

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 04, 2015 – 6:00PM

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

Approval of Minutes

01/07/15 – Council Meeting

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 01/07/15 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

01/21/15 – Caucus Meeting

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 01/21/15 Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading Ordinance 01-15 – Stage I Development Plan – GBC Design – Chick-Fil-A

This item was tabled until the March meeting.

Second Reading Ordinance 02-15 – Kenton County Planning Commission Text Amendment

Mr. Winslow read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln, Hoerlein, Wall, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This Ordinance amends terminology within the jurisdiction's zoning ordinance.

New Business

Review the exterior elevation for the Proposed Remodeling of Arby's on Madison Pike

Mr. Bob Wendel, Architect for Restaurant Management, owner of Arby's Restaurant was present and stated that the elevation were submitted to the corporate offices and have been approved there. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

CT Consultants 2015 Professional Service Fee

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Feinauer to accept the proposed fee schedule presented by CDS Associate/CT Consultants for 2015. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

City of Fort Wright Five-Year Street Program Update Proposed for CT Consultants

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wall to approve the proposed Five-Year Street Program presented by CDS Associate/CT Consultants at the total estimate project fee of \$8500.00. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading Ordinance 03-15 – Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Wright

Mr. Winslow read this Ordinance in summary. This Ordinance updates our 2014 supplement through American Legal Publishing Corporation of Cincinnati.

Executive Order 04-15 – Appointing Councilman Mike Hoerlein to the Finance Committee

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 05-15 – Appointing Joe Nienaber Sr. to a four year term on the Fort Wright Board of Adjustment

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Wall to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive 06-15 – Appointing Gene Weber to a four year term on the Fort Wright Board of Adjustment

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 02-15 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the Collection of Municipal Fees and Taxes

Mr. Winslow read this Resolution in summary. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Abeln to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This allows Ryland Heights to join this Interlocal Agreement.

Resolution 03-15 – Declaring Surplus Property

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Discussion Item – Brent Spence Bridge

Mayor Hatter stated that there comments in the newspaper from Ohio Governor Kasich and Kentucky Governor Beshear regarding that there could be potential changes to the Kyles Lane interchange. Mayor Hatter sent an email to KDOT and was told they are still on Plan I, which is on their website. Any changes to that intersection impacts our residents and also Park Hills, Fort Mitchell and surrounding cities. Keep an eye on anything that you hear and share with Council to make our opinions known. Mr. Maloney stated he received an email from Mike Bezold, that there are still changes and decisions that have not been made and no final plan.

Mayor Hatter informed Council that on Saturday, February 7th from 9:30 until noon at the Ralph Rush Development Center at Florence Elementary School. There is a Legislative Forum with an open forum to ask questions or address concerns and meet the State Representatives.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff reported that the Blue and Grey Dinner is on April 23, 2015 at Twin Oaks Plantation Club, cost is \$45.00 per person and the Museum's biggest fundraiser of the year.

2015-2016 Budget will be started soon. Department Heads have the paperwork to work on and the Finance Committee will be meeting in early March. We would like to have it completed and a May and June time frame for approval to begin on July 1, 2015.

Mayor Hatter stated that we get a report each year from NKADD with statistics and data that we can compare our city with surrounding cities, on employment benefits offered, tax rates, residents etc. This is a report that we can use for marketing of businesses that might be interested in locating in the City. Mr. Huff and Mayor Hatter have gone through this data extensively and see where we stand financially. Not all of the other cities participate in this survey, but enough do so we can get a good idea of where we stand.

Department Reports

Police chief Dan Kreinest reported that the monthly reports were distributed, fairly quiet month.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that it has been a rough month for equipment, with repairs being done on different vehicles.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney stated that we have been dodging bullets with the amount of snowfall that we have had. Public Works have been cleaning and painting the decorative street signs. Doing prep work for the monument and working on items that the police department needs for their accreditation process.

Mr. Averdick asked what is the timeframe for a business to have a temporary sign. Mr. Huff believes the sign at Fort Wright Beverage has been issued a permanent sign and stated that they will get a copy of the permit.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that some of the delinquent taxes have been coming in.

Condolences to the Romero Family on the passing of San Juan, he was a member of our Ethics Board.

Mr. Hoerlein advised he had positive responses from residents on the emails that Chief Kreinest sends out regarding burglaries, arrests, location of sex offenders in Fort Wright etc.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Averdick to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk