

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

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Minutes of the Regular Board of City Council, October 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m. at the Catlettsburg City Building.

Don Wellman opened with Prayer and Pledge

Faith Day, Mayor called the meeting to order

**Members Present:** Castle, Clere, Cornette, Guy, Taylor, Wellman

**Motion and second to approve September Minutes**

Upon motion by Castle, seconded by Clere, council voted to approve the September minutes. All present voting yes.

**Motion and second to approve reports**

Upon motion by Wellman, seconded by Taylor, council voted to approve the September reports. All present voting yes.

Mayor Day announced with the promotion of John Carroll to Fire Chief left the position of Deputy Fire Chief open. John Carroll recommended that Taylor Darby be promoted from Assistant Fire Chief to Deputy Fire Chief. Taylor has been with the city fire department since 2014. John recommended Matt Kersey be promoted from Captain to Assistant Fire Chief. Matt has been with the city since 2018. John Carroll, Fire Chief pinned their new badges on them, and they were congratulated by the council.

**Retirement – Fire Position Updates**

In order for certain positions to be hazardous duty in the police and fire departments the council must approve, and this is taken to the retirement board for approval. This approval will be for fire department Deputy and Assistant. Upon motion by Castle, seconded by Cornette, council voted to approve the positions of the fire department to be hazardous. All present voting yes.

**Cable Franchise**

The Armstrong Cable ten (10) year franchise is due to end in November. Attorney Richard Martin explained that there was a change in the law. The federal government adopted some legislation once they are given a franchise, they can negotiate it without rebidding. The company has the duty to send us a notice thirty-six (36) months prior to the expiration of franchise of their intent to seek renewal, and then we ask them to make a proposal. After a conversation with Gordon Waters from Armstrong Cable a letter was sent several months ago to Roger Hensley, Mayor at that time. We were unaware of the letter.

We can renew with Armstrong without bidding it. The franchise given to Armstrong was a non-exclusive franchise. Council agreed to go on with negotiations with Armstrong Cable. It is unlikely that if city would put out for bids that we would receive any. All agreed. Mayor Day will meet with Gordon Waters to work out the proposal.

## **Police Vehicle**

At the previous meeting Mayor Day said this was tabled to discuss at the next meeting. Chief Cameron Logan has asked to purchase a Tahoe for the police chief vehicle, with the insurance money and what is in the forfeiture account, he also has about eight (8) cars that can be sold, that the city would not be out any money.

Council has asked him to get the two (2) new police cars up and running that was previously bought, he said he is still waiting for parts, also to sell the fleet that he has that needs to be sold, they would have to be declared surplus and when he has done that to come back, they can talk again.

Logan asked when the old cruisers are sold can they go back into forfeiture account? They were budgeted and bought out of General fund. The seized vehicles sold can go into forfeiture account.

Chief Logan also asked if he could be put back on the forfeiture account at the bank. Mayor Day said it would be ok. He said he wants to have control of what's been purchased from that account.

## **Audience Participation**

Joyce Cumpston and her daughter Jenna 5<sup>th</sup> grade student body President from Catlettsburg Elementary School announced she has started a drive for donations to purchase new playground equipment for her school. Her goal is to raise at least \$35,000.00. Jenna said the equipment they have now is old and there is not enough for all the kids to use. The council had a brief discussion and voted to amend the budget to take a splash pad that was budgeted and donate \$30,000.00 to the playground at Catlettsburg Elementary School. Upon motion by Clere, seconded by Guy, council voted to amend the budget and donate the money towards playground equipment. All present voting yes. Jenna thanked the council and shook everyone's hand.

Bruce Rous, Panola Street, questioned about dogs barking. Chief Logan said when there is a problem let the police department know and they can site the owners.

Ellen Cyrus, Ice Dam Hollow, ask about the slip on the road at the end of Ice Dam and Cemetery Road.

## **Employee Reports**

Brent Stanley had an issue with a councilman saying to other street department employees to keep the new tools that was purchased away from him. He confronted that person and they said that was not true. There have been problems with councilpersons telling employees what to do. Chief Cameron Logan asks who the employees work for, Mayor Day said all employees work for her. The point of having Department Heads is they should be notified when a problem occurs and that can be addressed by the Mayor and Supervisors. No one is to give orders to employees that sits on the council unless Mayor has instructed them to do so.

## **Round Table**

Mayor Day announced that DLG sent the final papers to be signed for the \$25,000.00 matching grant with the Land and Water Conservation. This a grant we applied for in 2019. The money should be released anytime.

There was a grant applied for, for generators for the sewer, fire, and police department through FEMA. The total cost of the project will be \$180,722.36. The city will be responsible, if accepted, for 25% of that price, which would be \$45,180.59. This 25% can be paid for through in-kind services as well as general

funds. Upon motion by Cornette, seconded by Clere, council voted to pass Resolution 1, 2021 to give Mayor authority to proceed with the grant. All present voting yes.

Don Wellman, Councilman, thought it would be a nice gesture to name the alley beside Roger Hensley in his memory, now known as Browns Crossing or 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and call it Roger Hensley Lane. Roger was a former councilman and Mayor. City attorney said he would check on how to change a street name.

Billy Guy, councilman, said the EASI Board has no representation from the city. Mayor will appoint, attorney will check on that. All agreed city needs to be represented.

Rex Castle ask John Carrol, Fire Chief about the Mutual Aid Agreement with other fire departments. Carroll said we have always had one and ask council for permission to sign a new agreement. Upon motion by Castle, seconded by Cornette, council voted for him to sign a new agreement. All present voting yes.

Council discussed with police and fire about getting a system in place that will be able to forward calls to 911 if they were out of the office on a call. Taylor Darby, Deputy Chief said he would order the system and install it.

Also discussed that the Fire Chief should have authority over his firefighters and the police chief have authority of the police.

**Adjourn**

Upon motion by Cornette, seconded by Clere, council voted to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. All present voting yes.

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**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk**

