

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

MAY 20, 2015 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter opened the meeting at 6:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Dave Abeln was unavailable for this meeting and Mr. Mike Hoerlein had to leave at 6:36PM.

Proposed Hospital - Farrell Drive

Mayor Hatter stated that this item for discussion has been deleted from the agenda because it was no longer something that was being proposed for that site. The cost to re-align the road from Kyles Lane onto Farrell Drive would not be cost effective for the project. St. Elizabeth was scheduled to come to tonight's meeting and address Council regarding this project, but with the information they received, it was not necessary to proceed. There was also a lot of concern from St. Charles and Fort Wright School that this type of facility would be located so close to their properties. Council stated we would like to have them in Fort Wright, but maybe in a less populated area.

Issue - 79 Kyles Lane

Barb and Pat Elfers, residents of 79 Kyles Lane, were present for the meeting to ask that the only entry and exit from their property, the alley behind their property, be plowed in the snow and maintained by the City. Mrs. Elfers stated that she feels they are paying the same amount of taxes as other residents who gets more services than they do for their tax dollars. The only place they have to park is in their driveway, which is located off of the alley. Mayor Hatter stated that we have this situation on other private streets in the City that are not in compliance with standard street regulations. This would cause a problem in that everyone that lived on these streets would want the same service.

Mr. McMurtry advised that he would have to look at the legality of this situation. It was suggested that the residents that use this alley could get together and discuss what it would take to make this alleyway into a legal street. We will check into this and keep in touch as to what Mr. McMurtry can find out.

Mrs. Elfers also questioned when the dead trees that belong to the State next to her home might be taken down. Mr. Maloney stated that some have already been cut down and will contact the State to see what is on their schedule.

Issue – 19 West Crittenden

George and Susanne Bodine at 19 West Crittenden Avenue sent an email and photos of their complaint regarding their side yard, which is on Rosa Avenue at the above address. People are parking over in the right-of-way grass and ditches are forming because of the wet ground and tires sinking into it. He also sent a picture of the drain in his yard that is covered with leaves and debris that collects on the drain not allowing proper drainage. Mr. Bodine stated that he would like a curb to be built so that proper drainage would occur and keep the water from collecting in his yard.

Curbs are only added to a street when a street is replaced. The Police can watch out for cars parking over in the grass area and cite them for it. Sewer grates are cleaned by the City periodically.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney stated that there is a resident on Rivard Drive that has put large boulders in his front yard grass line to keep vehicles from driving over in his yard. A letter was sent

asking him to move these boulders back farther in his yard to prevent damage and he has refused. Mayor Hatter advised Mr. McMurtry to research this and get back to Council to determine if this is a safety issue. The boulders will be left in place for now until we have more information.

Issue – 1607 East Henry Clay Avenue

The city has had contact with the owner of the property, Alex Edmondson, and there has been more progress recently on this site. Mr. Edmondson was advised that the outside of the property has to be maintained and the entry points secure. He is complying at this time.

Fort Wright Clean Up Day

Mr. Averdick stated that the day was a success and he would like to talk about cleaning up Fort Wright on a regular basis. Mr. Maloney stated that maybe we could add extra funds in the upcoming budget to get this done and he suggested maybe every other month. It was decided to amend the budget to have Shakey do this service on a regular basis. There were suggestions from Council to hire BAWAC employees, get jail personnel again and hire off duty part-time police officers to monitor them when out on the roads. Stray shopping carts at the bus stop on Valley Plaza Parkway from Wal-Mart was also discussed as a nuisance. There will be an Ordinance at the next meeting regarding these shopping carts.

Kyles and Dixie

Mr. Lusby owner of the BP station on Dixie Highway has settled with the State on their disagreement and the project in that area will move on as scheduled and hopefully finished up this summer.

Mr. Charlie Goettsch of 1860 Dixie Highway called regarding the Deupree property at 1850 Dixie Highway that has recently been listed to sell. Mr. Goettsch stated that he would be interested in buying this property to rehab. He would like to secure this property so no one else could buy it and build multiple houses on this site. He questioned whether the City would be willing to acquire an easement across Volunteer Park. Mr. Huff invited Mr. Goettsch to a future meeting with Council to discuss this plan.

Mr. Maloney stated that he should have the 5 Year Street Plan available at the next Caucus meeting in June.

Mr. Wall advised Council that he has gotten complaints on the McFadden property at 561 Beaumont Ct. This property has been vacant for quite some time and it getting very rundown, Mayor Hatter advised Mr. Maloney, Mr. Huff and Chief Kreinest to check out this property and report back on the condition.

Memorial Day ceremony is on May 25th at 10AM, here at the memorial and Mr. Bob Wartman will be this year's speaker.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wall to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Wall, Wessels and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk