

**City of Morehead
Minutes of
Regular Meeting of Board of City Council
December 09, 2024, 6:00 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 December 09, 2024, at 6:00 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 December 9, 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
Ms. Beth Ousley
Mr. David Perkins
Dr. Edna Schack

Absent Council Members:

Mr. Lincoln Caudill

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

4.a. November 11, 2024, Regular Meeting

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 11, 2024, regularly scheduled meeting and November 27, 2024, special called meeting passed with a motion by Ms. Beth Ousley and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop.

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

5. Public Comments

Mr. Chuck Mraz was present to speak to the council regarding remarks that the Mayor made at the prior council meeting.

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor White- Brown reported that the council has all the department reports in their packets. Mayor White-Brown also reported regarding the new playground, the new trash cans and the new sunshade on Battson Oates, two-hour parking and crosswalks.

Mayor White-Brown also reported regarding the Christmas parade and reminded citizens that they are not permitted to throw candy but that they can have people walk along the float and hand candy out. This rule is for the safety of children attending the parade. Mayor White-Brown stated there was some misinformation surrounding the Carl Perkins Center; it will still be available for events.

Mayor White-Brown reported regarding open records and public records requests stating that the public can approach a council member to get information from the packets and that we never print anything that is confidential.

Mayor White-Brown reported regarding a paid advertisement that has been run in the newspaper for several years by an individual that is seemingly unhappy with the Fiscal Court. Mayor White-Brown questioned at what point does a letter to the editor become a column or advertisement requiring payment like the advertisement in the paper.

Mayor White-Brown reported that this is the last meeting for Council Members David Perkins and Jan Bishop. Mayor White-Brown spoke regarding the devotion and commitment that both of them have given to the city and thanked them for their service.

7. Quarterly Reports

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

Mr. Tony Pence reported to the council regarding the new merchants committee, the Peppermint Trail and new veterans' banners in the historic district. Mr. Pence also reported on upcoming events in the spring such as the Battle of the Bands, Roots and Music Weekend, and the Freedom Fest. Mr. Pence reported that the Arts and Crafts Fair and Hometown Holidays were very successful this year.

8. Morehead Utility Plant Board Report

Ms. Holly Rosas reported to the council regarding financials for each department. Ms. Rosas reported regarding the water treatment plant, the 75th anniversary of Morehead Utility Plant Board in March 2025, and the new website launch. Ms. Rosas also reported on the water treatment capacity, wastewater treatment, and administration update. Ms. Rosas reported that there will not be a December 2024 meeting and that the January 2025 meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2025.

9. Future Growth/Development/Projects for The City

Mr. Rodney Fouch reported that there was a permit for a new tire change business and that there has been several questions about pole barns. Mr. Fouch also updated the council on the apartments on Triplett Street and Town Place and the final approval for the Senior Citizen Center.

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 Dr. Edna Schack and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop.

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

11. General Business Agenda

11.a. Unfinished Business

11.a.1. Discussion Regarding Yellow Curbs on Allen Avenue

Mr. Rodney Fouch reported to the council regarding a letter in their packet from a resident on Allen Avenue. Mr. Fouch stated that the resident was reminding the council of how the yellow curbs got painted on Allen Avenue to begin with and that all of the citizens were not in favor of removing the yellow curbs from Allen Avenue. There was some discussion regarding fire trucks and emergency vehicles getting through when needed. Dr. Edna Schack recommended that the yellow curbs may need to be re-painted on Allen Avenue because they are difficult to see.

11.a.2. 2nd Reading Of An Ordinance Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Amending Title VII: Traffic Code, Chapter 73 Traffic Schedules, Schedule II: Stop Intersections Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky By Adding Stop Signs On Vaughn Drive At The Intersection With Martindale Drive Eastbound And West Bound.

Motion Passed: Motion Passed To Approve 2nd Reading Of An Ordinance Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Amending Title VII: Traffic Code, Chapter 73 Traffic Schedules, Schedule II: Stop Intersections Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky By Adding Stop Signs On Vaughn Drive At The Intersection With Martindale Drive Eastbound And West Bound with a motion by Ms. Beth Ousley and seconded by Mr. David Perkins.

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

11.a.3. 2nd Reading Of An Ordinance Of The City of Morehead, Kentucky Authorizing The Issuance Of Its City Of Morehead, Kentucky General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025A In A Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount Of \$7,000,000, For The Purposes Of Financing The Costs Of The Acquisition, Construction, Installation, And Equipping Of A Fire Station And Related Facilities And Equipment For The Morehead Fire Department: Approving The Form Of The Bonds; Authorizing Designated Officers Of The City To Execute And Deliver The Bonds; Authorizing And Directing The filing Of A Notice With The State Local Debt Officer; Providing For The Payment Of And Security For The Bonds; Establishing A Bond Payment Fund For The Bonds; Affirming The Maintenance Of The Existing Sinking Fund; Authorizing The Acceptance Of The Bid Of The Purchaser Of The Bonds: And Repealing Inconsistent Ordinances

Motion Passed: Motion Passed To Approve 2nd Reading Of An Ordinance Of The City of Morehead, Kentucky Authorizing The Issuance Of Its City Of Morehead, Kentucky General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025A In A Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount Of \$7,000,000, For The Purposes Of Financing The Costs Of The Acquisition, Construction, Installation, And Equipping Of A Fire Station And Related Facilities And Equipment For The Morehead Fire Department: Approving The Form Of The Bonds; Authorizing Designated Officers Of The City To Execute And Deliver The Bonds; Authorizing And Directing The filing Of A Notice With The State Local Debt Officer; Providing For The Payment Of And Security For The Bonds; Establishing A Bond Payment Fund For The Bonds; Affirming The Maintenance Of The Existing Sinking Fund; Authorizing The Acceptance Of The Bid Of The Purchaser Of The Bonds: And Repealing Inconsistent Ordinances with a motion by Mr. David Perkins and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop.

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

11.b. New Business

11.b.1. A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Mayor Laura White-Brown To Re-Appoint Robin Mirus To The Joint Planning Commission

Motion Passed: Motion To Approve A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Mayor Laura White-Brown To Re-Appoint Robin Mirus To The Joint Planning Commission with a motion by Dr. Edna Schack and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop.

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

11.b.2. A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Mayor Laura White-Brown To Appoint Gabe Brown To The Joint Planning Commission

Motion Passed: Motion To Approve A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Mayor Laura White-Brown To Appoint Gabe Brown To The Joint Planning Commission with a motion by Mr. David Perkins and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop.

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

11.b.3. 1st Reading Of An Ordinance Amending Title III Administration, Chapter 31 Legislative Authority, Section 31.02 Quorum And Meetings Of The City Of Morehead Code Of Ordinances To Add Quarterly Work Sessions

Motion Passed: Motion To Approve 1st Reading Of An Ordinance Amending Title III Administration, Chapter 31 Legislative Authority, Section 31.02 Quorum And Meetings Of The City Of Morehead Code Of Ordinances To Add Quarterly Work Sessions with a motion by Ms. Jan Bishop and seconded by Dr. Edna Schack.

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

11.b.4. A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Mayor Laura White-Brown To Appoint Mike Kash To The Morehead Rowan County Recycling Center Board

Motion Passed: Motion Passed To Approve A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Mayor Laura White-Brown To Appoint Mike Kash To The Morehead Rowan County Recycling Center Board with a motion by Mr. David Perkins and seconded by Dr. Edna Schack.

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

11.b.5. A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Mayor Laura White-Brown To Appoint Darrell Littleton To The Morehead Utility Plant Board

Motion Passed: Motion To Approve A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Mayor Laura White-Brown To Appoint Darrell Littleton To The Morehead Utility Plant Board with a motion by Ms. Beth Ousley and seconded by Dr. Edna Schack.

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

11.b.6. A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Mayor Laura White-Brown To Appoint Lincoln Caudill To The E911 Board

Motion Passed: Motion Passed To Approve A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Mayor Laura White-Brown To Appoint Lincoln Caudill To The E911 Board with a motion by Mr. David Perkins and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop.

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

11.b.7. A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Mayor Laura White-Brown To Appoint Edna Schack To The Morehead Rowan County Joint Recreation Board

Motion Passed: Motion Passed To Approve A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Approving Mayor Laura White-Brown To Appoint Edna Schack To The Morehead Rowan County Joint Recreation Board with a motion by Ms. Beth Ousley and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop.

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

11.b.8. A Resolution Accepting Bid And Authorizing The Award Of Contract For The Project Of Construction And The Installation Of The New Morehead Fire Department In The City Of Morehead, Kentucky To Trace Creek Construction, Inc.

Motion Passed: Motion Passed to Approve A Resolution Accepting Bid And Authorizing The Award Of Contract For The Project Of Construction And The Installation Of The New Morehead Fire Department In The City Of Morehead, Kentucky To Trace Creek Construction, Inc. with a motion by Mr. David Perkins and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop.

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

12. Other City Business: Old or New

Mr. David Perkins spoke briefly regarding property taxes and discussed that the property tax rates can have an effect on the bonding ability of the city.

Council members David Perkins and Jan Bishop spoke regarding their terms on the council and how honored they have been to serve their city.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was properly adjourned at 7:10PM.

Board of City Council
Morehead, Kentucky

Approved by City Council
on January 13, 2025
ATTEST:

Laura White-Brown, Mayor

Helen Smith, City Clerk