

**City OF NEWPORT, KY**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, June 18, 2018**  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peluso at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Newport Municipal Building at 998 Monmouth Street. The meeting was opened with a moment for silent invocation and the mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**In attendance** were: Commissioner Frank Peluso, Commissioner Beth Fennell, Commissioner Thomas Guidugli and Mayor Jerry Peluso, Commissioner Ken Rehtin. Also in attendance were: City Manager Thomas Fromme, Assistant City Attorney John Hayden, Police Chief Tom Collins, Captain Childress, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and Executive Assistant Joy Rovno.

**PERSONNEL ORDERS**

**R-2018-028**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER THOMAS J. FROMME TO EXECUTE A **UNION CONTRACT WITH LOCAL 45, I.A.F.F. (NEWPORT PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS UNION)**, SETTING FORTH RATES OF PAY, HOURS OF WORK AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.

Commissioner Peluso made a motion for approval, Commissioner Guidugli offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Guidugli: Yes**  
**Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes**  
**Commissioner Rehtin: Yes**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**R-2018-029**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER THOMAS J. FROMME TO EXECUTE A **UNION CONTRACT WITH LOCAL 286, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES**, SETTING FORTH RATES OF PAY, HOURS OF WORK AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.

Commissioner Rehtin made a motion for approval, Commissioner Fennell offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Guidugli: Yes**  
**Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes**  
**Commissioner Rehtin: Yes**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**R-2018-030**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER THOMAS J. FROMME TO EXECUTE A **UNION CONTRACT WITH FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LODGE #2, NEWPORT, KENTUCKY** SETTING FORTH RATES OF PAY, HOURS OF WORK AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.

Commissioner Peluso made a motion for approval, Commissioner Fennell offered a second to

the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Guidugli: Yes  
Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes  
Commissioner Rehtin: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

### **R-2018-031**

AN ORDER APPOINTING ROY CONNER EAST TO THE POSITION OF FIREFIGHTER/MEDIC GRADE 0 IN THE FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 2, 2018.

Commissioner Fennell made a motion for approval, Commissioner Guidugli offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Guidugli: Yes  
Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes  
Commissioner Rehtin: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

*Anyone wishing to discuss any city service issue not on the agenda may do so at this time.*

Ed Davis, York Street resident and West Side Coalition President addressed the Board.

- Thanked City for free tree plantings.
- Extended invitation to picnic in Buena Vista Park, hosted by Brighton Center and Live Well.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Monday, May 21, 2018 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Fennell made a motion for approval, Commissioner Guidugli offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Guidugli: Yes  
Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes  
Commissioner Rehtin: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

First Reading Tentative **O-2018-003**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY **AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018**, INCLUDING AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND MAKING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.

City Manager Thomas Fromme

- Budget Power Point Presentation.
- Presentation posted on Open Gov.
- City proactive in capital improvements.
- General Fund revenues increased.
- 2019 Budget surplus.
- 2% increase for employees.
- No increase in health care.
- No TAN increases credit rating.
- Participation in Kentucky Cooperative Emergency Program.

Commissioner Guidugli made a motion for approval, Commissioner Peluso offered a second to

the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Guidugli: Yes  
Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes  
Commissioner Rehtin: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

#### First Reading Tentative **O-2018-004**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY **ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019**, INCLUDING AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND MAKING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.

Commissioner Peluso made a motion for approval, Commissioner Fennell offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Guidugli: Yes  
Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes  
Commissioner Rehtin: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

#### **R-2018-032**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER THOMAS J. FROMME, PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES INSURANCE SERVICES ASSOCIATION, TO **ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A TRUST PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT** IN ASSOCIATION THEREWITH.

Commissioner Guidugli made a motion for approval, Commissioner Fennell offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Guidugli: Yes  
Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes  
Commissioner Rehtin: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

#### **R-2018-033**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER THOMAS J. FROMME TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES (KLCIS) FOR PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE, WITH KENTUCKY EMPLOYERS MUTUAL (KEMI) FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE, WITH THE HARTFORD FOR CRIME COVERAGE, AND WITH OHIO CASUALTY AND TRAVELERS INSURANCE FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS BONDS.

Chuck Honkomp with Crawford Insurance addressed the Board:

- Thanked City for commitment to safety.
- Premiums going down.
- 36K in savings.
- New ways to continue cost saving.

Commissioner Peluso made a motion for approval, Commissioner Fennell offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Guidugli: Yes  
Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes  
Commissioner Rehtin: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

**R-2018-034**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER THOMAS J. FROMME TO EXECUTE A **DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SKYWHEEL NEWPORT, LLC** REGARDING THE NEWPORT SKYWHEEL PROJECT.

City Manager Thomas Fromme

- Project coming to conclusion.
- Waiting on Corps of Engineer approval of development plan and copy of lease.
- Skywheel is a City development.
- Met on site with potential new owners of NOTL, interested in purchase regardless of skywheel development.

Mayor Peluso

- Project to benefit surrounding businesses.
- Visitor attraction.
- Benefit to entire region.

Commissioner Guidugli

- Received positive feed back.
- Catalysis for sale of Levee.

Commissioner Rehtin

- Concerned about projected revenues to City.
- Recommended IRB's/Piolet payments.
- Can not support Development agreement without a clear revenue plan.

Commissioner Peluso

- Currently land generates no revenue.
- Skywheel Development will generate revenue.
- Expressed support of Development Plan.

Commissioner Peluso made a motion for approval, Commissioner Guidugli offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Guidugli: Yes**

**Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes**

**Commissioner Rehtin: No**

**Motion carried 4-1.**

**R-2018-035**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING MAYOR JERRY PELUSO TO EXECUTE A **RELEASE OF MORTGAGE** WITH NEWPORT MILLENNIUM HOUSING CORPORATION IV **CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 800 MONMOUTH STREET** AS PART OF THE BERNADETTE WATKINS PARK REPLACEMENT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT.

City Manager Thomas Fromme

- Scholar House built on Bernadette Watkins Park.
- Department on Anterior requires a new park to replace park land that was built upon.

Thomas Guidugli Sr., Director Newport Millennium Housing Corporation IV

- SEED Money.
- City Park.
- City to maintain park.

Commissioner Rehtin

- Recommended working with neighborhood groups to plant and maintain park.

Commissioner Peluso

- Gave history of park.

Commissioner Fennell made a motion for approval, Commissioner Peluso offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Guidugli: Yes  
Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes  
Commissioner Rehtin: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

#### **R-2018-036**

AN ORDER GRANTING A **PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MORATORIUM TO RL PROPERTIES LLC** RELATING TO THE RESTORATION OF PROPERTY AT **501 EAST SIXTH STREET, NEWPORT, KENTUCKY.**

Commissioner Guidugli made a motion for approval, Commissioner Fennell offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Guidugli: Yes  
Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes  
Commissioner Rehtin: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

#### **R-2018-037**

AN ORDER GRANTING A **PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MORATORIUM TO PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC** RELATING TO THE RESTORATION OF PROPERTY AT **935 MONMOUTH STREET, NEWPORT, KENTUCKY.**

Commissioner Fennell made a motion for approval, Commissioner Guidugli offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Guidugli: Yes  
Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes  
Commissioner Rehtin: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

#### **COMMENTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Captain Randy Childress recognized EMT's for receiving Life Saver EMS award from Saint Elizabeth Hospital.

**COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

- Thanked Board for their involvement in the Budget process.
- Thanked Larisa Sims, Lenny Kuntz and Finance Department.
- Thanked Department Heads and staff.
- Announced Ground Breaking at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street School.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Mayor Peluso

- Residents on Monmouth are excited about 4<sup>th</sup> Street School development.
- Cities vision of living on Monmouth Street coming to fruition.
- Those who rent in Newport are buying homes in Newport.
- Jack Rabbit soft opening.

Commissioner Fennell

- Resident of Monmouth Row Apartments hopes to purchase home in Newport.
- Contacted KYTC about improving signage for traffic circles.
- KYTC will provide traffic circle video to be posted on City facebook page.
- Inquired on how a resident could obtain permit for an event.

Commissioner Guidugli

- Springbrook and Open Gov.
- No TAN puts City in good lending position.

Commissioner Rehtin

- Thanked Thomas Fromme for his financial stewardship.
- How to make Dispatch Center more cost effective.
- Work with surrounding city's for cost effective ways to deal with CERS increase.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Guidugli made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Peluso offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Guidugli: Yes**  
**Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes**  
**Commissioner Rehtin: Yes**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joy Rovno.

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Date Approved/Signed

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Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

**Board of Commissioners of Newport, KY  
June 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Attest:

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Amy B. Able, City Clerk

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