

NEW HAVEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

City Hall – 302 Center Street, New Haven, KY 40051

August 15th, 2019 @ 5:00PM

Members Present: Mayor Tessie Cecil, Linda Mattingly, Lois Boley &, Mike Morris

Guests & Staff Present: John Singleton, Fred DeWitt, David Nalley, Guyula Johnson, Pamela Howard, Anthony Morley, Betty Downs, Sharon Holbert, Karen Bullock, Edna Metcalf, Martha Bullock, Betty Vittitow, Helen Hall, Anna Dickerson, Wilma Wimsett, Angela Mattingly, Scottie Metcalf, Joanie Corbin and Keith Bartley

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cecil at 5:00pm. The pledge was recited.

The **Meeting Minutes of August 8th, 2019** were approved with a motion by Linda and a second by Lois. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The **July Financials and June Bills** were approved with a motion by Linda. Lois seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Joanie reported that Letitia Nalley will **clean Barry Hall** for \$75 per cleaning. A lengthy discussion took place with the Bereavement Committee. Linda made a motion for the City to hire Letitia Nalley (Carlene's Cleaning) for \$75 per cleaning and to increase the rental fee from \$300 (with a \$150 refundable deposit) to \$325 (with a \$100 refundable deposit). She also stated that the Bereavement Committee would not be responsible for the cleaning expense, but will be responsible for taking the tables and chairs up and down before and after dinners. The city will cover the expense after bereavement dinners. Comp rentals will also be required to pay the \$75 cleaning fee. Lois seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Masse presented the Community Development's list of events for the **New Haven Bicentennial Celebration**. A list of the events is attached. Linda made a motion to support the New Haven Bicentennial Celebration in 2020 and to appoint Lois Boley to be the liaison for the city on the Community Development committee. Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Administration

Consensus of the board was to ask Anne Lusk to fill **Karl's seat on the board** for the remainder of his term. Fred DeWitt expressed interest in the seat, but said that he would not excuse himself from voting for any reason (being fire chief and holding a seat on the board could be a conflict).

Lois made a motion to appoint Linda to be the **department head of the water and sewer department**. Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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Joanie read **Ordinance # 479 Series 2019 – Setting Tax Rate**. This was the first reading of the ordinance. The 2019 rates will be as follows – Real Property - .2320, Personal Property - .3884, Automobiles - .25 per \$100 valuation.

Linda stated that the city needed to be paid **administrative fees** for any and all grants that are ran through the city. Consensus of the board was for the issue to be discussed again in the September meeting. The amount was not decided on, but 1% and ½% were options.

Police/Fire

Fred DeWitt stated that he still has no news about the **FEMA grant**.

The **fire truck** will be paid off in 2020.

Lois informed the board that 33 people attended the July **“Neighborhood Watch”** meeting. She has not been able to plan a meeting for August.

Water & Sewer

An executive session was not necessary for **61.810(1)(c) to discuss pending litigation**.

Street

Linda reported that Greg Matthews (KRM) has been unable to meet with her about the **paving issue on South First Street**. She will be meeting with him in the next week or two.

Linda informed the board that Nick Van Over with the KY Transportation Cabinet met with city representatives to let us know that there are some **“Discretionary Funds”** available for cities to apply for to pave city streets. He stated that the city could be awarded up to \$150,000. The application is being completed currently and will be mailed in as soon as all the information required is obtained. She is hoping to have an update at the September board meeting.

Recreation

Angela reported that the pool ran extremely smooth this year. Joanie and Angela agreed that Bruce Nichols did a wonderful job as the park director.

Historical Preservation/Informational Center/Military/Veterans Center

Tessie informed the board that she is working on the Veterans Day Celebration, Youth Leadership and hosting a business meeting for local businesses.

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Linda made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting. Lois seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor

City Clerk