

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL  
CATLETTSBURG, KENTUCKY**

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Minutes of the Special Board of City Council, May 14, 2020, 6:30 p.m. at the Catlettsburg City Building.

Faith Day Pike, Mayor called the meeting to order.

**Members Present:** Cornette, Hensley, Taylor, Wellman, Zornes

**Members Absent:** Marcum

**Motion to approve the Minutes**

Upon motion by Zornes, seconded by Hensley, council voted to approve February special meeting minutes. There was not a meeting in March or April due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Hensley, Taylor, Wellman and Zornes voting yes. Cornette abstained stating he was not at that meeting.

**Motion to approve the Reports and Payrolls**

Upon motion by Wellman, seconded by Zornes, council voted to approve the reports and payrolls. Hensley, Taylor, Wellman and Zornes voting yes. Cornette abstained.

**Review Bids for Asphalt**

On May 7, 2020 at 3:15 p.m. at the City Building the bids were opened by City Attorney Richard Martin, Mayor Faith Day Pike, and City Clerk Kay Cole and read in the council chambers. A representative from each bidder was present and were told the bid would be awarded at the next council meeting. Those that bid were as follows: BTI Contracting - \$200,000.00, Asphalt Contracting - \$140,576.05, Mountain Enterprises - \$145,912.50.

**Motion to Award Asphalt Bid**

Upon motion by Wellman, seconded by Cornette, council voted to approve the asphalt bid to Mountain Enterprises. All present voting yes.

**Motion to Appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem**

City Attorney, Richard Martin stated the Mayor had ask for a motion to make Leo Zornes Mayor Pro-Tem. Upon motion by Cornette, seconded by Taylor, council voted to approve Leo Zornes as Mayor Pro-Tem. Cornette, Hensley, Taylor and Wellman voting yes. Zornes abstained.

**Discuss Labor Day**

Council discussed the with the Covid-19 pandemic that they did not think it was a good idea at this point to have the Labor Day Celebration. There is a lot of time and money that goes in to putting the festival on. No one can predict what it will be like in September. Upon motion by Zornes, seconded by Wellman, council voted to cancel the Labor Day Celebration for 2020. All present voting yes.

**Council Approval of Emergency Action taken by the Mayor regarding the Pump Station #7**

On May 1, 2020 Mayor Faith Day Pike declared the existence of an emergency due to the existing condition that of the two pumps located at the City's #7 Sewer Pump Station, only one is operational. A representative from the Division of Water

threatened that unless by 4:00 p.m. May 1, 2020 immediate repair was begun to the pumps there would be a \$25,000.00 per day fine assessed on the City, and the fine will be even greater if the remaining pump becomes non-operational. Also threatened takeover of the system by the State. The City had previously obtained repair estimates from All-Pumps Sales and Service, Inc. of Kenova, WV for pumps, parts and labor for the total cost of \$20,940.00. The City will go forward with this proposal. Upon motion by Cornette, seconded by Taylor, council voted to approve the Declaration of Emergency. All present voting yes.

#### **Executive Session – Personnel Matter**

Upon motion by Cornette, seconded by Zornes, council voted to go into executive session at 6:47 p.m. All present voting yes.

Upon motion by Zornes, seconded by Henley, council voted to return to regular session at 7: 13 p.m. All present voting yes.

For the record, City Attorney Richard Martin stated that only individual personnel matter was discussed, no final action taken.

#### **Adjourn**

Upon motion by Cornette, seconded by Zornes, council voted to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. All present voting yes.

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**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

**Kay Cole**  
**City Clerk**

#### **NOTE:**

This meeting was video teleconferenced due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Each member wore a mask. There was no public in attendance, but members of the public could view the proceedings by accessing a live stream of the council meeting broadcast by MyTown TV. Social distancing protocols were followed.