

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 1, 2015 - 6:00PM

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

Ms. Jeannine Kreinbrink and Ms. Kathleen Romero from the Museum Board were in attendance to give their report on the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum. They reported that visitors and memberships were steady, there were multiple school tours visiting and things were going well. The Blue and Grey Dinner that was held at Twin Oaks in April was a big success. Thanks to all that donated as sponsors and donors for the silent auction and also attended the dinner. Battery Hooper Days 2015 is scheduled for August 15th and 16th at the Museum, St. Elizabeth Hospital has donated \$1,000.00 for their setup of a civil war hospital display.

In attendance at the meeting were Randy and Becky Donahue from the Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable Society, presenting a check to the museum in the amount of \$1449.00 for two interpretive signs for Battery Hooper. Thanks to them for their generous donation.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Abeln to approve the minutes of the 06/03/15 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Abeln, Hoerlein and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Abeln to approve the minutes of the 06/17/15 Caucus Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Abeln, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 06/17/15 Municipal Road Aid Meeting. Feinauer, Wall, Hoerlein and Abeln voting in favor, Averdick abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading Ordinance 11-2015 – Regulation of Shopping Carts

There is an updated version of this Ordinance with minor language changes under the definition of CART. This was changed to any rolling container, from rolling or non-rolling container. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Abeln to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Abeln, Hoerlein, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mayor Hatter stated that he hopes this problem takes care of itself.

Resolution 05-15 – Renewal of the Cable Television Franchise Presently Held by Insight Kentucky Partners, II, L.P.

We received a copy of this Resolution from TBNK who negotiates the Franchise Agreements with Insight. Mr. Tom Litzler, who is our representative, was unable to attend the meeting tonight to answer

questions. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Hoerlein, Averdick and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 13-15 – An Executive Order Appointing Bradley Ryan Keller as a Police Officer for the City of Fort Wright

Captain Schworer reported that Mr. Keller had previously worked for Loveland Police for ten years, and wanted to try the private sector and didn't like that, and in addition his family moved to Northern Kentucky, and he will begin work on July 5, 2015. He seems like a good fit and passed all background checks and testing. Mr. McMurtry read this Executive Order. Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Averdick, Wall, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 14-15 – Employee Salary Adjustment for 2015-2016

Discussion followed on this Executive Order. It was suggested that this item be tabled to give Mayor Hatter, Mr. Huff and the Finance Committee a chance to further discuss this item and bring it back to a special meeting before the next caucus meeting. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to table this item for further discussion. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Feinauer, Hoerlein, Wall and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 02-15 – Adopting the Revisions to the Police Department Policies, Job Descriptions, Rules and Regulations

Mr. McMurtry looked at the policies and stated that from a legal standpoint everything was in order, but should investigate it further, and do an internal audit to add a newer version of the Police Officers Bill of Rights. Mr. McMurtry read this Municipal Order in summary. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Hoerlein, Averdick and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Request a Motion to allow the Mayor to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the NKADD Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

NKADD is coordinating a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for all counties in the NKADD District. They are trying to identify areas that are potentially floodplain properties that can be mitigated to find something that can be done to stop them from flooding, or the possibility of the federal government purchasing the properties to get rid of the exposure. Two members of the City staff are requested to attend these meetings to potentially see a reduction in our residents flood insurance. This would require attending 4 or 5 meetings by staff. Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Feinauer, Wall, Averdick and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

City offices will be closed on July 3, 2015 in observance of Independence Day.

Battery Hooper Days at the James A. Ramage Museum will be August 15th and 16th.

Citywide Picnic in September at Battery Hooper Park, date to be announced soon.

Department Reports

Police Captain Marc Schworer reported new Officer Brad Keller will be starting on July 5th. Ken Holstein will be leaving us to join the Campbell County Sheriff Department. Ken did a great job in Fort Wright.

Mr. Huff reported that the crews started on Beaumont County today and there will be a little inconvenience for the residents while work is being done but they will have a beautiful street. Hopefully they will be done, weather permitting, by the end of summer.

Mr. McMurtry reported that Kentucky Retirement will appeal the ruling of the Judge and could take up to 18 months.

Successful foreclosure on residence on Marcella Drive that was vacant for over 40 years. One of the heirs of the property hired an attorney and advised she was not notified, but had signed all of the notices by certified mail.

Mr. Hatter is trying to set up a meeting with the Kentucky Department of Transportation and Rob Hans to discuss the intersection of Dixie Highway and Kyles Lane, and get information on their future plan.

Mr. Averdick reported that Judge Ray Lape was placed in Hospice today. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Mr. Feinauer reported that he had sent out the Community Preservation project list. Last night he attended a meeting at PDS Council meeting, the budget was voted on and passed, and will be hiring 2 more inspectors.

Prayers to the Todtenbier Family on the passing of Betty Todtenbier.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk