

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 04, 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. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, 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 Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Joe Averdick and Mr. Mike Hoerlein were unavailable for this meeting.

Citizen Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the 10/07/15 Council Meeting were tabled due to lack of a quorum.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 10/21/15 Caucus Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Wall, Wessels and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Tyson Hermes from the City of Erlanger was present at the meeting to address Council regarding an issue with SD1. He wanted to have an open conversation about the Interlocal Agreement that SD1 wanted all the cities to sign regarding laterals and responsibility. They would like to have SD1 be responsible at the right-of-way line, and that way it would be the same for all property owners in all three counties. Erlanger had paid a substantial amount of money when SD1 took over the sewer lines for these repairs, and now they are saying they are not responsible for those lateral lines. SD1 is saying they are not going to fix these lines unless there is a master and Interlocal agreement signed that deals with repairing these pipes. If signed, SD1 will be responsible for repairs, but the cities are responsible for repairing or replacing the sidewalk pavement. He has no problem with that, but there is a lot of the agreement that is very one sided. SD1 can be released from the contract at any time and other items in their favor. Erlanger Council will probably sign the agreement and work with other cities to get support and work together to get SD1 to modify the agreement. Discussion followed. City Attorney Todd McMurtry has a copy of the agreement and is looking at it. Mayor Hatter has major concerns with the agreement and does not want to sign it as presented.

This will be put on the agenda for discussion at the Caucus meeting on 11/18/15.

Resolution 14-15 - 1850 Dixie – Charlie Goettsch

Mr. Goettsch, owner of property at 1850 Dixie Highway submitted a site plan to Council when he purchased this property and it was approved by Council. He would like to make other changes to the site plan which needs Council approval. He has a buyer under contract for this property, Rich Maile, a builder that would like to add one more house to this site than was originally planned. His contract states that he would buy the property, refurbish the existing Deupree house, if feasible and build three new properties and maintain the right-of-way. Rich Maile was present at the meeting and had drawings for the site. Discussion followed. Mr. McMurtry read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement, as read by Attorney McMurtry, approving plat

granting 50 foot right-of-way and an access easement through trolley line parcel. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 12-15 – A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Issuance of Industrial Building Revenue Bonds

This item was discussed in detail at the previous Caucus meeting. Since Mr. Hoerlein has come to the meeting so a quorum is now present, we can now vote on this issue. Mr. McMurtry read this Resolution in summary. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Abeln to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Abeln Wall and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Wessels had recused himself from this discussion and vote.

2016 Employee Health Insurance

Mr. Huff stated that this is the time of year that we renew our employee's health insurance. We have received quotes from our Broker, Sherrill Morgan Agency, and the proposed increase, if we stay with United Healthcare is 14.49%. The past several years the City has agreed to pick up the first 5% of the increase and the employee the balance. With the increase this year substantially higher, Council has indicated that the City would pick up the first 10% and the employee the balance of 4.49%. The Health Savings account plan would still be at zero contribution from the employee. Also two other plans would be added for employee choice with a 5% increase. These two plans would have a few higher co-pays and no out of network coverage. With the raises in July of 2%, most employees would be out of pocket with the cost of the plans. This would also keep us out of Obamacare for another year. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the City picking up 10% of the increase of 14.49% for Health Insurance renewal for employees. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Wessels and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 17-15 – Appointing Jason Millay as a Police Officer for the City of Fort Wright

Jason was a Police Officer in Lexington, Kentucky, a Veteran, and was in the U.S. Army, has a Bachelor Degree and passed all testing with flying colors. Him and his wife are originally from this area and wanted to return. Mr. Millay will be a great addition to our staff. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Abeln to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Abeln, Wessels and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading – Ordinance 14-15 – Amending the 2014/2015 Budget

Legal fees line item in Administration will have to be amended to cover the cost of aggressively collecting back taxes and going after nuisance properties.

Plant line item needed to be raised

Fire Department line item needed to be changed for Grant received for equipment and funds spent. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary.

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

Resolution 13-15 – Declaring Surplus Property

Mr. McMurtry read this Resolution. This surplus is all from the Police Department. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Wessels and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Council Meeting Dates for 2016

In the packet is a listing of all the meeting dates for the year of 2016. Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Feinauer, Wall and Wessels voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments Received

Mayor Hatter read the emails and notes received regarding Police, Public Works and Fire Departments in the last month.

Administrator's Report

Reminded everyone of the Senior Lunch at South Hills Civic Club on 11/12/15 at noon. City offices closed on 11/26 and 11/27/2015 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reminded everyone this is the time of year for burglaries. Do not leave valuables in plain sight in vehicles.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney stated that the Beaumont Street Project is complete and barrels will be removed and restoration will be done. The contractor will be back in the spring to finish restoration.

Attorney Todd McMurtry reported on the lawsuit against Kentucky Retirement System, in progress.

The nuisance property at 444 Fort Henry referred to Master Commissioner and should be for sale in the next 60 to 90 days.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk