

NEW HAVEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

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

March 18, 2021 @ 5:00PM

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

Guests & Staff Present: Fred DeWitt, Denis House, , Greg Matthews, Ann Mouser, Don Cecil, Angela Mattingly, Chuck Brothers, Betty Hart, 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 February 23rd, 2021** were approved with a motion by Ruth and a second by Mike. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

New Business

Greg Matthews reported that the TAP grant had been approved. The Historic Engine 152 will be rebuilt for the 3rd time. Due to the Railway Museum being a 501C entity, the grant could not be run through their organization. They will need the City to partner with them to be the pass thru entity once again, as the City has done numerous times in the past. The expenditures of the engine rebuild will be paid for with 75% of the funds being a grant and 25% being raised by KRM thru fundraisers and everyday operations. The total amount of the grant will be \$435,000. The project will be 18 months long and will get started in June or July 2021.

Resolution 2021 – 2 (TAP Grant) was approved with a motion by Ruth and seconded by Lois. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Betty Hart, Co-chair of NelCARE attended the meeting to introduce the program – **NelCARE (Nelson County Addiction Response Effort)**. The program's mission is to help prevent substance abuse; to assist in the interdiction of illegal substances; to assist in the treatment of persons with substance use disorder and to reduce the harm to the community caused by the substance abuse epidemic in Bardstown and Nelson County. Betty encouraged members of our community to get involved with the program.

Joanie stated that the contract with **Waste Management** will expire on June 30, 2021. Waste Management has offered two options for the City to consider if we are interested in extending the contract.

1 – 2-year contract with the current rate of \$8.78

2 – 3-year contract with a rate of \$9.25, which would include a 96-gallon tote for each resident at no charge.

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After a short discussion, Linda made a motion to approve the 3-year contract. Ruth seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Cecil reported that there will be a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, March 23rd at 1:30PM to discuss the “**Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan**”.

Tessie reported that **Blane Martin** approached her to get permission to play music at the City Park. She asked him to attend the meeting, but he was unable to do so. The consensus of the board was for Blane to submit a plan for an approval.

Joanie asked the board to consider approving another board member to be added to the “**check signers**” list at Town & Country Bank for the City accounts. Ruth made a motion for Linda Mattingly to be added to the City accounts. The motion was seconded by Mike. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The following 4 people will be signers for the city accounts.

Mayor Tessie Cecil
Commissioner Linda Mattingly
City Clerk Joanie Corbin
Assistant City Clerk Angela Mattingly

Administration

A discussion took place about the **City Nuisance ordinance**. No decision was made.

A motion was made by Lois to advertise and accept sealed bids on the City property located at **144 South Main Street**. Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The City will have the right to refuse any and all bids.

The “**Board Member Pay Increase**” was tabled. This ordinance will need to be passed by May 2022, in order to go in effect on January 1, 2023.

Police/Fire

Linda stated that she would like to do an intensive study on whether or not a **merge with the Rolling Fork Fire Department** would be a feasible idea for the City. Lois and Linda will meet with the City & Rolling Fork Fire Department members to discuss this issue. Chief DeWitt stated that he felt that it was time for the City to seriously consider a merge with Rolling Fork Fire Department. He said there would be a lot to be discussed before proceeding forward with a merge.

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Fred DeWitt reported that the City's **siren** did not activate during the 2021 tornado drill. He has spoken to NC Dispatch and they are working on this issue. Fred also reported that the fire truck was paid off in 2020, using state aid funds. The **2021 state aid funds** in the amount of \$11,000 will be used to purchase hoses that are older than 1997.

Water & Sewer

Linda informed the board that the Water & Sewer Rate Study is 95% complete. She stated that due to the City not funding depreciation expenses in the past, that the rates will definitely need to be increased. She referenced information provided by the City auditor during the February 2021 meeting. The auditor reported that the Water & Sewer Department only had a net increase in cash of \$8,768 during FY 20. She also referenced a letter received from Rural Development on March 5, 2021. This letter stated that the City fell \$76,749 short of generating enough revenue to cover its operational expense plus debt service. Rural Development encouraged the City to evaluate the water & sewer systems and garbage service independently to determine if the respective systems are self-sustaining and if rate adjustments or cost cutting measures might be merited.

The **2nd reading of Ordinance # 486 – Series 2021** was passed with a motion by Linda. The motion was seconded by Ruth. Roll call – Ruth – aye, Mike – aye, Tessie – aye, Lois – aye, Linda – aye
All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Street

The **paving of South 1st Street** will be completed in 2021, with the KY Railway Museum contributing \$7500 towards the expense.

Recreation

Ruth made a motion for the City to **hire 5 lifeguards and 1 pool director** for the 2021 summer season. Lois seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

A letter was read from the "**Josh Pettit**" family regarding a **\$1000 donation** to the City's recreation program in honor of Josh Pettit. The children of our community will benefit greatly from this generous donation.

Historical Preservation/Informational Center/Military/Veterans Center

Ann Mouser addressed the board with an idea for replacing the City's banners. She asked the board to consider erecting American flags on the poles, rather than the typical banners. She mentioned several cities that she had visited that were lined with American Flags and she thought that it was beautiful. No decision was made.

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

Mayor _____

City Clerk _____