

**City of Morehead  
Minutes of  
Special Meeting of Board of City Council  
April 13, 2020 6:00 PM  
via Zoom/Facebook Live**

The Board of City Council of the City of Morehead, Kentucky met in special session on April 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM via Zoom/Facebook Live.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor White-Brown called to order the April 13, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board of City Council to order at 6:09 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Attendance**

Present Council Members:

Mr. Tom Carew  
Mr. Mike Kash  
Ms. Beth Ousley  
Ms. Melisa Patrick  
Mr. David Perkins  
Mr. Glen Teager

Mr. Mike Kash had connectivity issues throughout the meeting.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: March 9th & April 2nd, 2020**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the special meeting minutes from April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 passed with a motion by Mr. Tom Carew and a second by Mr. Glen Teager.

Mr. Tom Carew	Yes
Mr. Mike Kash	
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Ms. Melisa Patrick	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Mr. Glen Teager	Yes

**5. Public Comments**

**5.a. Mr. Mark Murphy - MSU SBDC Overview, SBA Disaster Programs (EIDP, PPP) Q&A**

Mr. Mark Murphy, Director of MSU's SBDC explained his job is to help businesses. He is available for help through the COVID-19 pandemic. Murphy discussed the disaster loan program (EIDP). He explained this is applied for through the SBA directly and up to \$2 million on a 30-year term at 3.75% was available with no payments for 6 months. Murphy also noted up to \$10,000 was available for advance, which was forgivable. Murphy recommends all businesses apply for; the process is simplified. Next, Murphy discussed the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) which was two and a half times the average payroll and was forgivable. If moneys are spent on rent, wages, utilities it is forgivable; if the money is not spent it will turn into a 2-year loan at 1%; this should be applied for through an approved local SBA Lender. If businesses have questions, they may contact Mr. Murphy at 606-783-2895 or [sbdc@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:sbdc@moreheadstate.edu).

## 6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Laura White-Brown advised the Gus Macker Basketball tournament has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There was discussion as to whether the City would still get the tournament for 3 years and the Mayor confirmed that the City would have it for three years. The Mayor also reported all DMI events have been cancelled through June 30, 2020; at that time things will be re-evaluated. NewCity, DMI, Tourism, and the Chamber all cancelled their March meetings. City department heads included reports in Council's packets. Councilman Carew pointed out the Fire Department report responded to 40% of their calls in the County. Carew led discussion of working with the Judge to create fire districts within the County. There was also discussion of whether the Recycling Center being closed has increased our volume of trash pickup; Public Works Director Greg Jones said not at this point. Next, there was discussion of adding the second story over the sally port at the police/911 facility; the cost estimate was \$300,000. The consensus was to move forward with that on the project. Tourism has furloughed employees now through July 4; they have also suspended grants at this time. There was discussion if they were eligible for any assistance; Mitch McConnell's office is reviewing some of their bills for consideration at this time. Jason Slone will send survey information.

## 7. Future Growth/Development/Projects for The City

Mr. Rodney Fouch provided a list of projects. Starbucks is expected to begin construction soon. Fouch discussed the changes to the ABC rules during the COVID-19 shutdowns and take out rules.

## 8. Ratification of Payment of Monthly Bills/Statements

**Motion Passed:** Motion to ratify the monthly bills and statements passed with a motion by Mr. Glen Teager and a second by Ms. Beth Ousley.

Mr. Tom Carew	Yes
Mr. Mike Kash	
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Ms. Melisa Patrick	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Mr. Glen Teager	Yes

**9. General Business Agenda**

**9.a. Unfinished Business**

**9.a.1. 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 3 Administration, Chapter 35 Personnel, Classification, Compensation Section 35.001, Salary Scale by Updating the Salary Scale**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 3 Administration, Chapter 35 Personnel, Classification, Compensation Section 35.001, Salary Scale by Updating the Salary Scale passed with a motion by Ms. Beth Ousley and a second by Mr. David Perkins.

Councilman Teager confirmed that the new scale would not put any employee below the minimum in their class resulting in an increase in compensation.

- Mr. Tom Carew        Yes
- Mr. Mike Kash
- Ms. Beth Ousley     Yes
- Ms. Melisa Patrick   Yes
- Mr. David Perkins    Yes
- Mr. Glen Teager     Yes

**9.a.2. 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Amending the City of Morehead, Kentucky Code of Ordinances, Title 9, General Regulations, Chapter 95, Recreation Regulations Section 95.01 Hours of Operation to Amend the Times that Rodburn Hollow Park shall be Open for Public Use**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Amending the City of Morehead, Kentucky Code of Ordinances, Title 9, General Regulations, Chapter 95, Recreation Regulations Section 95.01 Hours of Operation to Amend the Times that Rodburn Hollow Park shall be Open for Public Use passed with a motion by Mr. Tom Carew and a second by Ms. Beth Ousley.

- Mr. Tom Carew        Yes
- Mr. Mike Kash
- Ms. Beth Ousley     Yes
- Ms. Melisa Patrick   Yes
- Mr. David Perkins    Yes
- Mr. Glen Teager     Yes

**9.b. New Business**

**9.b.1. Discussion of Emergency Notifications**

Councilman Carew explained that last week the siren went off without follow-up. He was assisted with updating his phone and those instructions have been shared on social media for other citizens that may also need the update. There was brief discussion of another siren at the north end of town.

### **9.b.2. Approval of RFP for Hosted 911 Phone System**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Division of Enhanced 911 for \$140,000 for a hosted 911 phone system passed with a motion by Mr. Glen Teager and a second by Mr. Mike Kash.

There was discussion this would be the new phone system in the new facility and a vendor was required to apply for a grant for the system. The grant is 90%; the 911 Board will reimburse the City for the 10% match.

Mr. Tom Carew	Yes
Mr. Mike Kash	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Ms. Melisa Patrick	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Mr. Glen Teager	Yes

### **9.b.3. Discussion of FY21 Budget Impact Due to Pandemic Shutdown & Options**

Mayor White-Brown advised at this point, all capital projects have been cut from the upcoming budget aside from the Police/911 facility and a fire truck and no employee raises are being proposed. There was discussion that once the unknowns are answered there's a possibility of adding capital purchases back in the budget with amendments during the year. Councilman Perkins also clarified revenues were reduced about 20%. Mayor White-Brown advised that her proposed budget would be presented at the May meeting.

### **9.b.4. Discussion of Current Budget Update**

Mayor White-Brown advised the parks program staff had been furloughed effective today and a part-time employee at the police department; some other employees will be using FMLA on days they have to provide childcare due to Covid-19. Councilman Kash expressed concerns about the furloughs. There was discussion about keeping track of savings from the furloughs as well as all expenses related to the virus. City Clerk Crissy Cunningham provided an update on the bond financing. Councilman Carew requested us to look at other options for a backup.

### **9.b.5. Discussion of Park Closings moving Forward**

Mayor White-Brown advised the parks were closed as of last Sunday because some people were having a birthday party at one of the picnic shelters. Some hiking trails in the County are still open. There were concerns of lack of flat walking options for the citizens. Mayor White-Brown advised that she has been advising people to walk Main Street so long as they observe the social distancing guidelines and campus is open for walkers.

**9.b.6. Approval of Paving Bid**

**Motion Approved:** Motion to approve the paving bid from Hinkle Contracting Co. LLC for asphalt at \$92.85 per ton and \$43.85 per ton on milling passed with a motion by Mr. David Perkins and a second by Mr. Mike Kash.

Mr. Tom Carew	Yes
Mr. Mike Kash	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Ms. Melisa Patrick	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Mr. Glen Teager	Yes

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was properly adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Board of City Council  
Morehead, Kentucky

Approved by City Council  
on May 11, 2020

ATTEST:

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Laura White-Brown, Mayor

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Crissy Cunningham, City Clerk