There was a regular meeting of the Flemingsburg City Council Monday, June 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Annex. Council members present were Ricky Hurst, Kathy Moore, Scott Manning, Georgianna Sparks, Meredith Story, and Van Alexander. Mayor Martin L. Voiers presided.

Councilman Story led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the May 13th and May 29th meetings were presented. Councilman Manning moved to approve. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Crystal Ruark, Fleming Co. Chamber Executive Director, presented the Chamber report.

Doug Morgan, President of the KY Houndsmen Association, addressed Council concerning the proposed ban of pit bulls. Morgan was not in favor of the proposed ordinance and offered his assistance in developing a more effective way to address the issue.

The second reading of Bond Ordinance No. 6-13-1 was presented. Councilwoman Moore moved to approve. Councilman Hurst seconded the motion. A roll call was given. Council voted as follows: Hurst-yes, Moore-yes, Manning-yes, Sparks-yes, Story-yes, and Alexander-yes. Motion carried. The closing is scheduled for June 17th at 1:00 p.m.

Councilman Alexander moved to table the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 6-13-2 banning pit bulls until further study of the matter could be done. Councilman Hurst seconded the motion. Council voted as follows: Hurst-yes, Moore-yes, Manning-yes, Sparks-yes, Story-yes, and Alexander-yes. Motion carried.

Kristie Dodge, BTADD, reported that CDBG had given permission to bid on the fire department project. Rural Development has submitted paperwork to Atlanta for permission to bid and hope to receive approval within the next two weeks.

Mayor Voiers suggested that the properties known as the Cozy Nook building and Helphenstine property on East Water St. be declared surplus property. The properties were originally purchased to refurbish and be used for business purposes, but funds were not available. Councilman Story moved to declare the Cozy Nook and Helphenstine properties surplus. Councilwoman Sparks seconded the motion. Council voted as follows: Hurst-yes, Moore-yes, Manning-yes, Sparks-yes, Story-yes, and Alexander-yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Hurst moved to sale the properties through the sealed bid process and reserve the right to refuse any or all bids. Councilwoman Sparks seconded the motion. Council voted as follows: Hurst-yes, Moore-yes, Manning-yes, Sparks-yes, Story-yes, and Alexander-yes. Motion carried.

There will be a bid opening on the demolition of the old pool room building on June 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the City Annex.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was scheduled for Thursday, June 13th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor’s office.

Councilwoman Sparks reported that she was checking on what kind of tree to donate in Pete McNeil’s memory. Sparks suggested the tree be planted in the City Park playground area to provide shade.

Mayor Voiers reported that the Garden Club had planted the butterfly garden. It is approximately 100 Square Feet and located close to dam area.

City Clerk Joy Roark provided written financial reports.

Codes Enforcement Officer Ben Moran reported there was still a vacancy on the Planning Commission to represent Ewing. Mayor Wally Thomas hoped to have a replacement after the June meeting. Gary Shannon is the new chairman and Laura Mitchell is vice chair. Moran reviewed maintenance on the daycare facility. It was noted that the building had several maintenance issues due to a lack of inspections. Moran will be making frequent routine inspections of the property to keep maintenance up to date.

Police Chief Randy Sergent reported that KLC had updated their score card, which should provide some insurance savings. The next step for the department is to the die new score cord about 20 points, next step is to get accreditation.

Public Works Superintendent Dennis Masters reported on the sidewalk projects. Free pick-up week went well. It was suggested that a free pick-up week in the spring and another in the fall might work well.

Joe Dunaway, Utilities Superintendent, reported that the Waste Water Treatment plant project was going well. The survey for natural gas line extensions has been completed and ready for the finance committee to review. Dunaway suggested that it would be helpful to provide the public with a list of things to look for to prevent problems with their water, sewer, and gas system.

City Attorney Tom MacDonald reported that he would be meeting with Tommy Carpenter on annexations Wednesday, June 12th.

A special meeting of the city council was scheduled for Monday June 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the City Annex.

Councilman Hurst thanked Mr. Morgan for his presentation. Hurst stated that he voted to table the ordinance banning pit bulls because he wants to learn more and make the right decision for entire community.

Councilwoman Moore stated she wanted the best for the community as well and did not want any vicious dog regardless of the breed.

Councilwoman Sparks reported a need for trash cans at the Foxspring Ave. Park.

Councilman Story stated he would like to see our citizens voice their concerns noting that the calls and e-mails he received regarding the pit bull ban were coming from other areas, not locally. Story was glad to see the ordinance tabled for further review. Story noted a problem with balloons tied on street signs obstructing view of the sign.

Councilman Alexander commented that the new sidewalks had beautified the city. The new lights installed on Elizaville Ave. had helped, but one more is needed by bulk plant. Councilman Hurst will check on getting another light. It was also noted that a light might be needed at the corner of Paul Tranbarger’s lot. Alexander also expressed that he wanted to do the right thing for all citizens of Flemingsburg and agreed the matter needed further study. The existing ordinance needs to be enforced.

Mayor Voiers announced the July 4th celebration at the Rec. Park would be held on Saturday, June 29th. Volunteers are needed to collect money from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Councilman Story and Councilman Manning volunteered.

The mayor and council will be ‘Taking it to the Streets’ Wednesday, June 12th, in Country View Hts. starting at 6:30 p.m.

Ken Macht questioned an agreement between the Peoples Bank and the City allowing a certain area of a parking lot next to his property to be turned over to the Amish for parking. Mayor Voiers said the City does not have any control over that property, but he would speak to the bank.

There being no further business, Councilman Manning moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Councilwoman Sparks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 Martin L. Voiers, Mayor

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Joy Story Roark, City Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_