

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter (on Skype) opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Bernie Wessels, and Mr. Scott Wall. Also in attendance 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. Joe Averdick was unavailable for this meeting.

Mr. John Geisen from Izzy's Restaurant was present at the meeting to talk to Council regarding his new lighting on the restaurant on Highland Pike in Fort Wright. Mr. Geisen stated that he is trying to get his building noticed because it is on a very dark lot. The lighting is LED, but looks like neon lighting which is not permitted, he was told to turn lights off or take them down. Mr. Geisen is trying to persuade Fort Wright to allow him to turn these lights back on with permission. Items were read from the design guidelines pertaining to these lights for discussion.

Mr. McMurtry stated that per the guidelines neon is not allowed according to the development agreement. He stated that he would have to research the Stage 1 and 2 agreement to better understand how this affects the business. Mayor Hatter suggested talking to PDS to change the interpretation and try to work it out without breaching contract, if Council agrees to that.

Mr. Maloney suggested that the City apply for a text amendment to change the rules for everyone, not just one business. We need to come back with a recommendation on how to get this done with new zoning text to be fair to everyone, but not allow the City to breach the other guidelines. By the next meeting we will work with Mr. McMurtry to have an interpretation.

Mr. Geisen thanked Council for their time.

City Picnic

The City Picnic will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 1-6:00PM at Battery Hooper Park. Mr. Hoerlein who is getting this event together, would like to have at least 1 bounce house for the smaller kids. Mr. Roger Schroeder generously agreed to pay for renting the bounce houses with the cost being \$300.00 to \$500.00. Barone's will cater the event with grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, side dishes and drinks. There will be bingo with cash prizes. Mr. Maloney will order the Port-O-Lets and hand washing station.

Mr. Huff reported that Middendorf Funeral Home, Walt's Hitching Post and D&J Automotive donated a total of \$2500.00 to purchase body cameras for the Police Department. Mr. Wessels stated that he would chip in the balance for this purchase.

East Henry Clay

Mr. Hoerlein stated that he recalled at a previous meeting that the City would put in a double striped yellow line on East Henry Clay Avenue. It was decided that staff work with the City Engineer on the best way to handle this project and come back with a recommendation for this street.

Signage on Kyles Lane Overpass

Some cities have elaborate signage to advertise their City. Mayor Hatter thinks we could come up with something that would not cost a fortune to do. It was suggested to have Mr. Maloney talk to Rob Hans, from the highway department to get his opinion and direction on what would be allowed and would work. Mr. Wessels would still like to pursue an entry sign for the City.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk