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Water wars

**City, county
districts agree
to keep taps
flowing for all**

By Carolyn Reid

FALMOUTH — A threatened crisis was averted New Year's Eve as the East Pendleton Water District and Pendleton Water District boards and the City of Falmouth came to an agreement to do another cost analysis regarding the wholesale price of water provided by the city to the two county water districts.

East Pendleton and Pendleton Water Districts, including EPWD's Joby Brewer and PCWD's Austin Monroe, met in joint session to address the ongoing dispute with the city over a price increase.

Falmouth Mayor Luke Price along with the water districts' attorney Joe Cottingham and City Attorney Brandon Voelker also attended the meeting. Price

and Voelker stated they were in the meeting to answer questions for the city.

Once the meeting was called to order by PWCD'S chair David Boden, Boden referred to the threat by the city to shut off water to the county, and to the rate study that the districts had asked the city to do.

The "threat" Boden mentioned was an ultimatum sent out by Voelker to Eastern Pendleton and Pendleton County Water Districts, sending a Grinchy feel all over the county and not a little suspicion toward the city's mayor, council and attorney.

The "threat," as the communication is referred to by the Kentucky Public Service Commission in its record, stated if the county water districts did not concede to pay the city its asking prices of \$2.92 and \$2.96 per 1,000 gallons — up from \$1.98 per 1,000 gallons — by midnight Dec. 31, 2024, the city would cut off all water to the county.

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Residents express concerns on new trailers/RVs rules

By Jim Thaxton

FALMOUTH — A number of residents addressed City Council Jan. 2 over a proposed "Regulations for Trailers/RVs in the City" ordinance.

After hearing audience concerns with the attempt to clamp down on the number of inoperable campers, trailers and RVs littering city lawns, council passed the first reading of the ordinance, but plans to tweak the language of the ordinance before the second reading at the Jan. 23 meeting.

The ordinance reads in part: "It shall be unlawful for any person(s) to establish long-term or permanent residency in any boat, automobile, camper, RV or truck within jurisdiction of the city limits, and jurisdiction of the legislative body

of Falmouth, Kentucky, for longer than 14 days.

"The outside storage of any recreational vehicle, camper, boat, mobile home or similar type equipment shall be restricted to the side or rear yard of all lots within the city limits..."

"The use of trailers, campers, RV's, mobile homes, inoperable vehicles and other such type equipment for storage is prohibited, in any zone."

Provision was made for cases in which conditions do not allow use of a rear yard, that permits can be issued for another part of the lot, excluding the front yard.

The ordinance was written by a committee of council members. The committee looked at more than a half dozen other city ordinances that addressed

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C'mon in; we're open



The Falmouth Police Department are, standing from left, Sgt. Brody Schmeing, Patrolman Jonathan Bayless, Assistant Chief Nicholas Timon, Chief Marty Hart, office manager Marilyn Belcher, Detective Sgt. Ken Hall and Patrolman Matt Campbell. Kneeling is K-9 Officer Kyle Florer with Cairo. Photo by Neil Belcher.

Reopening doors continues rebuild of police department

By Burton Cole

FALMOUTH — The grand reopening of the Falmouth Police Department to the public on Dec. 30 is part of the rebuilding strategy Chief Marty Hart laid out to re-establish public trust.

By the end of the year, he intends to have 24-7 police coverage for the city, something that has been missing for a lot of years.

Reopening the front door at 212 Main St. is the latest in rebuilding project that Chief Marty Hart began when he took over what was left of the department in March 2023.

It just makes sense, he said. "If you come to the police station, you should be able to get help."

Like many businesses and agencies, the Falmouth Police Department

closed its doors to the public in March 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but it never re-opened. Officers were still on the road — part-time — to answer calls, but no one could simply walk into the police station.

"We've wanted to rebuild the Falmouth Police Department," Hart said.

It's taken a couple of years to get there, but the front door is open. With the hiring of office manager Marilyn Belcher, the department now is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday for residents to walk in, ask for or file reports and conduct other non-emergency business.

"This has been a mutual objective between the mayor, city council and myself," Hart said. "We're all on the same page."

The department now has seven officers, including himself. By the end of the year, Hart plans to have added one more full-time officer and a part-time officer to be able to have

24-7 police protection the city.

One of the new hires will graduate from the police academy in March. The next hire will come after that, Hart said, so that there aren't more than one officer in the academy at a time.

But, Hart points out, all hires have to be "good" hires.

"We hired people with reputable backgrounds," he said. "Nobody I have working here has a criminal history."

That wasn't always the case in past years, he said.

In December, Hart graduated from the Department of Criminal Justice Executive Development Program Class 31. As part of the leadership class, he wrote a paper titled "Changing a Community's Perception: The Rebuilding of the Falmouth Police Department."

In that paper, he wrote:

"For decades, the Falmouth Police Department of Kentucky has had a less than favorable reputation.

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