

**City of Taylor Mill
COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. In attendance were Mayor Daniel L. Bell, Commissioner Caroline Braden, Commissioner Rose Merritt, Commissioner Dan Murray, City Administrative Officer Brian Haney, and City Attorney Jack Gatlin. Commissioner Mark Kreimborg was absent.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Braden led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 13, 2022 – Commission Meeting

Mayor Bell called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2022, Commission Meeting. Commissioner Merritt so moved, with a second from Commissioner Murray. The Commission approved by unanimous voice call vote.

MOTION CARRIED

April 27, 2022 – Caucus Meeting

Mayor Bell called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2022, Caucus Meeting. Commissioner Braden was so moved, with a second from Commissioner Merritt. The Commission approved by unanimous voice call vote.

MOTION CARRIED

GUESTS:

Police Chief Steve Knauf recognized Officer Austin Cornett for successfully graduating from the DOJT in Richmond, KY for the Law Enforcement Basic Training on April 14, 2022.

SRO Jimmy Poynter recognized Scott High School teacher, Rebecca Heineke for receiving the Kentucky Association of School Resource Officers Educator of the Year Award. Proclamation for Ms. Heineke was read by Mayor Dan Bell.

Attorney Justin Knappick of DBL Law firm addressed the Commission to request that the city grant his client, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, a property tax exemption for tax year 2020 forward. Mr. Knappick asked that the city vote to approve or disapprove the exemption. Commissioner Merritt made a motion to deny the tax exemption to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, with a second from Commissioner Murray. The Commission approved by unanimous vote.

MOTION CARRIED

Senator Chris McDaniel of the 23rd District came and briefly spoke to the city about the recent 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Tina Knapp, a former resident at 5324 Taylor Mill Road, addressed the commission on behalf of neighbors of said property. Ms. Knapp expressed frustration and displeasure with the condition of the 5324 Taylor Mill Road property.

Mayor Bell asked if anyone from the audience wanted to address the commission.

LEGISLATION: *Legislation was sent to and received by the commission prior to the meeting.*

ORDINANCE 377 (05-11-22) – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR MILL IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, TO REGULATE AND ALLOW THE RAISING OF CHICKENS FOR PERSONAL, FAMILY, OR HOME USE IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

City Attorney Jack Gatlin provided the second reading of Ordinance 377 (05-11-22). Mayor Bell called for a motion to approve Ordinance 377. Commissioner Merritt so moved, with a second from Commissioner Murray. Commission approved by unanimous vote.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE 378 (05-11-22) – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR MILL IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY REPEALING THE CURRENT TAYLOR MILL ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP AND REPLACING WITH AN UPDATED ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP.

City Attorney Jack Gatlin provided the second reading of Ordinance 378 (05-11-22). Mayor Bell called for a motion to approve Ordinance 378. Commissioner Braden so moved, with a second from Commissioner Murray. Commission approved by unanimous vote.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 369

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR MILL, KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY APPROVES THE EXECUTION OF THE MUNICIPAL ROAD AID CO-OP PROGRAM CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLOR MILL AND THE KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET FOR FY 2022-2023.

City Attorney Jack Gatlin provided the reading of Resolution 369. Mayor Bell called for a motion to approve Resolution 369 and for approval for Mayor Bell to sign the Municipal Road Aide Co-op Agreement. Commissioner Murray made a motion with a second from Commissioner Merritt. Commission approved by unanimous vote. CAO Haney stated the MRA funds were all allocated to the city’s 2022 Road Program as previously adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the request from the Scott High School to allow them to have the Senior High School Parade again this year. Scott High School would like for this to become an annual event and is asking that Commission allow part of Pride Parkway to be shut down for the Senior Parade on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Mayor Bell called for a motion to permit Scott High School to have its senior parade on May 19, 2022. Commissioner Murray so moved, with a second from Commissioner Braden. Commission approved by unanimous vote.

MOTION CARRIED

The Commission discussed the request from the St. Anthony Church to borrow the cities 20 x 60-foot tent on Saturday, September 24, 2022. Mayor Bell called for a motion to allow the borrowing of the tent. Commissioner Braden so moved, with a second from Commissioner Merritt. The Commission approved by unanimous vote.

MOTION CARRIED

The Commission discussed the request from the Northern Kentucky Visitors Bureau to provide a \$1 per Taylor Mill resident donation in the amount of \$6,805.00 to the BLINK Festival of Lights Event in October 2022. Mayor Bell called for a motion. Commissioner Braden made a motion to deny the donation to the NKY Visitors Bureau for the BLINK Festival of Lights Event. Commissioner Merritt seconded that motion. The Commission approved by unanimous vote.

MOTION CARRIED

PROCLAMATION – Educator Rebecca Heineke

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR MILL, KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, HONORING AND RECOGNIZING EDUCATOR REBECCA HEINEKE FOR HER RECEIVING THE KYASRO EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD.

Mayor Bell called for a motion to approve the Proclamation for Rebecca Heineke. Commissioner Braden made a motion with a second from Commissioner Murray. Commission approved by unanimous vote.

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed reports from the following staff members: City Administrator, Treasurer, Engineering, Fire/EMS, Legal Counsel, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Police.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Bell requested the Commission go into an Executive Session under 61.810(1)(c) to discuss proposed or pending litigation and 61.810(1)(f) to discuss the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee without restricting that employee's right to a public hearing. Commissioner Murray made a motion for the Commission to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Braden made a second. All Commissioners present were in favor, the time being 8:05 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Former employee, Karen Spanyer came forward and addressed the Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Commission went into Executive Session at 8:11 p.m.

Mayor Bell called for a motion to close the Executive Session. Commissioner Merritt so moved, with a second from Commissioner Braden to adjourn the Executive Session. The motion passed with unanimous approval. The Commission exited the Executive Session at 8:26 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Bell called for a motion to readjourn into the Commission Meeting at 8:29 p.m. Commissioner Merritt so moved, with a second from Commissioner Murray to reconvene. The Commission approved by unanimous vote.

MOTION CARRIED

CAO Brian Haney requested that the Commission accept the settlement of a gender discrimination lawsuit filed by former police officers Karen Spanyer and Heather Mitchell. Mayor

Bell called for a motion to approve Mr. Haney's recommendation of approving the settlement of the lawsuit. Commissioner Murray so moved and read the following statement:

In concert with the City's insurance carrier, EMC, I move for approval of a settlement of a lawsuit filed against the City by former employees, Karen Spanyer and Heather Mitchell, Kenton Circuit Court Case No. 19-CI-00602, by paying (a) \$25,000, with EMC paying \$100,000, for a total of \$ 125,000, to settle the claims of Heather Mitchell, and (b) \$80,000, with EMC paying \$125,000, for a total of \$205,000, to settle the claims of Karen Spanyer, in exchange for a complete release of all claims against the City and a dismissal of the suit with prejudice, and to authorize the Mayor to sign any and all necessary settlement agreements and releases.

Commissioner Braden seconded the motion. Commission approved by unanimous vote.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Bell called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Merritt so moved, with a second from Commissioner Murray to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with the unanimous approval of the Commission, the time being 8:31 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

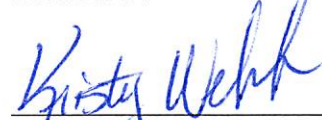
The next Commission Meeting will be Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:



Daniel L. Bell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristy Webb, City Clerk
Date: July 6, 2022