

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

01-06-16 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer. 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 Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Bernie Wessels was unavailable for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Abeln to approve the minutes of the 12/02/15 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Abeln, Hoerlein and Feinauer voting in favor, Averdick abstained. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 12/16/15 Caucus Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Abeln, Averdick and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Introduction of the New Sergeants in the Police Department

Chief Kreinest explained the competitive process of the testing and interview process that these men went through. There were four officers who completed the process and the two top candidates were George Kreutzjans and Jonathan Colwell. These promotions will be effective on December 20, 2015. Both are excellent employees and we are glad to have them work for the City of Fort Wright. Both Sergeants thanked Council for the opportunity.

New Business

Resolution 03-16 – Resolution Affirming the Mayor’s grant of Job Development Incentives to VonLehman & Company

This item will be tabled until the February meeting to work out a glitch in the Resolution.

Audit

Jim Sparrow, a CPA with Rankin and Rankin, addressed Council regarding the recently completed audit of the city. Mr. Sparrow stated that he had met with the Finance Committee previously to go over the audit report. Everything went well and the City is in healthy financial shape at this time.

Proposed Text Amendment to add an Institutional Zone to the Fort Wright Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Huff stated that the City is proposing adding an Institutional Zone which will primary be used by St. Agnes Church and School. Currently they are in two residential zones which makes the church and school a conditional use. This would make both a principle permitted use. Staff would like permission to submit this application to KCPC and to make sure the signs are permitted and the setbacks are correct. St. Agnes agreed to pay the fees to have this done.

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein second by Mr. Abeln to submit an application for a Text Amendment for an Institutional Zone. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Abeln, Averdick, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 01-16 – Resolution Opposing the Proposed Kenton County Planning Commission Fee Increase

Mayor and Council has opposition to an increase in these fees. Every property, vehicle, boat etc. pays to PDS/KCPC a fee on the bills that Fort Wright residents are paying. Their fees are already costly and with this increase will be over the top and possibly will bring no new development to Fort Wright. Discussion followed. Mr. McMurtry read the Resolution. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Feinauer, Abeln, Hoerlein and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 02-16 – Resolution retaining the Law Firm of Freund, Freeze & Arnold to seek a declaration of Sewer Lateral Repair Policy

Mr. McMurtry stated that Mayor Hermes of Erlanger addressed Council regarding his desire to gain clarification with the SD1 with regards to the sewer lateral program. Mr. McMurtry explained the history of this program as SD1 has changed their policies. He brought to us an opportunity to join in the lawsuit for declaratory judgement by the courts put in place by Erlanger. Mr. McMurtry read this Resolution. There will be a cap of \$1500.00 cost to the City for Step 1 of this lawsuit. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to authorize the Mayor to join in the lawsuit with other cities to seek a judgement for SD1's sewer lateral policy. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Hoerlein, Averdick, and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 04-16 – Resolution supporting application for Assistance to Firefighter's Grant from FEMA

Chief Schewe advised that this is the same grant that we received for the purchase of the SCBA's and other items, this is a matching grant and it looks like it would be a 5% match. If we could get this grant it would be a huge benefit to our City for what we would get from it. Mr. McMurtry read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Averdick, Wall, Abeln and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Appointment of Councilman Adam Feinauer as the 2016 Representative to the Planning and Development Services Council and Mayor Dave Hatter as the Alternate

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

Approval of the 2016 Professional Service Fees for CT Consultants Engineers

Mayor Hatter stated that this is a very competent company and Mark Brueggemann has been servicing Fort Wright as our City Engineer for many years. There is no raise in the fees for this year. Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Feinauer, Averdick, Wall and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Fort Wright 2016 Street Program Proposed

The 2016 Fort Wright Street Program consists of three streets to be redone, they are

1. Wolfzorn Court – 510 feet of roadway and sidewalks, cost \$180,000.00
2. Oak Hill CT. - 300 feet of roadway and sidewalks cost \$100,000.00
3. Beacon Hill - 1120 feet of roadway – cost \$300,000.00

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hoerlein to accept the proposal for the 2016 Street Program. Roll call taken, Averdick, Hoerlein, Wall, Feinauer and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Maloney stated that there are two islands in the cul-de-sacs that he recommends that we remove these when the street is done. Discussion followed. It was decided by Council that there are many factors as a reason to get rid of them. Check with Mark Brueggemann on his opinion. Mr. Maloney stated that he could poll the residents around the cul-de-sac to get their opinion, and advise them the City will not pay for materials for this area.

Mayor Hatter read a letter received from State Representative Diane St. Onge regarding what is included in the current Legislative Session.

Mayor Hatter would like to have a special meeting at 6PM on February 17th, before the regular caucus meeting with a defined agenda. Meeting for discussion or vote on issues that may concern the City.

Mayor Hatter read two notes from residents complimenting the fire department on their service.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff reported that the Ramage Museum is closed for the winter season and will re-open in the spring. Auto Zone on Madison Pike is under construction. The slide on Park Road has been causing problems and we are working with the Transportation Department to solve this situation.

There is a meeting with Chick-Fil-A and Frisch's to work out the final arrangement with Frisch's. Everything is worked out except for a piece of land to be purchased for parking at Chick-Fil-A.

Department Reports

Chief Kreinest reported on the tractor trailer that lost his brakes on Kyles Lane and went through the intersection, rolled over and dumped lumber. Chief Kreinest stated that he will request a weight limit restriction on Old Kyles Lane.

The Highway Department will be replacing signs over the bridges with minimal shutdowns between midnight and 5AM.

The Police Department had a good year with crime reports down and overall the numbers are good.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that on 01-16-16 there will be recognition of a Fort Wright crew that preserved the life of a newborn baby by Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association. This will be at Receptions on Donaldson Road. He will report more on this next month.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that he took delivery of a new one ton dump truck. This will be a good improvement for snow removal.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that the first delinquent bills were sent out for overdue property tax bills. Apology given for the minutes not in the packet when delivered to Council. Thanks to Rob Black for the calendars for the Council Chambers for 2016. The Christmas luncheon for the employees was a success. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the food was good.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry reported that the property at 444 Fort Henry will be sold at auction and all fines and attorney fees will be paid. Attorney Jeff Mando received a summary judgement in the Jack Reardon case.

Mr. Averdick requested that the council packets be printed double sided.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk