

City of Morehead
Minutes of
Special Called Meeting of Board of City Council
September 18, 2024 3:00 PM
Morehead Police and 911 Facility 309 West Main Street Conference Room

The Board of City Council of the City of Morehead, Kentucky met in regular session on September 18, 2024, at 3:00 PM in the Morehead Police and 911 Facility 309 West Main Street Conference Room.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Laura White-Brown called to order the September 18, 2024, special called meeting of the Board of City Council at 3:00pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Attendance

Present Council Members:

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin
Ms. Jan Bishop
Mr. Lincoln Caudill (arrived 3:02PM)
Ms. Beth Ousley
Mr. David Perkins
Dr. Edna Schack

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

4.a. August 12, 2024

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 12, 2024, regularly scheduled meeting passed with a motion by Dr. Edna Schack and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Mr. Lincoln Caudill	Not present
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes

5. Public Comments

5.a. Other Public Comments

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Laura White-Brown reported to the council that the department director reports were in their packets and called for any questions on them. Mayor White-Brown also announced that September is a busy month with the upcoming Morehead Arts and Crafts Festival, Run Morehead and the following week Octubafest.

7. Quarterly Reports

7.a. Downtown Morehead, Inc. (DMI)

Mr. Tony Pence reported for Downtown Morehead, Inc. Mr. Pence reported that the headliner for the Roots Music Weekend is Britt Taylor. Mr. Tony Pence also reported regarding the upcoming events including Battle of the Bands, Run Morehead/Block Party with performance by Sundry Best, Octubafest, and Appalachian Arts and Eats.

Mr. Tony Pence updated the council regarding accreditation for the Main Street America site visit scheduled for November 12, 2024. Also reported by Mr. Pence was that they did not get the T-Mobile grant, and they would be trying one more time.

Mr. Pence reported that the USO show on Friday at Battson Oates, and that Hometown Holidays is scheduled for December 7, 2024.

8. Morehead Utility Plant Board Report

Ms. Holly Rosas was not present to give the report. Mayor White-Brown reported to the council that the report for Morehead Utility Plant Board is in their packet.

9. Future Growth/Development/Projects for The City

Mayor White-Brown reported that Mr. Rodney Fouch was out of town for training and that his packet/updates are in the council’s packet.

10. Ratification of Payment of Monthly Bills/Statements

Motion Passed: Motion to ratify payment of the monthly bills and statements passed with a motion by Mr. Lincoln Caudill and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Mr. Lincoln Caudill	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes

11. General Business Agenda

11.a. Unfinished Business

11.a.1. 2nd Reading of An Ordinance Amending Title V: Public Utilities, Chapter 50 Garbage; Solid Waste Of The City Of Morehead Code Of Ordinances By Making Garbage Collection Mandatory With City Provided Tipper Cans

Motion Passed: Motion to Approve 2nd Reading of An Ordinance Amending Title V: Public Utilities, Chapter 50 Garbage; Solid Waste Of The City Of Morehead Code Of Ordinances By Making Garbage Collection Mandatory With City Provided Tipper Cans with a motion by Ms. Jan Bishop and seconded by Mr. David Perkins.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Mr. Lincoln Caudill	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes

11.b. New Business

11.b.1. A Resolution Awarding A Non-Exclusive Franchise To Spectrum Mid-America, LLC For A Term Of Ten (10) Years For A Cable Television System Within The Confines Of The City Of Morehead

Motion Passed: Motion to Approve A Resolution Awarding A Non-Exclusive Franchise To Spectrum Mid-America, LLC For A Term Of Ten (10) Years For A Cable Television System Within The Confines Of The City Of Morehead with a motion by Mr. Lincoln Caudill and seconded by Mr. David Perkins.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	No
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Mr. Lincoln Caudill	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	No

Motion Failed: Motion to Postpone A Resolution Awarding A Non-Exclusive Franchise To Spectrum Mid-America, LLC For A Term Of Ten (10) Years For A Cable Television System Within The Confines Of The City Of Morehead with a motion by Dr. Edna Schack and seconded by Dr. Yvonne Baldwin.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	No
Mr. Lincoln Caudill	No
Ms. Beth Ousley	No
Mr. David Perkins	No
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes

11.b.2. A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Laura White-Brown To Appoint Jarred Moore To The Board Of Zoning Adjustment

Motion Passed: Motion To Approve A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Laura White-Brown To Appoint Jarred Moore To The Board Of Zoning Adjustment with a motion by Mr. Lincoln Caudill and seconded by Ms. Beth Ousley.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Mr. Lincoln Caudill	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes

11.b.3. 1st Reading Of An Ordinance Setting The 2024 Real and Personal Property Tax Rates For The City Of Morehead, Kentucky And Amending Title 9 General Regulations, Chapter 94 Ad Valorem Tax, Sections 94.03 Rates And 94.05 Payment Of Taxes Of The City Of Morehead Code Of Ordinances

Motion Passed: Motion To Approve 1st Reading Of An Ordinance Setting The 2024 Real and Personal Property Tax Rates For The City Of Morehead, Kentucky And Amending Title 9 General Regulations, Chapter 94 Ad Valorem Tax, Sections 94.03 Rates And 94.05 Payment Of Taxes Of The City Of Morehead Code Of Ordinances with a motion by Mr. David Perkins and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop setting the rate at the substitute compensating rate of 45.2 per \$100.00 for real and 73.01 per \$100.00 for personal property.

A presentation was given with power point slides that was created by City personnel to assist the public with understanding how the tax rate is established each year. It was announced that the power point slides would be uploaded to the City website and social media pages for the public to access in addition to the livestream of council meetings. It was announced that the City had packets of information available for those in attendance at the meeting from the Kentucky Department of Local Government (DLG), which explained tax rates and how they are established.

Ms. Belinda Hitch was present representing an anonymous group of people that could not attend the meeting. There was discussion about Ms. Hitch's concerns relating to communication breakdown between the people and City personnel and Council members. Ms. Hitch was advised that all council members' contact information is available on the City website. Ms. Hitch stated she did not believe that information was available. The City website was then accessed and displayed on the screen of the meeting room to show Ms. Hitch how to locate contact information for council members and city personnel on the City's website. Ms. Hitch was advised that she or any other citizen could call the City Administrative building with questions at any time during work hours. Ms. Hitch acknowledged and stated it was evident that the Council Members were knowledgeable about the line items that were discussing and also acknowledged that it was evident Council Members looked at their packets and were informed about the items that were being discussed. Ms. Hitch advised that she volunteered to come to the meeting because most of the public don't know what is being discussed and she would publicize what she found. Ms. Hitch advised that technology was not the best but admitted that it may not be on the City's part but rather on the part of public

and/or group she was representing. Ms. Hitch questioned whether Council Members had reviewed the budget to see if cuts could be made. Ms. Hitch and others watching were encouraged to participate and attend when the budget ordinance is being read. Ms. Hitch was also notified that anyone can submit an Open Records Request for information relating to the budget.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Mr. Lincoln Caudill	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes

11.b.4. 1st Reading Of An Ordinance Setting The 2025 Motor Vehicle And Watercraft Tax Rate For The City Of Morehead, Kentucky And Amending Title 9 General Regulations, Chapter 94 Ad Valorem Tax, Section 94.06 Motor Vehicle And Watercraft Tax Rate Assessment Of The City Of Morehead Code Of Ordinances

Motion Passed: Motion To Approve 1st Reading Of An Ordinance Setting The 2025 Motor Vehicle And Watercraft Tax Rate For The City Of Morehead, Kentucky And Amending Title 9 General Regulations, Chapter 94 Ad Valorem Tax, Section 94.06 Motor Vehicle And Watercraft Tax Rate Assessment Of The City Of Morehead Code Of Ordinances with a motion by Dr. Edna Schack and seconded by Ms. Beth at the rate of .22 cents per \$100.00.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Mr. Lincoln Caudill	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes

12. Other City Business: Old or New

There was a short discussion regarding the Rowan County School system and the recent lock down referred to as a soft lock down.

12.a. 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 and/or KRS 61.810 (1)(c) which allows for discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency

Motion Passed: Motion to Go Into Executive (Closed) Session per KRS 61.810 (1)(c) which allows for discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency with a motion by Mr. David Perkins and seconded by Mr. Lincoln Caudill. (4:11PM)

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes

Mr. Lincoln Caudill Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley Yes
Mr. David Perkins Yes
Dr. Edna Schack Yes

Motion Passed: Motion to Come Out Executive (Closed) Session per KRS 61.810 (1)(c) which allows for discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency with a motion by Mr. Lincoln Caudill and seconded by Mr. Edna Schack. (4:51PM)

There was no action taken in the Executive (Closed) session.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was properly adjourned at 4:51PM

Board of City Council
Morehead, Kentucky

Approved by City Council
on October 14, 2024
ATTEST:

Laura White-Brown, Mayor

Helen Smith, City Clerk