

**City of Morehead**  
**Minutes of**  
**Regular Meeting of Board of City Council**  
**October 14, 2024 6:00 PM**  
**Morehead Police and 911 Facility 309 West Main Street Conference Center**

The Board of City Council of the City of Morehead, Kentucky met in regular session on October 14, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Morehead Police and 911 Facility 309 West Main Street Conference Center.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Laura White-Brown called to order October 14, 2024, regularly called meeting of the Board of City Council at 6:00pm

**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  
Mr. David Perkins  
Dr. Edna Schack

Absent Council Members:

Beth Ousley

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

**4.a. September 18, 2024, Special Called Meeting**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 12, 2024, regularly scheduled meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Lincoln Caudill and seconded by Dr. Edna Schack.

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

## **5. Public Comments**

### **5.a. Other Public Comments**

Mr. Chuck Mraz spoke to the council in opposition to the real property tax rate that was proposed at .452 per \$100. Mr. Mraz stated that the rate being proposed was a choice between .421 or .452 for 2024. Mr. Mraz further explained that one of the previous city clerks stated that she believed the State of Kentucky's workbook doesn't make any sense and that no one understands why it calculates taxes the way it does. Mr. Mraz gave his opinion that the methodology for the State's worksheet is flawed and that it does not take into consideration the net exonerations.

## **6. Special Recognitions**

Mr. Lincoln Caudill recognized Lee Depuy for his help with repairing the city's fire truck. Mr. Depuy stepped up and fixed the fire truck when others could not. This service saved the taxpayers a lot of money.

## **7. 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 reported that there have been several 5K's and that the homecoming events this past weekend were very successful. Mayor White-Brown reported on the upcoming events including Run Morehead, October 25, 2024, Say Boo To Drugs, Trick or Treat, and the Harvest Festival at the city park on October 25th through 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **8. Quarterly Reports**

### **8.a. Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce**

Mr. Jason Slone reported for Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Slone reported to the council regarding the membership update, the Leadership Morehead project of a Safe Haven Baby Box and the foundation education planning. Mr. Jason Slone also reported regarding partnership with Best Version Media, and the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce Foundation actively seeking grant opportunities that support the community. Mr. Slone then reported regarding the announcement of The Hog's Trough BBQ, the second Huck's opening downtown and the Eastern Light Distilling project.

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

Ms. Holly Rosas, General Manager, reported for Morehead Utility Plant Board. Ms. Rosas reported regarding the financials for each department. Ms. Holly Rosas also reported regarding the water treatment plant and production report. Ms. Rosas reported that the board approved the project grant for sustainability energy, a subrecipient grant between MUPB and the Gateway ADD, and to surplus two pieces of equipment to GovDeals.

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

Mr. Rodney Fouch reported to the council regarding permits, home constructions and commercial project permits. Mr. Fouch reported that the Planning Commission approved a development plan for a new county senior center. Mr. Fouch also reported that the Planning Commission heard the final development plan request for a new Huck's on Main Street and KY32.

Mr. Fouch reported that the new Burger King is open, and that the Thoroughbred car wash will be opening soon and that the plans are being reviewed for construction of an Oil Express.

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

**Motion Passed:** Motion to ratify payment of the monthly bills and statements passed with a motion by Dr. Edna Schack and seconded by Mr. Lincoln Caudill.

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

## **12. General Business Agenda**

### **12.a. Unfinished Business**

#### **12.a.1. 2nd 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 2nd 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 .452 per \$100.00 for real and .7301 per \$100.00 for personal property.

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

#### **12.a.2. 2nd 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 2nd 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 Mr. Lincoln Caudill and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop at the rate of .22 cents per \$100.00.

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

**12.b. New Business**

**12.b.1. 1st Reading of An Ordinance Amending and Adopting A Budget For The Morehead Utility Plant Board For The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 by The Board of City Council of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Amendment No. 1**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to Approve 1st Reading of An Ordinance Amending and Adopting A Budget For The Morehead Utility Plant Board For The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 by The Board of City Council of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Amendment No. 1 with a motion by Mr. David Perkins and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop.

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

**12.b.2. A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Laura White-Brown To Appoint Bill Redwine To The City Of Morehead Code Enforcement Board**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to Approve A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Laura White-Brown To Appoint Bill Redwine To The City Of Morehead Code Enforcement Board 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
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes

**12.b.3. A Municipal Order Of The City of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Laura White-Brown To Appoint James "Jim" Masterson To The City Of Morehead Code Enforcement Board**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to Approve A Municipal Order Of The City of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Laura White-Brown To Appoint James "Jim" Masterson To The City Of Morehead Code Enforcement Board with a motion by Mr. Lincoln Caudill and seconded by Mr. David Perkins.

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

**12.b.4. A Resolution Of The City Of Morehead Approving And Authorizing Mayor Laura White-Brown To Execute The Contract For Professional Services With The Gateway Area Development District For Professional Services Expenses In Relation To The Department Of Homeland Security Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project Identified As The Morehead Planning Related Activities For Flooding Project And For The Mayor To Act As The Authorized Correspondent For This Project**

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

**12.b.5. A Resolution Of The City Of Morehead Approving And Authorizing Mayor Laura White-Brown To Execute The Contract For Professional Services With The Gateway Area Development District For Grant Management Services In Relation To The Department Of Homeland Security Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project Identified As The Morehead Planning Related Activities For Flooding Project And For The Mayor To Act As The Authorized Correspondent For This Project**

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

**13. Other City Business: Old or New**

Mayor White-Brown expressed that she was proud of the council members for being fiscally responsible. Mayor White-Brown expressed her gratitude to the employees that have worked hard to research and spend time on issues that are on the agenda. Mayor White-Brown also spoke to the public and encouraged citizens to come to the City’s meetings and to remain at the meeting until adjournment even if there were some items on the agenda about which the public was not particularly interested in hearing.

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting was properly adjourned at 6:55PM

Board of City Council  
Morehead, Kentucky

Approved by City Council  
on November 11, 2024  
ATTEST:

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Laura White-Brown, Mayor

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Helen Smith, City Clerk