

**City of Morehead**  
**Minutes of Special Meeting of Board of City Council**  
**October 12, 2020 6:00 PM**  
**Peggie's Place at City Park**

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The Board of City Council of the City of Morehead, Kentucky met in special session on October 12, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Peggie's Place at City Park and it was also streamed live at <https://www.facebook.com/cityofmoreheadky/>.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Laura White-Brown called to order the October 12, 2020 special meeting of the Board of City Council at 6 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

All in attendance 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

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: 09/14/2020**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve the special meeting minutes from September 14, 2020 passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Kash and a second by Ms. Beth Ousley.

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

**5. Morehead State University Report**

Mr. Russ Mass was present. He reported it is Homecoming week and activities will be virtual. The King and Queen will be crowned live on Friday. He advised students are doing well wearing masks and positive cases of Covid-19 remain low on campus. Staff is working on details for

commencement. Plans are to have the fall semester commencement on November 21 and the spring 2020 commencement on December 5. There will be no guests allowed. Basketball season will be discussed at a meeting tomorrow.

## **6. Mayor's Report**

Mayor White-Brown provided department reports. There was discussion of the free clean-up week last week that it wasn't advertised enough. Councilman Carew also clarified the Rowan County News incorrectly reported that the County contributes 40% of the fire department budget. The Mayor advised she included the DMI minutes; 95 registered for the One Community One Read and she plans to do another one in the Spring. The next Downtown TIF meeting is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>. Mayor White-Brown discussed retention and retainment of employees for the City. She advised some other cities are adding paid paternity leave and some cities pay 75% or more on family health insurance plans. There was discussion of offering raises to employees. The mayor will bring a proposal to the next meeting.

## **7. Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce**

Mr. Jason Slone was present and provided Council with a handout that included a 90-day summary for the Chamber. Membership renewals were sent to 221 members and 60% have been received back. There have been 12 new members since July 1. Slone discussed some training and education that are being offered by the Chamber. The YPA is regenerated and a networking event is scheduled for October 29. Since the strategic plan is completed, they are conducting a labor marketing study. The flooring project has also been completed at the Chamber office.

## **8. Morehead-Rowan County Tourism, Morehead Conference Center & Rowan County Arts Center**

Ms. Joy Brown was present. Brown discussed the Passport program which allows visitors to collect stamps at attractions and receive a gift once filled. Fifteen Welcome to Morehead flags were purchased and placed along Main Street. Work continues on the trail maps. There was discussion of Hickory Flats that offers a place for hikers to stay along the Sheltopee Trail. There was discussion that all staff is back to work except part-time and there have been many cancellations for the Conference Center.

## **9. Morehead Utility Plant Board Report**

Councilman Teager reported water loss is down. There was discussion of the timeline for the study to be able to pull water from the lake. The plant board is also aware of the fire hydrants needed. Councilman Carew clarified hydrants were needed on Skaggs Road and the project has been taken out of the last two budgets without him being notified.

## **10. Future Growth/Development/Projects for The City**

Mr. Rodney Fouch advised a lot of sign and improvement permits have been issued. He met with Gateway and is studying grants available related to the flood reduction study we had in 2017.

Fouch has also been working with the Plant Board on stormwater and proper fencing requirements. Fouch provided a schedule for the police/911 facility. Starbucks plans to break ground next week. There was discussion of the traffic at Wendy's during lunch and a meeting has been requested with the Transportation Cabinet to address the yellow barriers that may be contributing to the traffic issues. There was discussion of the next steps for the TIF project near the interstate. City Attorney, Joyce Stevens and Casey Bolton with Commonwealth Economics will work on the ordinance. There was brief discussion the City is working on a list of options for displaced residents from the mobile home park.

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

**Motion Passed:** Motion to ratify the monthly bills and statements passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Kash and a second by Mr. David Perkins.

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

## 12. General Business Agenda

### 12.a. Unfinished Business

#### 12.a.1. 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Setting the 2020 Real & Personal Property Tax Rates for the City of Morehead, Kentucky & Amending Title 9 General Regulations, Chapter 94 Ad Valorem Tax, Sections 94.03 Rates & 94.05 Payment of Taxes of the City of Morehead Code of Ordinances

**Motion Failed:** Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance setting the 2020 Real & Personal Property Tax Rates at .318 and .5225 for the City of Morehead, Kentucky & Amending Title 9 General Regulation, Chapter 94 Ad Valorem Tax, Sections 94.03 Rates & 94.05 Payment of Taxes of the City of Morehead Code of Ordinances failed. Motion was made by Mr. Glen Teager and second by Ms. Melisa Patrick.

Councilman Carew stated the compensating rates should be reconsidered. Carew didn't want to end up in a position by not increasing then having to take a much larger increase at once similar to the Plant Board with their rate increases. Councilman Teager advised it was hard to justify since we are in better financial shape than ever. Mayor White-Brown advised Council she was concerned if that revenue was lost it could've paid for many unknowns with the Covid-19 situation

Mr. Tom Carew	No
Mr. Mike Kash	No
Ms. Beth Ousley	No
Ms. Melisa Patrick	Yes

Mr. David Perkins No  
Mr. Glen Teager Yes

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance setting the 2020 Real & Personal Property Tax Rates at .340 and .5647 for the City of Morehead, Kentucky & Amending Title 9 General Regulation, Chapter 94 Ad Valorem Tax, Sections 94.03 Rates & 94.05 Payment of Taxes of the City of Morehead Code of Ordinances passed with a motion by Mr. Tom Carew and a second by Mr. David Perkins.

Mr. Tom Carew Yes  
Mr. Mike Kash Yes  
Ms. Beth Ousley Yes  
Ms. Melisa Patrick Yes  
Mr. David Perkins Yes  
Mr. Glen Teager No

**12.a.2. 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Setting the 2021 Motor Vehicle & Watercraft Tax Rate for the City of Morehead, Kentucky & Amending Title 9 General Regulations, Chapter 94 Ad Valorem Tax Section 94.06, Motor Vehicle & Watercraft Tax Rate Assessment of the City of Morehead Code of Ordinances**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Setting the 2021 Motor Vehicle & Watercraft Tax Rate for the City of Morehead, Kentucky & Amending Title 9 General Regulations, Chapter 94 Ad Valorem Tax Section 94.06, Motor Vehicle & Watercraft Tax Rate Assessment of the City of Morehead Code of Ordinances passed with a motion by Mr. David Perkins and a second by Ms. Beth Ousley.

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

Mr. Teager stepped out at 7:11 pm.

**12.a.3. 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Amending the City of Morehead, Kentucky Annual Budget for FY 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2021 by Estimating Revenues & Resources & Appropriating Funds for the Operation of City Government, Budget Amendment No. 1**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Amending the City of Morehead, Kentucky Annual Budget for FY 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2021 by Estimating Revenues & Resources & Appropriating Funds for the Operation of City Government, Budget Amendment No. 1 passed with a motion by Mr. Tom Carew and a second by Ms. Beth Ousley.

Mr. Tom Carew Yes

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

Mr. Teager returned at 7:13 pm.

**12.a.4. 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Amending the City of Morehead, Kentucky Code of Ordinances, Title 3, Administration, Chapter 31, Legislative Authority, Section 31.02(B) Quorum and Meeting to Provide that a Notice Requirement for Regular Meetings being Held via Video Conferencing**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Amending the City of Morehead, Kentucky Code of Ordinances, Title 3, Administration, Chapter 31, Legislative Authority, Section 31.02(B) Quorum and Meeting to Provide that a Notice Requirement for Regular Meetings being Held via Video Conferencing passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Kash and a second by Mr. Glen Teager.

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

**12.b. New Business**

**12.b.1. A Municipal Order Re-appointing Ms. Edna Shack to the Morehead-Rowan County-Lakeview Heights Joint Planning Commission**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve a Municipal Order Re-appointing Ms. Edna Shack to the Morehead-Rowan County-Lakeview Heights Joint Planning Commission passed with a motion by Ms. Beth Ousley and a second by Mr. Tom Carew.

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

**12.b.2. 1st Reading of an Ordinance Amending the City of Morehead, Kentucky Code of Ordinances, Title 3, Administration, Chapter 39 City Policies, Section 39.04 Recreation Fees to Include Fees for Outdoor Basketball League/Tournament, Travel Basketball League and Clinic Sessions and to Increase the Fee for Rental of Peggie's Place at Park Place**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Amending the City of Morehead, Kentucky Code of Ordinances, Title 3, Administration, Chapter 39 City Policies, Section 39.04 Recreation Fees to Include Fees for Outdoor Basketball League/Tournament, Travel Basketball League and Clinic Sessions and to Increase the Fee for Rental of Peggie’s Place at Park Place passed with a motion by Ms. Beth Ousley 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

**12.b.3. A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for the 2021 Litter Abatement Grant Funding and Enter into an Agreement for Anti-Litter Control Program**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for the 2021 Litter Abatement Grant Funding and Enter into an Agreement for Anti-Litter Control Program passed with a motion by Mr. Glen Teager and a second by Ms. Melisa Patrick.

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

**12.b.4. A Resolution to Surplus Retired Detective Randy Cline his service weapon**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve a Resolution to Surplus Retired Detective Randy Cline his service weapon passed with a motion by Mr. Mike Kash and a second by Ms. Beth Ousley.

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

**Other:**

Councilman Carew asked about the status of Halloween. Mayor White-Brown advised it is October 31 from 6-8 pm if families want to participate. There will also be a pumpkin glow at the City Park to drive or walk through at 7pm.

**13. Executive (Closed) Session per KRS 61.810(1)(b) which allows for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property when publicity would be likely to affect the value of the property**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to go into Executive (Closed) Session per KRS 61.810(1)(b) which allows for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property when publicity would be likely to affect the value of the property passed with a motion by Mr. David Perkins and second by Mr. Glen Teager.

Council entered closed session at 7:21 pm and exited at 7:25 pm. No action was taken during or as a result of closed session.

**14. Adjournment**

Councilman Teager asked for follow-up from work session items at the next meeting.

The meeting was properly adjourned at 7:27 p m.

Board of City Council  
Morehead, Kentucky

Approved by City Council  
on October 19, 2020



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Laura White-Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Crissy Cunningham, City Clerk