



CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes of Special Meeting and Caucus Meeting May 2, 2023

After pledge and invocation, Mayor Ernst called the Special Meeting to order.

The following Council Members answering roll call:

Amy Hurst	Present	Joyce Carson	Present
Sabrina Hazen	Present	Bob Pettit	Present
Darryl Ammerman	Present	Luke Price	Present

Also Present: Attorney Brandon Voelker

Mayor Sebastian Ernst called the special meeting to order explaining the purpose was to discuss the vacant council seat position and possibly appointment of a new member. There were 6 applications submitted: Neil Belcher, Joe Guy, Brenda Higgins, Norma Metcalf, Craig Owen, and Bob Pettit. All were present except Norma Metcalf, who had called to say she had a previous family commitment. Mayor Ernst turned the meeting over to Council since it was their decision. Joyce Carson was the first to comment stating she appreciated each applicant and based on their writings, they were all worthy; and she appreciated their willingness to serve. Amy Hurst echoed those comments by stating it is a very difficult decision, she felt all of them to be worthy to serve the city. She also commented that for those that may not be chosen at this time, to please consider running at the next election. Luke Price thanked each person and spoke of the next term as well. Darryl was thankful as well, and stated there was good representation in all of them and appreciated their letters of interest.

MOTION: Sabrina Hazen made a motion to appoint Craig Owen to the vacant seat. Luke Price seconded; no discussion. Luke Price-yes; Joyce Carson-no; Darryl Ammerman-no; Sabrina Hazen-yes; Amy Hurst-no.

MOTION: Amy Hurst made a motion to appoint Bob Pettit to the vacant seat. Joyce Carson seconded; no discussion. Luke Price-yes; Joyce Carson-yes; Darryl Ammerman-yes; Sabrina Hazen-yes; Amy Hurst yes. Vote carried 5-0-0.

At this juncture, City Clerk Ramona Williams administered the Oath of Office and Bob Pettit was sworn in. He then took his seat at the Council table.

Attorney Brandon Voelker did state that a Special Election would be held in the fall, with a June 6th filing deadline. Mr. Pettit would serve until that time and run for council seat in the Fall 2023. Anyone else wishing to run could also do so at that time.

There were three resolutions to pass appointing members to the Falmouth Housing Authority Board.

Resolution 5.02.23:1 A resolution appointing Steve Jenkins to the Falmouth Housing Authority Board.

MOTION: Amy Hurst made a motion to approve Resolution 5.02.23:1; seconded by Joyce Carson. All aye, motion carried 6-0-0.

Resolution 5.02.23:2 A resolution appointing Emily Reed to the Falmouth Housing Authority Board. All aye, motion carried 6-0-0

MOTION: Darryl Ammerman made a motion to approve Resolution 5.02.23:2; seconded by Luke Price. All aye, motion carried 6-0-0.

Resolution 5.02.23:3 A resolution reappointing Kim Polley to the Falmouth Housing Authority Board.

MOTION: Amy Hurst made a motion to approve Resolution 5.02.23:3; seconded by Darryl Ammerman. All aye, motion carried 6-0-0.

Mayor Ernst then announced that he was appointing Sabrina Hazen as his proxy to meet with the Housing Authority as needed in his absence. She had shown interest in the Housing Authority and had already met with Director Janet Fields and he felt it would be a good partnership.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Luke Price made a motion to adjourn the Special Called meeting, seconded by Sabrina Hazen. All aye, motion carried 6-0-0.

ORIGINAL

**CITY OF FALMOUTH
RESOLUTION 05.02.23:1**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF **STEVE JENKINS** TO THE FALMOUTH HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2027.

Be it resolved by the City of Falmouth, Kentucky:

Section 1: That the Mayor's appointment of Steve Jenkins to the Falmouth Housing Authority Board for a term ending April 30, 2027, be and hereby is approved.

Section 2: Said appointments shall be for four (4) years, beginning on May 1, 2023

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

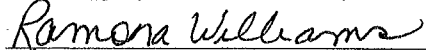
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CITY OF FALMOUTH, KENTUCKY

BY: _____


Sebastian Ernst, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ramona Williams, City Clerk

ORIGINAL

**CITY OF FALMOUTH
RESOLUTION 05.02.23:2**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF **EMILY REED** TO THE FALMOUTH HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2027.

Be it resolved by the City of Falmouth, Kentucky:

Section 1: That the Mayor's appointment of Emily Reed to the Falmouth Housing Authority Board for a term ending April 30, 2027, be and hereby is approved.

Section 2: Said appointments shall be for four (4) years, beginning on May 1, 2023.

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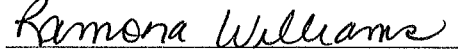
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Sebastian Ernst, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ramona Williams, City Clerk

ORIGINAL

**CITY OF FALMOUTH
RESOLUTION 05:02.23:3**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF **KIM POLLEY** TO THE FALMOUTH HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2027.

Be it resolved by the City of Falmouth, Kentucky:

Section 1: That the Mayor's reappointment of Kim Polley to the Falmouth Housing Authority Board for a term ending April 30, 2027, be and hereby is approved.

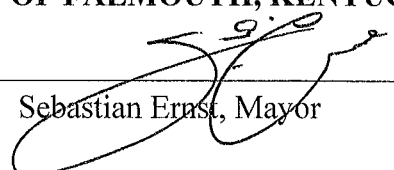
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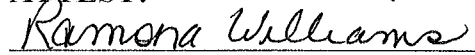
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Caucus Meeting May 2, 2023

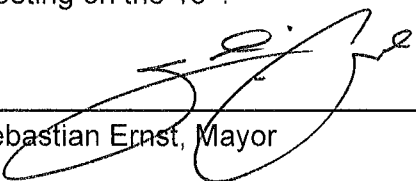
The Caucus Meeting then began with Mayor Ernst reporting they had found another engineering firm, Kentucky Engineering Group, PLLC to conduct the water survey for the potential increase to the wholesale water rates. He had met with Mark Stephens who had visited the City offices and was introduced to Dawn and Ramona for the data they would need. He said it may take about 4 weeks to compile the data and get a report prepared, then based on the results, would be submitted to the PSC for review.

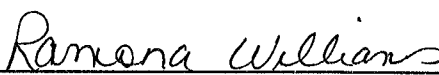
Brian Thompson was present to speak with Council members on the CRS certification in relation to the Flood Permitting Program. He had met with Clerk Williams and Mayor Ernst previously to let them know the 5-year audit would be taking place in June. This was part of the CRS aspect that must be done every 5 years. As discussed, he wanted to let Council members know it may be time to discuss getting out of the certification. Currently the real advantage is the rating Falmouth has, a 7, which only 2 other cities in the State of KY have same. It saves about 15% on the homeowner's flood insurance. However, with this comes more restrictions in addition to the existing flood permitting process and does not allow for any variances. It is intended to move people out of the flood prone areas, so those restrictions limit folks on the West end of town to do any significant repairs/remodel to their property. Removing the certification would enable them to do repairs some repairs within the flood permitting process, but not to the restrictive degree currently required. The disadvantage would be the increase to the flood insurance policies. There needs to be much more discussion on the topic before any decisions are made, he only wished to inform Council members of where things were headed. Clerk Williams also added that currently we have obtained the level 7 partially because of Brian's certification. There is testing required to be designated as certified. Once this year is over, we lose Brian's services, and would have to get someone certified, if we choose to continue the CRS program. Brian stated he is more than willing to work with and train someone if the City chooses to move in that direction. Mayor Ernst asked for everyone to think about forming a committee to look into this in the future.

A guest in the audience, Joseph Guy asked if it had ever been considered to speak with the Army Corp of Engineers to remediate the flood issues. Several council members spoke on the issue that in 1997 it was discussed, and overall it was more economical to go with the FEMA Buyout program than to build flood barriers etc.

Mayor Ernst then announced he had spoke to Brighton Center folks yesterday and they are interested in the Klee property for development. As soon as they have a site plan available, they would present to Council.

Ramona Williams said she was working on the budget and hoped to have a rough draft by the meeting on the 16th.


Sebastian Ernst, Mayor


Attest: City Clerk