve as presented in Council packets for review; motion carried with unanimous Aye voice vote.

Two Reports from the Public Works Committee, stemming from Public Hearings conducted by that Committee, were read and approved by unanimous voice vote. The first recommended proceeding with the CBD Phase II Project and the second contained similar recommendations regarding the 2004 Street Improvement Program. (Excerpts of each Report follow.) It was moved (Doepker), seconded (Lied) to approve the first; and the second received a motion (Runge) and second (Lied), with subsequent approval.

Excerpts:

... “regarding the CBD Phase II Streetscape Project: The proposed special improvement assessment policy includes a “Resurfacing Equivalency Standard” with property owners to pay \$11.30 per front foot or property abutting the project limits. Total property owner assessments would represent approximately 2.5% of the total project cost with the city underwriting the remaining balance. Property owners would have the option of financing their assessment bill over a multi-year period.” ...the Public Works Committee recommends that the city proceed with the CBD Phase II Streetscape Project as designed and proposed and authorize the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an ordinance to proceed.”

... “regarding the proposed 2004 street resurfacing program. The hearing was attended by residents from many of the nine different city streets proposed for improvements (and they presented questions and comments). Overall, there was public support for the proposed improvement project as designed by the city. ...the Public Works Committee recommends that the city proceed with street resurfacing improvements as proposed and authorize the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an ordinance to proceed.”

Under New Business, Mr. Earlywine reviewed the bids received for the CBD Phase II construction work, along with information provided from review and evaluation of the bids, and a recommendation from the City Engineer, Mark Brueggemann. The bids ranged from a high of \$986 thousand to the low bid of \$609 thousand and Council awarded the bid to the lowest and best bidder, RFH Construction, for their total bid of \$609,277.48, upon motion (Runge), second (Doepker) and unanimous Aye Roll Call vote; motion carried.

Jay Trefl, Assistant to the CAO, presented a proposed amendment to the Traffic Ordinance providing for some changes in length of time for parking in the CBD area. There was some discussion of these changes. Currently, there is 2 hour parking on the Avenue from 9 A.M. until 5 or 6 P.M.; this would be changed to two hours from 8 A.M. until 8 P.M. on the west side (from 5/3 Bank to Highland Avenue) and on the east side from Bluegrass Ave. to Highland Avenue and then from Highland Avenue to Montrose Avenue) there would be 1 hour parking. It was approved to place this Ordinance on the Agenda for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading in order to implement

these changes. A motion (Doepker) and second (Lied) were made and there were unanimous Aye voice votes recorded.

Mr. Earlywine then reviewed the bids received for a listing of City surplus property, which included five (5) vehicles, tractor, leaf collectors and various pumps and saws. Each high bid was underlined on the chart with the recommendation that award be made to the highest bidder for each item. In one instance, there were tie bids and he said that would be solved by both parties in the presence of the Purchasing Agent who would flip a coin to determine the winning bid. It was moved (Lampe) and seconded (Haas) to approve this procedure; upon voice vote all voted Aye; motion carried. A separate motion was then made to award the remaining bids to the high bidders (Lampe), second (Haas), with a unanimous Aye Roll Call vote taken. .

The Finance Committee presented their Report of Vouchers for the period and upon motion (Doepker) and second (Lied), it was moved to concur in their recommendation for approval and payment of same; upon Roll call vote, all voted Aye; motion carried.

Ordinance O-6-2004, Amending the Official Traffic Ordinance to modify some parking time limits and loading zone time limits in the Central Business District, was given a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Ordinance O-7-2004, Providing for and Ordering the 2004 Street Improvement Program and Providing for Assessments (Dumfries Avenue, Orchard Hill Road, Meadow Lane, Alpine Drive, Margarete Lane, Warren Court, Sharon Place Tower Place Newman Avenue (portion from Highland Avenue to Churchill Drive) was given a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Ordinance O-8-2004, Providing for and Ordering Streetscape Improvements within the CBD Phase II, and Providing for Assessments, was given a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. All will be laid over to the next Council meeting and presented for Council's approval at that time.

Mayor Brown announced that the Finance Committee will need to meet just prior to the next Regular Meeting (7:15 P.M. in the Centennial Room) to review and discuss a proposed Budget Amendment Ordinance that will be placed on the next Council Agenda for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mary H. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dorothy A. Ivie, City Clerk