

**City OF NEWPORT, KY**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, December 14, 2015**  
**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 Thomas Guidugli, Commissioner John Hayden, Commissioner Frank Peluso, and Mayor Jerry Peluso. **Absent:** Commissioner Beth Fennell. Also in attendance were: City Manager Thomas Fromme, City Attorney Daniel Braun, Police Chief Thomas Collins, Fire Chief Gary Auffart, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

**PERSONNEL ORDERS**

The city clerk read Order **R-2015-083**, appointing **Chad Schultz as an alternate member on the Code Enforcement Board** of the City of Newport, Kentucky for a term expiring on January 31, 2018. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Schultz was in attendance and was introduced. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Commissioner Hayden: Yes**

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

**Motion carried 4-0.**

The city clerk read Order **R-2015-084**, appointing **Willis Gregory to the Planning and Zoning Commission** of the City Of Newport, Kentucky to fill a vacancy and complete the remainder of a four-year term expiring on January 31, 2019. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Peluso. Mr. Gregory was in attendance and was introduced. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Guidugli: Yes      Commissioner Hayden: Yes**

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

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS & PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Peluso presented Cannoli Awards to businesses being recognized for holiday window displays. Best Dressed Bear awards went to to Dickey's Glass, Urban Chick, and Kamp Flooring. Best Theme awards went to Monmouth Street Antiques and Costume Gallery. Best Window award was given to Fantasy in Frosting.

A Cannoli Award was presented to Brian Malone, Chair of the 2015 East Row Victorian Christmas Tour and Tea. Mr. Malone noted this was the 22<sup>nd</sup> year for the tour and he recognized and thanked all the committee members who worked on the event and opened their homes for the tour.

Mayor Peluso read the title of Order **R-2015-085**, an order authorizing a proclamation declaring December 14, 2015 as **Bertha Louise Castle Day** in the City of Newport, Kentucky. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Motion carried by voice vote. The Mayor read the proclamation and presented a copy to Mrs. Day.

Mayor Peluso called for a brief recess at 7:20 p.m. The meeting reconvened in regular session at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Peluso and Commissioners Guidugli, Haden, and Peluso present and responding to roll call

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Ms. Angela Siddall**, a resident of East Second and Chair of the East Row Neighborhood Association, thanked the Board for their support of the East Row Christmas Tour. On behalf of the foundation, she thanked the police department for their assistance with traffic during the event and noted the directional signs the City posted were also very helpful.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 23**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Peluso. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Commissioner Hayden: Yes**  
**Commissioner Guidugli: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes**      **Motion carried 4-0.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The city clerk gave second reading of tentative number **O-2015-013** an ordinance amending Sections 72.11 (b) (4) (b) and (d) concerning **parking and storage of devices on public ways**. Commissioner Hayden made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Hayden: Yes      Commissioner Peluso: Yes**  
**Commissioner Guidugli: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes**      **Motion carried 4-0.**

The city clerk gave second reading to tentative number **O-2015-014** an ordinance **expanding the Central Business District Façade Improvement Program**. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Guidugli: Yes      Commissioner Peluso: Yes**  
**Commissioner Hayden: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes**      **Motion carried 4-0.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative number **O-2015-015** an ordinance **approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of a first supplemental trust indenture and a continuing covenant agreement in connection with heretofore issued Kentucky League of Cities Funding Trust Lease Program Revenue Bonds, Variable Rate Series 2002**. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Mr. Roger Peterman of Dinsmore addressed the Board reviewing the history. The 2002 bonds were issued to make loans/leases to other cities possible, they were secured by a letter of credit and were issued by US Bank. The bank no longer wants outstanding letters of credit for such loans and through an agreement with the KLC to purchase bonds and cancel letters of credit, changes to existing documents are necessary. Williamstown and Fort Mitchell have already done this and other cities involved in the original 30 year bonds such as Richmond will also do the same. The City Attorney has reviewed the changes. Hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Guidugli: Yes      Commissioner Peluso: Yes**

Commissioner Hayden: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

The city clerk read Order **R-2015-086, setting the meeting schedule** for the Board of Commissioners for 2016. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Hayden: Yes  
Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Chief Collins thanked the businesses and everyone who supported the shop with kids program, especially Target and Newberry's.

There was some criminal activity over the weekend and everyone is encouraged if you see something, say something. Some delivered packages were stolen from porches and if some witnesses had reported this immediately the police could have acted and resolved this much faster. Calls can be made to the Police Department directly or to the Tips line – 261-TIPS (261-8477.)

Chief Auffart thanked everyone for supporting the Fire Department to assist with their "Beyond the Call" (holiday gift program), especially Newberry's for their \$1,100 donation.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Fromme stated it has been another successful year. We have built on our successes each year for the last several years and enter into 2016 with high hopes. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Guidugli wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Hayden agreed it has been an exciting year with big projects completed and more potential to tap in the new year.

Commissioner Peluso extended a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and thanks to the residents for all they do.

Mayor Peluso

- Stated he attended the Northern Kentucky Homeless Forum held at the Covington Branch Library. A representative from Hamilton County stated they offer shelter to 700 people per night and that turns over nine times. The number of children who are homeless is staggering and this number is growing in part due to the heroin problem.
- Please use the police tip line, 859-261-TIPS, or the non-emergency number to report any suspicious activity.
- Graffiti continues to be a problem with high costs for clean-up. Please report immediately anyone seen doing this. He asked Mr. Braun to review the City policy on offering a reward.
- Ms. Angela Siddall was the most recent Newport resident appointed to a Campbell County Board. The mayor acknowledged her will to serve and encouraged others to volunteer their service and make it known to the Judge Executive and County Commissioners that Newport should have greater representation on County Boards.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Peluso made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Guidugli offered a second to the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Commissioner Hayden: Yes**

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

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.**

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Date Approved/Signed

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Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

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Amy B. Able, City Clerk

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