

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter opened the meeting at 6:00PM 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 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. Dave Abeln was unavailable for this meeting and Mr. Scott Wall left the meeting at 6:21PM.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 03/03/15 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 03/18/15 Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

State Senator Chris McDaniel – Update of Past Legislative Session

Senator McDaniel thanked everyone for inviting him to the meeting and stated it was a very productive recent session. Senator McDaniel went thru the Senate and House Bills and gave a description of them and explained that not all of the bills apply to this part of the State. Council thanked the Senator for coming to the meeting and keeping us informed and his good work and stance on the bridge tolls.

Executive Order 07-15 – Appoint Frank Henn to the Kenton County Code Enforcement Board as a Representative for the City of Fort Wright

Mr. McMurtry read this Executive Order in summary. One correction made on the Executive Order the appointment was for three (3) years, from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2018. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Purchase of Police Cruiser

Mr. Huff stated that a few months ago one of our police cruisers was hit and totaled by the Insurance Co. What is being proposed is Council authorizing a new Charger from next year's CIP, which is going in to next year's budget, where 2 vehicles were authorized. The proposal is to buy one this year, to replace the totaled vehicle, and buy only 1 next year. There will be an amendment to the budget for this purchase.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hoerlein to authorize the purchase of one vehicle this year. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Hoerlein, Feinauer and Wessels voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 09-15 – Appoint Don Martin Jr. to the Fort Wright Board of Ethics

Mr. McMurtry read this Executive Order. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 10-15 – Appoint Joe Nienaber Jr. to the Fort Wright Board of Ethics

Mr. McMurtry read this Executive Order. Mr. Averdick questioned if Mr. Nienaber could hold two offices as a Kenton County Commissioner and also on our Board of Ethics. Mr. McMurtry will do more research on this item and we will table this vote until we are sure of the rules.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to table this issue until a future meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading Ordinance 06-15 – Amending 35.11 of the Fort Wright Code of Ordinances to Establish Positions and Pay Levels for Members of the Fort Wright Police Department

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance. Mayor Hatter explained that the department needs to have upper mobility and opportunities for the employees to advance.

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

Award of Bid for Reconstruction of Beaumont Court

Bids were opened on March 19, 2015 for the reconstruction of Beaumont Court to start in July, 2015. The lowest and approved bid was awarded to JPS Construction, Inc. at the total amount of \$443,247.50. This company has done many projects for the City and has always done exceptional work.

Motion by Hoerlein, second by Mr. Wessels to award the project to JPS Construction Inc. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Wessels, Feinauer and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading - Ordinance 04-15 – An Ordinance Amending the Delinquent Tax Collection Procedures

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. This is a minor change amending the delinquent tax collection procedures in Chapter 37.02 of the Municipal Code.

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

First Reading – Ordinance 05-15 – An Ordinance Repealing 91.33 of the Fort Wright Code of Ordinances Requiring Adjacent Property Owners to keep Sidewalks Free and Clear of Snow and Ice

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. There are no resources to enforce this Ordinance.

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

Mr. Hoerlein advised he also had some new business to bring forth. He advised he had been in California for a vacation and advised Council of the tolls that he encountered on his trip. He spoke to Mr. Abeln and he drafted a Resolution co-sponsored by Mr. Wall, which Mr. Hoerlein presented to Council. This would state that all non-residents would pay as low as \$1.00 toll at all entrances and exits of exit 189 at Kyles Lane for the dual purpose of helping the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet reduce traffic on I-75 and increasing the revenue of the City of Fort Wright. Happy April Fool's Day!!!!!!!!!!!!

Administrator's Report

Mr. Huff advised on April 18th from 8AM-Noon is Fort Wright Cleanup Day. Meet at the City Building and lunch served at Fort Wright Civic Club at noon. Anyone interested can sign up on the website.

Also on April 23rd at Twin Oaks Golf Plantation, the Museum will hold their annual fundraising dinner at 6PM, everyone welcome.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that the Police Department has been re-accredited for the next five years. Thanks to everyone who helped get this important task done.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reminded everyone of the Mulch Sale Fundraiser sponsored by the Fire Department Board. Orders will be taken until April 15th and mulch delivered on April 25th. Thanks to all who participate.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that his department had been busy working on the site for the Fallen Soldier Memorial ceremony, which was a great event. Mayor Hatter thanked the Public Works Department for all the hard work done for the Memorial which included a lot of last minute work and details. Mr. Wall was very instrumental in contacting the sculptor and getting this project done.

Pot holes are being filled throughout the City. The Garden Club will again conduct the Plant Swap and Sale on Friday evening, April 24th and Saturday morning, April 25th.

Mr. McMurtry reported nothing new going on. He explained where we were in the lawsuit with Kentucky Retirement and are waiting for the Court to rule.

Mayor Hatter recognized the Fort Wright Fire Department and EMS members who responded in Park Hills to a very serious injury call along with Park Hills Fire Department. A letter was received from Park Hills Fire Chief who commended the members for their life saving response.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, 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