

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

MARCH 18, 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. Scott Wall, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Joe Averdick and Mr. Dave Abeln. 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. Mike Hoerlein was unavailable for this meeting.

Sidewalk Grant

City Engineer Mark Brueggemann was present for this meeting to discuss restructuring the sidewalks on Highland Pike, from before the previous parking area at the Nature Center leading down toward Wal-Mart. It has been suggested that we apply for one of the federal grants available through O.K.I. funding. Since these are federal grants, there are federal regulations that are attached to this money. These grants are available now for years 2017-2019 with a minimum match of 20%, and also additional costs attached to these funds. Mr. Maloney stated that the Amsterdam Road project is a much larger project and a better choice to apply for this money. The application for this block of money is due on April 24, 2015, and would not give us enough time to research and plan sufficiently in this amount of time. Discussion followed. Council thinks it would be better if we take our time and submit both projects for next year.

Guardian Angel – Timeline

The invitations have been sent out for the dedication of the statue to be placed in the garden on City property. This will take place on March 28, 2015 at 2:00PM. Two foreman that work for the artist, Greg Wyatt, will be here in Fort Wright on March 23rd to deliver the statue and work with the public works department to ready this area for placement of the memorial. TANK buses will shuttle attendees from Community of Faith Church parking lot because the parking is so limited. There will be coffee, water and cookies available for the guests after the ceremony. The Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 25th to finalize plans.

Cleanup Fort Wright Day

Margie Witt is organizing this project and signup to volunteer is ongoing. Shirts will be given to volunteers on the day of the event, April 18th. There will be more information available as we get closer to the day.

75 Year Anniversary of the City

Joe Nienaber Jr. will be in charge of the planning committee for this event with more information at a later date.

Ethics Board Positions

Mayor Hatter stated that we have two opening on the Ethics Board and Joe Nienaber Jr. and Don Martin Jr. will be appointed.

Legislative Updates

There are issues pending in Frankfort at the Legislative Session that is going on at this time. We should all follow the discussions and action taken on these bills as some are very important to our city. If you have an opinion, please contact our Representatives and give your opinion on their vote.

Snow Removal – sidewalks

The City has an Ordinance on snow and ice removal from sidewalks of property owners in the City. This is a very hard ordinance to enforce. It was decided to take this Ordinance off the books at a future Council Meeting.

Ordinance 4-15

This will be on the agenda at a future meeting. This concerns amending the delinquent tax collection procedures in chapter 37.02 of the municipal code.

Communication Policy

Mayor Hatter advised that Chief Kreinest sends out all communication through emails to residents and others who have signed up for this information through the website. It was stated that breaking this information down by departments that it affects might be a better way to go. There is a website called www.constantcontact.com that might be a tool to use for this kind of information. The cost is \$35.00 per month and could be very useful for our City. Mayor Hatter stated that he would come back with a formalized plan.

East Henry Clay

Mr. Wall stated that he spoke with Mr. Klein of Covington and he might be receptive of the closing of East Henry Clay Avenue at the bottom, if Fort Wright would take over maintenance of that portion of the street. Discussion followed and Mayor Hatter stated that he is not in favor of closing the street, and we have done about all we are willing to do for that section of Fort Wright. Anything that is done will cause controversy and will not make everyone happy. We will get input from Mr. Hoerlein when he is present at a meeting, since he lives on this street.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wessels to adjourn to Executive Session per KRS 61.810, paragraphs (b), (c), (g) and (i), to discussion personnel and Economic Development issues. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn Executive Session and return to the Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn the Caucus meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk