

**CITY OF BARDSTOWN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**3-27-12
7:00 P.M.**

The City Council met in a regular session in the Council Chambers with Mayor William S. Sheckles and the following Councilmen:

Councilman Buckman
Councilman Hagan
Councilman Lydian
Councilman Williams
Councilman Reed
Councilman Simpson

Others present: Interim Fire Chief Howard, Asst. City Administrator Green, Chief Financial Officer Abell, Public Works and Engineering Director Hamilton, City Civil Engineer Filiatreau, City Clerk Blincoe, City Attorney Donan, HRB Administrator Pen Bogert, Nelson County Gazette reporter Jim Brooks, The Kentucky Standard reporter Jennifer Corbett, BRTV co-owner Roth Stratton and Nelson County Magistrate Sam Hutchins.

MAYOR'S APPRECIATION

Mayor Sheckles thanked the Council and staff for their thoughts and prayers during his wife's recent stay in the hospital.

HISTORICAL REVIEW BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations were presented as follows:

Certificates of Appropriateness

1. COA #12-09 [RECOMMENDED]

Jim Taylor and Nick Kipper have applied to replace the existing metal shingle roof at 502 N. Third St. with an asphalt shingle roof (Owens Corning Oakridge shingles, Chateau Green).

Recommendation: To recommend approval of the replacement of a metal shingle roof with a dark green asphalt shingle roof at 502 N. Third St., as specified in this application.

2. COA #12-10 [RECOMMENDED]

Carol Waggoner proposes to construct a 6' wood privacy fence at the rear of her yard at 210 E. Stephen Foster Ave. The fence will begin at the northeast rear corner of the house and run parallel to Strawberry Alley (set back about 5' from the alley) and connect at right angles with the southeast corner of her garage (see photos).

Recommendation: To recommend approval of the construction of a six-foot wood privacy fence at the rear of 210 E. Stephen Foster Ave. along Strawberry Alley, as specified in this application.

3. COA #12-11 [DENIED]

Mr. Bees consignment shop has applied for the installation of two signs at 120 W. Stephen Foster Ave., along N. Fourth St. (Marketplace): a flush-mounted sign on the brick building and a hanging sign in an existing fixture at the corner with the alley. The signs will have a yellow background with light purple lettering.

Recommendation: To deny the application for installation of two signs ("Mr. Bees") at 120 W. Stephen Foster Ave. because the design of the signs are too busy, do not complement their surroundings, are not integrated into the architectural design of the building, and dominate the façade.

NOTE: The applicant will rework the design and re-submit a COA application for the April 9 HRB meeting.

4. COA #12-12 [DENIED]

Mr. & Mrs. P. D. O'Keefe have applied to remove a tree near the front corner of their townhouse at 214 W. Broadway. They propose to plant a new tree in its place.

Recommendation: To deny the application for removal of a tree near the front corner of 214 W. Broadway because there may be alternate methods of repairing the foundation and crawlspace without removing the tree.

NOTE: The applicant will proceed with repairs to the building and will notify staff if the repairs cannot be accomplished without removal of the tree.

5. COA #12-14 [RECOMMENDED]

St. Vincent DePaul Mission Store proposes to install two signs at their new location at 310 N. Second St.: a 36" x 30" flush-mounted metal sign and a 2' x 4' metal sign to be installed on the signboard facing Broadway. Both signs will have blue lettering on a white background.

Recommendation: To recommend approval of the installation of two signs at 310 N. Second St., as specified in this application.

HRB Administrator Bogert discussed the two items denied by the Historical Review Board. The Council and City Attorney Donan then discussed the appeal process that could be used if an applicant disagreed with the Board's recommendation. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN HAGAN, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE HISTORICAL REVIEW BOARD WERE APPROVED ON ITEMS 1, 2 AND 5.** The Council was not required to vote on denials.

TRAFFIC CONTROL/STREET CLOSING REQUESTS

The Mayor reported that Cox's Creek Elementary School was planning its first annual Cox's Creek Bulldog 5k run in Bardstown and requested permission for traffic control on West Stephen Foster Avenue where Fourth and Fifth Streets cross US Highway 62, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2012. The school will provide off-duty police officers and provide traffic control. Councilman Lydian questioned who would be responsible for liability issues. City Attorney Donan responded that depending on if there were any negligence issues, the school would be responsible. Mayor Sheckles said that the paperwork had been filed in order to receive permission from the state. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN HAGAN, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMPSON AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, IT WAS APPROVED TO ADMINISTER TRAFFIC CONTROL ON WEST STEPHEN FOSTER AVENUE WHERE FOURTH AND FIFTH STREETS CROSS US HIGHWAY 62 ON MAY 12, 2012.**

The Bardstown Main Street Program requested permission to close the 100 block of North Third Street on Saturday, July 7, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. until midnight for its annual downtown street concert. The paperwork has been filed with the state for an encroachment permit. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMPSON AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE STREET CLOSING REQUEST WAS APPROVED.**

Councilman Buckman mentioned that two large picture windows, one at Hurst Drugstore and one at Marshall's Jewelry store, were broken during the last street concert that was held in 2011. Since the downtown street concerts draw large crowds, he wanted people to be aware and careful.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 3-13-12 regular Council meeting were then presented and **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THEY WERE APPROVED.**

FEBRUARY, 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was emailed to the Council prior to the meeting.

NELSON COUNTY DISPATCH CENTER BUDGET APPROVAL

The budget was presented to the Council and Chief Financial Officer Abell reported that the dispatch center was requesting the same amount from the City as it did last year. He also reported that the dispatch center is required to turn in its budget earlier than other departments. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BUCKMAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE NELSON COUNTY DISPATCH CENTER'S FY 2012-2013 BUDGET WAS APPROVED.** Councilman Hagan recommended that next year, the dispatch center includes figures from previous year's budgets along with the upcoming budget for Council's approval.

RECREATION BOARD

Councilman Reed reported that there was no meeting held on March 22, 2012 because a quorum was not present.

BARDSTOWN CEMETERY SPRING CLEANUP

Councilman Simpson reported on the Bardstown Cemetery Spring Cleanup project and said that it was very successful. County Judge/Executive Dean Watts had sent helpers to assist with trash and debris pickup and the City Groundskeeper and Garbage Department crew also assisted in the work.

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Assistant City Administrator Green was welcomed back from his hospital stay and recuperation from a broken back. He reported that a homeowner had been approved to purchase the final Neighborhood Stabilization Program house and the closing would be held in approximately 30 days.

KENTUCKY CITY MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Mayor Sheckles suggested that the Council read an article titled, "Showdown at City Hall", that was published in the Kentucky City Magazine regarding local gun control laws.

INDOOR FIRING RANGE REQUIREMENTS

Councilman Reed questioned whether the proposed ordinance to allow for an indoor firing range in the City would include EPA regulations pertaining to the amount of lead that is left in a building. The Assistant City Administrator assured him that this requirement would definitely be a part of the proposed ordinance.

CITY OFFICIALS VISITING

The Mayor reported that city officials from Madison, Indiana, would be visiting on Friday, March 30th, for government networking.

VISITORS FROM LOUISIANA

The Mayor reported that a couple from Louisiana had been visiting Bardstown to gather information about tourism and the dinner train.

CEMETERY DEEDS

Cemetery deeds were presented for Jim Hatfield, III and Shawna Ebrecht. **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN HAGAN, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LYDIAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE DEEDS WERE APPROVED.**

COUNCIL WORKING SESSION

It was announced that the 4-3-12 Working Session may be canceled unless the Council had specific items for the agenda. Notification will be sent prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to discuss and **UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN HAGAN, DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LYDIAN AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:38 P.M.**

CITY OF BARDSTOWN

ATTEST:

Bobbe Blincoe, City Clerk

Bobby Simpson, Mayor Pro-Tem