

## **NEW HAVEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

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

**February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 5:00PM**

**Members Present:** Mayor Tessie Cecil, Mike Morris, Linda Mattingly & Ruth Faulkner

Lois Boley was unable to attend.

**Guests & Staff Present:** Fred DeWitt, Scottie Metcalf, Denis House, , Greg Matthews, Christine Hovan, Ann Mouser, K.C. Holbert, Donnie Cecil, Joanie Corbin and Keith Bartley

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

The **Special Meeting Minutes of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020** were approved with a motion by Linda and a second by Mike. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

### **New Business**

Christine Hovan introduced herself as the Executive Director of **St. Vincent DePaul Outreach Ministry**. She explained the mission of the ministry and asked the board to consider adding a donation to the upcoming budget.

Greg Matthews (KRM Executive Director) informed the board that they have been awarded a grant in the amount of \$435,000 thru the **TAP program** to refurbish steam engine 152. The grant will need to be run thru the city because it is federal funds. Greg asked the board to pass a resolution and to sign "Attachment C – Person in Responsible Charge" . He will provide an updated copy of the contract as soon as it is available. The consensus of the board was for the city attorney to take a look at all documents before the mayor signs any paperwork.

Linda made a motion to contact **Linda Ain** to see what the City's options are with the upcoming franchise renewal and to obtain an hourly rate structure. Ruth seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### **Administration**

The **Founder's Day event** will be held on Saturday, February 22 from 2PM to 7PM.

### **Police/Fire**

Fred DeWitt stated that he still has no update on the **FEMA grant**. He stated that if he doesn't hear something soon about the grant that he will need to purchase \$35,000 worth of turnout gear.

The **annual firefighter dinner** is scheduled for Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

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Corey Holbert was released from **workers compensation** on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. He is currently back to work full-time.

Corey will attend the **mock disaster pre-planning meeting** on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Sheriff's office.

### Water & Sewer

Joanie presented the board with the bill from **Thomas Hamilton** for representing the City with the dispute with Jones Contracting. The total of the original bill is \$7,202.50. He discounted the original bill by 50% due to not seeing the Jones Contracting dispute through to its conclusion, which left the bill at \$3,601.20. Thomas has resigned as the city's attorney. The consensus of the board was to hold off on paying the bill until the arbitration process is over.

Scottie reported that he has obtained all 3 of the **certifications** needed to operate the water & wastewater system.

There was no **Executive Session** called.

Linda reported that the City is still in the **arbitration process**. Brian Veeneman, with Wyatt, Terrant and Combs, LLC is representing the city and is currently negotiating with Jones Contracting on curing the sewer project issues and pursuing a settlement with the bonding company.

### Street

Ruth made a motion for Joanie to **advertise for paving** of the 6 streets that were funded with the discretionary funds provided by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Linda seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Recreation

Mike made a motion to approve the **Barry Hall rental agreement** presented, which includes a \$75 per day rental fee, along with a \$75 non-refundable cleaning fee and a refundable \$100 damage deposit for non-profit rentals. Linda seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mike made a motion to advertise for **lifeguards** for the 2020 summer season. Ruth seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Must be 16 to apply.

Mike made a motion to rehire Bruce Nichols as the **park director** for the 2020 season. Linda seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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No information was provided about the **New Haven Rams Baseball League**.

**Historical Preservation/Informational Center/Military/Veterans Center**

Tessie expressed concern of the high electric bill for the Veterans Center. The unit was checked out by a professional HVAC technician and no issue was found.

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

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Mayor

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City Clerk