

REGULAR MEETING
ERLANGER CITY COUNCIL
February 2, 2021

Mayor Jessica Fette called the regular meeting of the Erlanger City Council to order in the City of Erlanger Council Chambers at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

Brian Nevins, Police Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Members of City Council and citizens pledged allegiance to the flag.

The following Members of City Council were present: Tom Cahill, Ryan Elmore, Tyson Hermes, Jennifer Jasper, Stephen Knipper, Vickie Kyle, Gary Meyer, Diana Niceley, Rebecca Reckers, Don Skidmore, and Renee Skidmore. Council Member Vicki Kyle participated virtually. Council Member Kathy Cahill was not present.

Also present were: Mayor Jessica Fette, City Administrator Matt Kremer, Building and Zoning Administrator Mark Stewart, Assistant Chief of Police Mike Leming, City Clerk Sherry Hoffman, Director of Economic Development Emi Randall, Director of Finance Kara Kramer, Director of Public Works Peter Glenn, Fire/EMS Chief Todd Whitaker, and City Attorney Jack Gatlin.

MEETING MINUTES – M/S, Hermes-Jasper, that the minutes of the regular council meeting held on January 5, 2021 and the special council meeting held on January 12, 2021 be approved as written. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - M/S, T. Cahill-Elmore, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – None.

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - Ms. Serena Owens requested to join the City's Race Diversity and Relations Task Force.

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

- Commended Event Planner Kim Wolking on her ability to host 38 out of 53 events during the pandemic in 2020
- Mr. Kremer emailed city council a budget proposal timeline
 1. February 1, 2021 - Distribution of department worksheets
 2. February 15, 2021 - Completed worksheets due
 3. March, 2021 - Executive budget meetings
 4. April 24, 2021 - Presentation of proposed budget to city council

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Mr. Kremer discussed the following:

- Net Connect Technology was awarded the security camera bid for \$26,400.00; \$38,000.00 was budgeted for this project
- Republic Services cannot continue offering waste and recycling services at the costs provided in the current agreement, this is due to increased costs on their end; the City will begin preparations to bid for fiscal year 2022 waste collection services
- Requested a caucus meeting on February 16, 2021 to discuss the Norfolk Southern Railroad property lease that the Public Works facility is located on

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - Mr. Gatlin discussed the following:

- Reviewed legislation
- Requested a caucus meeting on February 16, 2021 to discuss proposed changes to the municipal order for rules and procedures of city council meetings

REPORT ON CAPITAL PROJECTS - Mr. Glenn reported on the following:

- Hickory Lane Road Project - Bid opening February 11, 2021; Public Workshop date to be announced later
- Erlanger Road Slip Repair Project - Bid advertisement February 18, 2021
- Terrace Drive and Rho Court Road Projects - Possible future bid project
- Silverlake Park Phase 1 Project - Bid advertisement later in February
- Stevenson and Turkeyfoot Roads Gateway Beautification Project - Bid advertisement later in February

Additional Reports -

- Ms. Randall reported on the COVID-19 Business Relief Program
 1. Received five applications to date
 2. Applications due February 12, 2021
- Chief Rader congratulated Kim Klare on her promotion to Police Lieutenant and Kyle Thornberry on his promotion to Sergeant
- Chief Whitaker reported that the Fire/EMS Department had been fully staffed for one year

REPORTS OF TASK FORCES -

- Ms. Elmore reported that the Parks Master Planning Task Force met and discussed their objectives and long range goals
- Ms. Jasper reported that the Race Diversity and Relations Task Force was seeking 10-11 people to participate
- Ms. Reckers reported that the Community Engagement Task Force would meet virtually on February 16, 2021 at 5 p.m. via Zoom

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

BIDS - None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS - Ms. Skidmore and Mayor Fette announced upcoming events:

- Roller Skating - February 18, 2021
- Ice Skating - February 28, 2021
- Valentine Treat Bag Collection - Week of February 8-12, 2021

LEGISLATION - Mr. Gatlin read the second reading of Ordinance No. 2514 accepting the bid of and granting to Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. a non-exclusive franchise for the use of the public streets, alleys and other public grounds of the City for the transmission and distribution of both natural gas and electricity through and for consumption within the City for the period of January 1, 2021 through December, 2030. M/S, Knipper-Jasper, to adopt the ordinance as written. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read the second reading of Ordinance No. 2515 accepting the bid and granting to Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc. a non-exclusive franchise for the use of the public streets, alleys, and other public grounds of the City for the transmission and distribution of electricity through and for consumption within the City for the period of January 1, 2021 through December, 2030. M/S, Meyer-Reckers, to adopt the ordinance as written. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read Municipal Order No. 02-02-21-01 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company for the Public Works facilities property. M/S, T. Cahill-Elmore, to adopt the municipal order as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Mr. Hermes thanked everyone for their support in the passing of his mother.

ADJOURNMENT - M/S, Niceley-R. Skidmore, to adjourn from the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sherry Hoffman
City Clerk

Jessica Fette
Mayor