

## **CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2015 – 6:00PM**

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

### Cleanup Earth Day

Mr. Wessels wanted this on the agenda to discuss the trash situation around the City. He and Mr. Averdick have discussed this and would like to know what Public Works Director Tim Maloney and his department are responsible for. Some of the suggestions from Mr. Wessels were to hire a couple of part-time employees to either pick up trash or supervise the inmates from the Kenton County Jail if we are able to get them back. Also check to see if we could co-ordinate students from Notre Dame and Covington Catholic to volunteer for their service hours. Margie Witt sent Mr. Wessels an email regarding trying to set up something for Earth Day in April to get residents and businesses to volunteer for a cleanup project. Mayor Hatter stated that he is in favor of a cleanup day, but would have to be on a weekend day to get enough volunteers to help. There would also be a question of liability if someone was to get hurt while volunteering. Mr. Feinauer suggested an Adopt-A-Highway Program.

Mayor Hatter suggested that the Community Preservation Committee meet with Margie Witt and try to have an ongoing program with volunteers.

Mr. Wessels attended a meeting at OKI and reported on the Kyles and Dixie intersection project. This project was funded in 2008 with CMAC funds, and Rob Hans from the Highway Department stated that this project is still on schedule, but there is one property owner that is fighting the eminent domain. Mr. McMurtry explained how this would work if it goes to court. Hopefully construction would start this summer and be completed by the beginning of the school year. Mr. Wessels stated that we should work with other cities to take advantage of any funds that were available for projects.

### Revised Site Plan drawings from GBC Design Inc. For Chick-Fil-A

Mayor Hatter stated that he doesn't have much to add regarding the revised site plan for Chick-fil-A with Tim and Gary absent from tonight's meeting. He advised Council if there are any concerns, they should send them to Tim and copy to him. Regardless of Frisch's concerns have Chick-Fil-A move forward and try to talk to Frisch's about a plan.

### Ethics Board Opening

There are two openings on the Ethics Board and Mayor Hatter has talked to Don Martin Jr. regarding filling one of the openings. If Council has any residents that they think might be interested in sitting on this Board, please contact Mayor Hatter. KLC has a Certified City of Ethics Program and will look into this and report back.

### East Henry Clay Update

Mayor Hatter advised that he had a conversation with Mr. Huff, Mr. Maloney and City Engineer Mark Brueggemann regarding stripeing lanes on East Henry Clay. This was one of the suggestions from the residents in this area, and they advised they will get more information and report to Council. Mr. Wall

advised he had spoken to Larry Klein, City Manager for Covington, regarding what or if anything could be done at the end of East Henry Clay where the Street turns into Covington. Mr. Klein stated that he would contact their City Engineer and get back with Mr. Wall. There will be some minor changes with signage erected throughout this area.

#### Fort Wright SharePoint Update

Mayor Hatter stated that he is working on this program. He hopes to use this as a tool to be effective for the City and to be integrated together with all city departments and Council. We should have more information on this by the next Caucus Meeting.

#### Legislative Update

KLC and Northern Kentucky Chamber are watching what is be discussed and voted on in this session. If we think we need to take formal action on any specific issues we will contact them. Northern Kentucky will not have much impact on things that are being discussed. Mayor Hatter encourages anyone to be active and send emails to our representatives if they would like to be heard.

#### Website Re-vamp

Get Website Committee together and reformulate the website, maybe splitting business and resident information Mayor Hatter advised he does not have a formula in mind, but he thinks the website could be more informative. He would like to make maintenance easier to get information and updates out on the website faster.

#### Rules for Distributing Coupons

Mayor Hatter advised Mr. McMurtry to research the flyers and other information distributed to households in the City, if these are allowed to be thrown in the driveways of hung on mailboxes or doors. There have been complaints from residents that if a home is vacant, that these collect on driveways and are a nuisance.

#### CDS/CT Project Update

We have no information on this item.

#### NKADD Data Review

Mayor Hatter showed a power point survey that he has been working on from NKADD. And spoke to Andy Baker from NKADD, in depth regarding using this survey as a marketing tool to distribute to residents and businesses that are comparing information from other surrounding cities to locate in Fort Wright.

The meeting closed at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk