

REGULAR MEETING
ERLANGER COUNCIL
January 2, 2018

Mayor Tyson Hermes called the regular meeting of the Erlanger City Council to order in the City of Erlanger Council Chambers at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Members of Council and citizens pledged allegiance to the flag.

The following Members of Council were present: Randy Blankenship, Kathy Cahill, Tom Cahill, Jessica Fette, Vicki Kyle, Steve Montgomery, Don Niceley, Corine Pitts, Don Skidmore, Renee Skidmore, and Patty Suedkamp. Council Member Kevin Burke was absent. Council Member Patty Suedkamp arrived at 7:04 P.M.

Also present were: Mayor Tyson Hermes, City Administrator Matt Kremer, Chief Finance Officer Steve Bodde, Chief of Police Todd Brendel, City Clerk Sherry Hoffman, Director of CTI Matt Allen, Director of Public Works Rick Bogard, Fire/EMS Chief Todd Whitaker, Public Relations Manager Joe Christofield, City Attorney Jack Gatlin, City Council Attorney Frank Wichmann, and City Engineer Jim Viox.

MEETING MINUTES – M/S, Kyle-T. Cahill, that the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 5, 2017 be approved as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - M/S, Fette-Niceley, that the agenda be approved as presented. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Hermes reported that Cloverleaf Barber Shop would be at the February Council Meeting.

Mayor Hermes read a proclamation proclaiming January 3, 2018 as the Lions Starter Football Team Champions Day in the City of Erlanger.

Mayor Hermes read the constitutional oath of office to the following:

- Adam Rigsby Police Sergeant

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Gary Meyer Lambda Drive St. Vincent DePaul Community Assistance

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Hermes reported on the following:

- Mayors' Group Legislative Caucus; January 6, 2018, 9:00 A.M., City of Erlanger

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Police – Ms. Suedkamp reported on the following:

- Retirements: Tony Wilson and Jason Whaley
- Funerals: Retired Clerk Julie Harris
- Awards: Josh Nezi, City's Exemplary Performance Award
- Benevolence: Cops and Kids
- Graduations: Kyle Rader, Criminal Justice Executive Development Course

Ms. Kyle reported on the following:

- Criminal Investigation Division report
- Community Resource Officer report
- Awards: Norm Lyle, in recognition of his efforts in reducing impaired drivers
- Training

Chief Brendel had nothing further to report.

Fire/EMS – Ms. Pitts reported on the following:

- Inspections
- Responses
- Community Involvement/Public Education
- Recognitions: Chase Autry, featured in St. Elizabeth Healthcare’s “Vital Connection”
- Retirements: Ladder Truck 60

Ms. Fette and Chief Whitaker had nothing further to report.

Public Works – Mr. Skidmore reported on the following:

- Awards: Chris Turner and Joe Thiessen, City’s Outstanding Service Awards

Mr. Cahill and Director Bogard had nothing further to report.

Administration – Ms. Cahill reported on the following:

- Collections: Property tax update

Ms. Skidmore reported on the following:

- Collections: Code Enforcement update
- Programs: Upcoming events

Ms. Hoffman had nothing further to report.

Finance & Building Development– Mr. Blankenship reported on the following:

- Budget: Worksheets distributed to departments
- Meetings: Requested budget retreat committee meeting on March 3, 2018

Mr. Montgomery and Director Bodde had nothing further to report.

Codes/Building & Zoning - Mr. Niceley and Director Hahn had nothing further to report.

M/S, T. Cahill-Kyle, that the reports of the committees be adopted as presented. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES -

Historical Society (Kyle)

- Museum: Closed to the public until March 2018
- Next meeting: January 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Kenton County Alliance (R. Skidmore)

- Speaker: Laura Brinson, Northern Kentucky Health Department
- Grant Availability: Substance Abuse Educator
- Discussion: Adult prevention, patient empowerment and knowledge, reckless drug abuse

Municipal Government League (Pitts)

- Contact: Notifications will be received

REPORTS OF CITY OPERATIONS –

City Engineer - Mr. Viox reported on the following:

- Meetings: Requested committee meeting on January 16, 2018 to discuss property at Elizabeth and Hallam

City Attorney - Mr. Gatlin reported on the following:

- Agenda: Reviewed legislation

City Council Attorney - Mr. Wichmann had nothing further to report.

City Administrator – Administrator Kremer reported on the following:

- Meetings: Requested committee meeting on January 16, 2018 to discuss foreclosure on Hulbert Avenue
- Utilities: Met with Duke Energy regarding their increase in billing
- Parks: Review conditions of parks in Spring 2018
- Awards: Sherry Hoffman, NKMCA Outstanding Municipal Clerk

M/S, Kyle-Niceley, that the reports of the city operations be adopted as presented. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – Ms. Hoffman read the following:

- Thank you letters: Todd and Pam Rice and John Harris, support in the loss of family members

BIDS – None

OLD BUSINESS –The following was discussed:

- Stop Sign: Located at Lakemont and Borderlands, requested notification of new stop signs in advance to help address phone calls
- Dispatch: Mr. Kremer reported still in negotiations with Kenton County; Mayor Hermes reported that the City of Elsmere sent notification that their contract for services ends June 30, 2018 and will not be renewed
- Citizen Comment Placement on Agenda: Committee Meeting on January 16, 2018
- Small Business Tax Incentive Program: Erlanger Business Association Committee Meeting on January 16, 2018

NEW BUSINESS - The following was discussed:

- Planning Development Services Representatives: Committee Meeting on January 16, 2018
- Board of Adjustment Members: Committee Meeting on January 16, 2018
- Kenton County Planning Commission Public Hearing: List Farm, January 4, 2018 at 6:15 p.m.

LEGISLATION – Mr. Gatlin read the second reading of Ordinance No. 2460 amending the Erlanger Zoning Ordinance adding “child-care centers” within the neighborhood shopping center zone.

M/S, Kyle-Pitts, to adopt the ordinance as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read the second reading of Ordinance No. 2461 amending the Erlanger Zoning Ordinance amending sign regulations.

M/S, Blankenship-Suedkamp, to adopt the ordinance as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read the second reading of Ordinance No. 2463 amending the pay plan to include the positions of Police Social Services Coordinator and Administrative Grant Manager.

M/S, Suedkamp-Fette, to adopt the ordinance as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read the second reading of Ordinance No. 2462 approving and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City.

M/S, Montgomery-Blankenship, to adopt the ordinance as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read Municipal Order No. 01-02-18-01 approving the re-appointment of Council Member Tom Cahill Jr. as the representative of the City to the Ohio Kentucky Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments.

M/S, Kyle-Pitts, to adopt the municipal order as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read a municipal order approving the reappointment of Mayor Tyson Hermes as the representative of the City to the Northern Kentucky Planning Development Services (PDS) and the appointment of Council Member Jessica Fette as the alternate.

Motion by Mr. Niceley, no second, motion fails. Placed on the Committee Meeting Agenda for January 16, 2018.

Mr. Gatlin read a municipal order approving the re-appointment of Steve Conley, James E. Molley, and Rob Neuhaus as members of the Board of Adjustment for the City of Erlanger.

No motions. Placed on the Committee Meeting Agenda for January 16, 2018.

Mr. Gatlin read Municipal Order No. 01-02-18-02 approving the appointment of Linda Dietz as a member of the Code Enforcement Board for the City of Erlanger.

M/S, Pitts-Fette, to adopt the municipal order as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read Municipal Order No. 01-02-18-03 approving the appointment of James Brown and Rebecca Reckers to the Local Appeals Board for the City of Erlanger for the enforcement of the Kentucky Building Code.

M/S, T. Cahill-Suedkamp, to adopt the municipal order as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read Municipal Order No. 01-02-18-04 approving the appointment of Mayor Tyson Hermes as the principle representative of the City to the Municipal Government League and Council Member Corine Pitts as the alternate.

M/S, T. Cahill-Fette, to adopt the municipal order as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT - M/S, Niceley-Kyle, to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVED:

Tyson Hermes
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry Hoffman
City Clerk