

**NEW HAVEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
City Hall – 302 Center Street, New Haven, KY 40051  
March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 @ 5:00PM

**Members Present:** Mayor Linda Mattingly, Ruth Faulkner, Lois Boley, Mike Morris & Fred DeWitt

**Guests & Staff Present:** Katelyn Norris, April Putnam, Anthony Putnam, George Putnam, David Rust, Brandon Hurn, Taylor Skaggs, David Nalley, Don Cecil, Jamie Bryan and Joanie Corbin

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

The **Meeting Minutes of February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024** were approved with a motion by Fred and a second by Lois. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The **Financial Reports** were accepted with a motion by Ruth and a second by Mike. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business**

There was a short discussion on the **new siren at the firehouse**. There is concern that it isn't loud enough to help warn residents of severe weather.

**Taylor Skaggs (RFFD Fire Chief)** assured the Board of Commissioners that there is always a fire truck left at the station to service the city limits of New Haven for a call. There were concerns that all the trucks were being taken out of town on calls.

Consensus of the board was that New Haven would not be able to host a **4<sup>th</sup> of July show** in 2024 due to liability insurance issues.

David Rust with Log Still Distillery attended the meeting to see if New Haven wanted to partner with Log Still to host the **4<sup>th</sup> of July event**. No decision was made.

**Resolution 2024-1 – Surplus Property – 306 Center Street** was approved with a motion by Fred. Lois seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The **Easter Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, March 20, 2024 @ Noon.

**Resolution 2024-2 – Support of Safe Drinking Water** was approved with a motion by Ruth. Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. A letter of support will be sent along with the Resolution to Larue County Water District.

Consensus of the board was that if any **"Hometown Hero" banners** were damaged or disappeared, the purchaser would be responsible with replacing the banner. The city will not pay to replace banners.

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Mayor Mattingly reminded the board of the **Community Connect Meeting** at the New Haven Branch Library on Friday, March 22 @ 5:30pm.

**Blane Martin (New Haven Pizza Shoppe)** asked if he could replace his stairs to his business. Consensus of the board was that they could not deny or approve his request. He needs to check with the state and the Nelson County Planning and Zoning office.

A **Girl Scouts Troop** is being organized in New Haven. They had inquired whether or not they could use Barry Hall for their meetings. More information is needed about the meetings. Mayor Mattingly stated that the New Haven Library may be an option for the group to meet.

Joanie asked for permission for Jordan Bryan to host a **"Fundraiser Bunco"** at Barry Hall on Saturday, May 11, 2024. The money raised will go directly back into the ballpark. Fred approved the use of Barry Hall for the fundraiser to support the ballpark. Ruth seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Administration

Waste Management has been sent certified letters to confirm that New Haven will not renew their contract with them on July 1, 2024. There has been no response from WM as of today.

An agreement was provided by **Nelson County Fiscal Court** to begin **garbage services** with the county on July 1, 2024. Ruth made a motion for the mayor to sign the agreement with Nelson County Fiscal Court. Lois seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Mattingly gave a report on the **Business Networking Event** at Barry Hall, organized by Amber Hillard. There were about 20 businesses that participated. It was a success.

Mayor Mattingly reported that New Haven was chose to receive a **"Land and Water Conservation Grant"** in the amount of \$50,082.00. The city applied for this grant in 2023. Funds will hopefully be released later this year.

The 1<sup>st</sup> reading of **Ordinance #516 Series 2024 – FY24 Budget Amendment** was read by Joanie.

### Police

No report.

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### Sewer

Jamie reported the following:

- The lagoon still has not lowered enough to replace the valve.
- The control panels have been ordered.
- The pump for the river lift station will be installed on Monday, March 25, 2024.

The **odor issue at the Jean Villa Subdivision** is still ongoing. Several adjustments have been made, but the odor is still present. A meeting will be set up with Log Still and the Abbey of Gethsemani to discuss the issue.

### Street Department

David asked the board if they wanted to proceed with working with Jailer Justin Hall to complete the **blacktop sealing at City Hall and the Ballpark**. Consensus was to proceed with the project.

**Resolution 2024-3 – Support of Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters on North Main Street** was approved with a motion by Ruth. Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. A letter of support will be sent along with the Resolution to Larue County Water District.

Letters of support for the sidewalks on North Main Street were provided by Judge Hutchins, Magistrate Keith Metcalfe and Nelson County Deputy, Brad Metcalf.

### Recreation Department

Jamie stated that the **Optimist Ball Field Fencing** has been painted and blends in nicely at the park.

Jamie reported that they have been working on the **pool upgrades**. The chlorine tank has been moved and a back-up pump has been purchased. Don asked the board if they felt that it was necessary to paint the pool each year. Consensus of the board was to let the guys make the decision on whether they felt that it needed to be painted or not.

Mayor Mattingly stated that Ms. Dottie wanted to offer the **"Aqua Fitness" class** again this year at the pool. The board agreed to allow her to host the class.

David reported that Danny Metcalf informed him the **Barry Hall renovation** has been fully funded, so they are ready to proceed forward. The room will be 15x15, with a concrete floor and a 36-inch door. The room will house the tables and chairs. Fred made a motion for Danny to proceed forward with the renovation. Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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**Veterans Center**

Fred made a motion to **advertise for sealed bids on the 2 properties located at 306 Center Street (building & lot) with an opening date of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 5:00pm**. Lois seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

David Boone asked for permission to **park his state vehicle at the Veterans Center**. Fred made a motion to allow him to park the vehicle in the parking lot as long as there is no liability to the city. Mike seconded the motion. Ruth and Lois opposed. Mayor Mattingly voted in favor. Motion carried. This agreement will cease when the building is sold.

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

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk \_\_\_\_\_