

**City of Morehead
Minutes of
Regular Meeting of Board of City Council
April 10, 2023 6:00 PM
Morehead Police and 911 Facility 309 West Main Street Conference Room**

The Board of City Council of the City of Morehead, Kentucky met in regular session on April 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Morehead Police and 911 Facility 309 West Main Street Conference Room.

1. Call to Order

The Board of City Council of the City of Morehead, Kentucky met in regular session on April 10, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Morehead Police and 911 Facility 309 West Main Street Conference Room.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Attendance

Present Council Members:

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin
Ms. Beth Ousley
Mr. David Perkins
Dr. Edna Schack
Mr. Jim Tom Trent

Absent Council Members:

Ms. Jan Bishop

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

4.a. Regular Meeting: March 13, 2023

4.b. Special Called Meeting: March 30, 2023

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 13, 2023, regular scheduled meeting, and March 30, 2023, special called meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Jim Tom Trent and seconded by Ms. Beth Ousley.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Absent
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes
Mr. Jim Tom Trent	Yes

5. Public Comments

5.a. Paul Stokes

Mr. Paul Stokes was present to discuss golf carts and chickens. Mr. Stokes noted that he saw that these subjects were on the agenda and that he could wait and talk about them when they came up for discussion. Mr. Stokes also advised that he was on the city website and that it was not updated with new council members and such.

Mayor White-Brown moved the discussion regarding golf carts and chickens up from item 12.

12. Other City Business: Old or New

12.a. Discussion Regarding Golf Carts

Mayor White-Brown opened the discussion by noting that it is a state law that golf carts are not allowed on roadways unless a city passes an ordinance to allow them. Mr. Stokes discussed the use of golf carts and some of the equipment needed and the rules that apply to them. Mr. Stokes also noted that several people in his neighborhood have golf carts and that he believes that all of them have the proper equipment or can get it. Mr. Paul Stokes mentioned that he was in agreement with the idea that no one under the age of 16 could drive golf carts. Mayor White-Brown added that if the ordinance were passed all golf carts would have to be in compliance with KRS regulations and will have to be inspected once a year. There was then a brief discussion regarding what roads golf carts can and cannot drive on and what the Kentucky Statute says about it.

Mayor White-Brown formed a committee with members, Mr. Jim Tom, Ms. Jan Bishop and Dr. Yvonne Baldwin, Rodney Fouch, Chief Blevins, City Attorney Megan Hughes Richmond, Attorney Paul Stokes, Jim Tom Trent, Jan Bishop and Dr. Yvonne Baldwin.

6:07PM Ms. Jan Bishop joined council.

12.b. Discussion Regarding Chickens

Council member Jim Tom Trent spoke briefly noting that he had talked to about 15 people, and they were all against chickens in the city. Mayor White-Brown spoke briefly about other cities including the city of Pikeville and that they allow chickens and that the only issues that they have had were noise related. Paul Stokes spoke briefly to say that he was for golf carts but against chickens. Mayor White-Brown formed a committee for chickens consisting of Matt Hamilton, David Potter, Dr. Edna Schack, Ms. Beth Ousley, Mr. David Perkins and City Attorney Megan Hughes Richmond. Several council members spoke up to say that they have had several calls and texts from citizens saying that they are against chickens in the city. At the request of Mr. David Perkins, Mr. Rodney Fouch reported regarding guidelines for inspectors and where they can and cannot go to inspect when there is a complaint.

5.b. Rabbitt Sharp

Rabbitt Sharp spoke to city council regarding being run out of his home in Clearfield due to being openly transgender. Rabbitt reported that they were looking for a home and wants to live in

Morehead. Rabbitt noted that ten years ago Morehead city council passed a Fairness Act protecting LGBTQ from discrimination and that if there had been something like that in the county, they would have been protected. Rabbitt is asking the council to give official confirmation that they will honor the Fairness Act Ordinance. Mayor White-Brown spoke to say that she wants the city to feel safe and welcoming to everyone.

5.c. Other Public Comments

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor White-Brown reported that her report consists of department updates and those are all in the packet.

7. Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce

Mayor White-Brown reported that Jason Slone for the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce could not be there; but that the reports were in packets and if you have questions feel free to contact him.

8. Morehead Utility Plant Board Report

Ms. Holly Rosas was present to report to the council regarding the Morehead Utility Plant Board. Ms. Rosas reported regarding the Water Treatment Plant referring to the drone overview picture that was given to council. Ms. Holly Rosas gave a brief explanation of the treatment process and how it works. Ms. Rosas reported that customers would be receiving a letter to inform them regarding construction and the phases of construction of the upcoming water line replacement downtown.

Ms. Holly Rosas gave a report for the Morehead Utility Plant Board including water and sewer revenues and expenditures and overall financials. Ms. Rosas gave a report for each department, including financials and projects.

9. Future Growth/Development/Projects for The City

Mr. Rodney Fouch reported for Future Growth, Development and Projects. Mr. Fouch reported that there were several permits, and the completion of St. Claire urgent care, the 519 gas station and the opening of Cattleman’s restaurant. Mr. Fouch also reported regarding the new salon and Burke’s changing their name to Beall’s.

10. Ratification of Payment of Monthly Bills/Statements

Motion Passed: Motion to ratify payment of the monthly bills and statements passed with a motion by Mr. Jim Tom Trent and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes

Dr. Edna Schack Yes
Mr. Jim Tom Trent Yes

11. General Business Agenda

11.a. Unfinished Business

11.a.1. 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Amending the City of Morehead, Kentucky Annual Budget for FY 7-1-2022 through 6-30-23 by Estimating Revenues & Resources & Appropriating Funds for the Operation of City Government

Motion Passed: Motion to Approve the 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Amending the City of Morehead, Kentucky Annual Budget for FY 7-1-2022 through 6-30-23 by Estimating Revenues & Resources & Appropriating Funds for the Operation of City Government with a motion by Mr. David Perkins and seconded by Ms. Beth Ousley.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley Yes
Mr. David Perkins Yes
Dr. Edna Schack Yes
Mr. Jim Tom Trent Yes

11.a.2. 2nd Reading of An Ordinance Closing A Public Way Known As "Gevedon Place" Per K.R.S. 82.405 Within The City of Morehead

Motion Passed: Motion to Approve 2nd Reading of An Ordinance Closing A Public Way Known As "Gevedon Place" Per K.R.S. 82.405 Within The City of Morehead with a motion by Mr. Jim Tom Trent and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley Yes
Mr. David Perkins Yes
Dr. Edna Schack Yes
Mr. Jim Tom Trent Yes

11.b. New Business

11.b.1. 1st Reading of An Ordinance Enacting And Adopting A Supplement To The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky

Motion Passed: Motion to Approve 1st Reading of An Ordinance Enacting And Adopting A Supplement To The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky with a motion by Ms. Beth Ousley and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley Yes

Mr. David Perkins Yes
Dr. Edna Schack Yes
Mr. Jim Tom Trent Yes

11.b.2. A Resolution of The City Of Morehead For Disposal Of Surplus Property

Motion Passed: Motion to Approve A Resolution of The City Of Morehead For Disposal Of Surplus Property with a motion by Dr. Yvonne Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Jim Tom Trent.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley Yes
Mr. David Perkins Yes
Dr. Edna Schack Yes
Mr. Jim Tom Trent Yes

11.b.3. A Resolution Adopting And Approving the Execution Of A Municipal Aid Co-Op Program Contract Between The Incorporated City And The Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023, as Provided in the Kentucky Revised Statutes and Accepting All Streets Referred to Therein As Being Streets Which Are A Part of The Incorporated City

Motion Passed: Motion to Approve A Resolution Adopting And Approving the Execution Of A Municipal Aid Co-Op Program Contract Between The Incorporated City And The Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023, as Provided in the Kentucky Revised Statutes and Accepting All Streets Referred to Therein As Being Streets Which Are A Part of The Incorporated City with a motion by Ms. Beth Ousley and seconded by Mr. David Perkins.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley Yes
Mr. David Perkins Yes
Dr. Edna Schack Yes
Mr. Jim Tom Trent Yes

11.b.4. A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Updating The Standard Operating Procedures For The Morehead Police Department

Motion Passed: Motion to Approve A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Updating The Standard Operating Procedures For The Morehead Police Department with a motion by Ms. Beth Ousley and seconded by Mr. Jim Tom Trent.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop Yes

Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes
Mr. Jim Tom Trent	Yes

11.b.5. 1st Reading of An Ordinance Amending The City of Morehead, Kentucky Code of Ordinances, Title 5, Public Utilities, Chapter 51, Gas And Water, Section 51.02, Service Rates and Charges; Chapter 52, Sewer, Section 52.72, Charges and Fees; Chapter 55, Storm Water, Section 55.06 Utility Fees, By Increasing The Rates, Charges, And Fees

Motion Passed: Motion to Approve 1st Reading of An Ordinance Amending The City of Morehead, Kentucky Code of Ordinances, Title 5, Public Utilities, Chapter 51, Gas And Water, Section 51.02, Service Rates and Charges; Chapter 52, Sewer, Section 52.72, Charges and Fees; Chapter 55, Storm Water, Section 55.06 Utility Fees, By Increasing The Rates, Charges, And Fees with a motion by Mr. Jim Tom Trent and seconded by Ms. Beth Ousley.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes
Mr. Jim Tom Trent	Yes

11.b.6. 1st Reading of An Ordinance Adopting A Budget For The Morehead Utility Plant Board For Fiscal Year 2023-2024 By The Board of City Council Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky

Motion Passed: Motion to Approve 1st Reading of An Ordinance Adopting A Budget For The Morehead Utility Plant Board For Fiscal Year 2023-2024 By The Board of City Council Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky with a motion by Mr. Jim Tom Trent and seconded by Ms. Beth Ousley.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes
Mr. Jim Tom Trent	Yes

Dr. Edna Schack announced that she was involved with the Rowan County School District in a project called the Local Laboratories of Learning. The school/committee is designing an assessment and accountability system for Rowan County to be more local and holistic rather than relying heavily on standardized test results. Dr. Edna Schack is asking for council to be panelist for the seniors when they present.

12.c. Executive (Closed) Session per KRS 61.810(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property when publicity would be likely to affect the value of the property and/or KRS 61.810(1)(c) which allows for discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency.

Motion Passed: Motion to Go Into Executive (Closed) Session per KRS 61.810(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property when publicity would be likely to affect the value of the property and/or KRS 61.810(1)(c) which allows for discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency with a motion by Mr. Jim Tom Trent and seconded by Dr. Edna Schack.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes
Mr. Jim Tom Trent	Yes

Motion Passed: Motion to come out of Executive (Closed) Session per KRS 61.810(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property when publicity would be likely to affect the value of the property and/or KRS 61.810(1)(c) which allows for discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency with a motion by Ms. Beth Ousley and seconded by Mr. Jim Tom Trent.

Council took no action on returning from the Executive Session.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:04PM

Board of City Council
Morehead, Kentucky

Approved by City Council
on May 8, 2023
ATTEST:

Laura White-Brown, Mayor

Helen Smith, City Clerk