

NEW HAVEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

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

January 19th, 2023 @ 5:00PM

Members Present: Mayor Linda Mattingly, Lois Boley, Mike Morris & Fred DeWitt
Ruth Faulkner was unable to attend.

Guests & Staff Present: Nac Miller, David Nalley, Don Cecil, Kevin Douglas, Tony Douglas, Jim Lemieux, Ronnie Rust, Guyula Johnson, Kevin Hare and Joanie Corbin

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

The **Special Meeting Minutes of January 3rd, 2023** were approved with a motion by Fred and a second by Mike. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Kevin Hare, **Waste Management** General Manager attended the board meeting to address complaints about the garbage service.

David Nalley asked the board to approve the following **project**.

Double Doors to be installed in the front garage area of City Hall leading in to the meeting room. He said that the project would be fully funded. He would like to see the opening to allow for the Rolling Fork Iron Horse Festival to extend their silent auction in to the meeting room. A short discussion took place with differing opinions. Consensus was for David to be a drawing/plan to the next meeting for the board to review.

David Nalley addressed the board about **alcohol sales at the Rolling Fork Iron Horse Festival in 2023**. Consensus was that the alcohol sales in one spot was approved last year, so no vote was taken.

Fred DeWitt made a motion to approve **Anne Lusk** to extend her tenure on the **Board of Adjustments** to represent the City of New Haven. Lois seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Mattingly thanked **Fred DeWitt** for his years of service to the Fire Department and the city. Fred will be honored Saturday, January 21st, 2023 for his retirement as Fire Chief of the New Haven Fire Department.

Administration

Mayor Mattingly spoke about forming a **committee** to start brainstorming on ideas to beautify New Haven. She stated that several members of the community have volunteered to be on the committee. Consensus was for the committee to be formed. There will be 5 community members and 2 commissioners (Lois Boley & Ruth Faulkner).

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Mayor Mattingly also suggested that a **post be put on Facebook** to ask for suggestions. She does not want any negative feedback left on Facebook. She would like for people to call the office with their ideas and/or to leave a note in the city's night deposit drop box.

She also stated that she will begin having **one on one meetings with each business owner** in New Haven to discuss the beautification project.

Police/Fire Department

Fred reported that the **merge of the fire departments is complete**. Both fire trucks have been transferred to the Rolling Fork Fire Department. He stated that this merge will save the taxpayers of the City of New Haven money. For the record, taxpayers will not be billed for fire dues. The city will cover the cost of fire dues for each tax paying resident in the city limits of New Haven.

Water & Sewer

The **lagoon upgrade bids** were opened on January 12, 2023. The following bids were received.

Herrick Company, Inc. - \$655,100.00 (full project)

KLM Sales & Service - \$57,979.73 (Grease Gremlin)

The bid is quite a bit higher than originally projected. The project will have to be completed due to the city being under an agreed order with the Division of Water. Mayor Mattingly will be meeting with the Nelson County Fiscal Court on February 7th to ask if they would consider allowing the most recent designation of \$250,000 to be used on the current lagoon project, rather than the extension to the river which the money was approved to be used on. Mayor Mattingly stated that between NC Fiscal Court funds and ARPA (American Relief Plan Act) funds, that the project should be able to be completed without borrowing any money. After meeting with the NC Fiscal Court, the mayor will call a special meeting to vote on the bid approval.

Resolution 2023-2 – No action was taken.

James Lemieux presented the board with a proposal to **offer professional management services (independent contractor - city engineer) to oversee the lagoon project**. His fee will be \$115 per hour. Mayor Mattingly and Commissioner DeWitt both expressed that they felt the city would benefit from having Mr. Lemieux representing the city. Fred made a motion to hire Mr. Lemieux as an independent contractor for \$115 hour to oversee the lagoon upgrade project. Lois seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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Street Department

Mayor Mattingly wanted to clarify that the approval for the **salt spreading** with Dakota Bryan that was approved in December 2022 is pending request from Michael Blanford and/or Don Cecil. If city employees are able to spread salt, they will handle the task. If they are unable to, they will give Dakota Bryan to spread the salt, while performing snow removal.

Justin Hall, NC Jailer informed the board that he will have an **inmate labor program** in operation very soon. The city can request help from the inmates at any time. A deputy will supervise the inmates while completing the task and/or a city employee can take a class (1 -2 hours) and they will be allowed to supervise an inmate on their own.

Don reported that there are a couple of **trees on Main Street** that are starting to interfere with the sidewalks. Mayor Mattingly will investigate to see who planted the trees. A report will be given at the next meeting.

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

Mayor _____

City Clerk _____

