

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 2, 2016 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, 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, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Hoerlein was not present for the first part of the meeting.

Citizen Comments – None

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 02/03/16 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Feinauer, Wessels and Wall voting in favor, Abeln abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Abeln to approve the minutes of the 02/17/16 Caucus meeting, Roll call vote taken, Wall, Abeln, Feinauer, Averdick and Wessels voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Old Business

Second Reading – Ordinance 01-16 – Establishing the Frisch’s Restaurant access point on Madison Pike as Permanent

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Feinauer, Wessels, Wall and Abeln voting in favor, Hoerlein abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

New Business

Mayor Hatter wanted to switch some items around on the agenda, as some will be lengthier than others. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln, to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln, Wall, Averdick, Feinauer and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 25-16 – EMS Agreement with Park Hills

Mutual interlocal agreement with Park Hills for a 2 year contract to provide the EMS services to their City for an amount of \$65,000.00 a year, plus insurance revenue. This is an increase of \$2500.00 a year. Mayor Hatter stated that they are very happy with the service that they receive from Fort Wright.

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

#### Executive Order 01-16 – Appointing a Police Officer

We have a candidate for our 12<sup>th</sup> Police Officer opening and have made him a conditional offer of employment. His name is Robert Griffin and is currently employed at the Kenton County Detention Center and he has accepted the offer. He is in the process of taking all tests and checks. If he passes and is hired, his starting date will be March 20, 2016. He will attend the Police Academy at the next opening date. Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Wessels, Hoerlein, Wall, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

#### SD 1 – Temporary Sewer Line

There was a previous landslide in the Nature Center that has disrupted some sewer line. Mr. Wall questioned the effects of this and Mayor Hatter stated that SD 1 has made a permanent temporary fix for the last 10 years. Roger Schroder who owns the property has contacted SD 1 every few years about this situation, but nothing has been done. Mr. Wall stated that someone told him that SD 1 has turned down a low interest loan from the State to repair these pipes. Mr. Wall is concerned that if the pipes would break, raw sewage would be flowing through the City. Mr. Maloney stated that the pipe is a heavy gage welded plastic pipe and SD 1 does monitor the situation. Any other information received will update Council. The cost to fix the hillside is about \$1,000,000.00. Mayor Hatter stated that he would try to get representatives from SD-1 and Kentucky Highway Department to come to a meeting to let us know what if anything is going on in that area.

#### New Radio System for the Kenton County Communications Center

Mayor Hatter advised that we received a memo stating that by sometime in 2018 we will need to replace all of our radios for our emergency personnel that will have enhanced capabilities. This cost will be about \$185,000.00. Chief Kreinest advised that what they want to use is a 1-800 trunk system that will provide multiple channels and the ability to talk to a lot more of the city departments. It will be compatible with Hamilton County for communication capability. This is a more powerful radio with a larger antenna. There is a lower number of frequencies needed and can be programed to multiple departments inside and outside the City. We will need to allocate excess money in the Police and Fire Department future budgets to cover this expense. We will research where the funds may be available when we need them.

Resolution 26-16 – HB531 – Carrying a Concealed Weapons without a License in Certain Conditions and Require Notices to be Posted Where Carrying a Concealed Weapon is Permitted.

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

#### Municipal Order – 01-16 – Adding a Police Officer Position

Mayor Hatter advised that it has been quite a while since we established a 12th Police Officer position in the City. The Mayor stated that he has spoken to all the officers and everyone agrees that Fort Wright is a very busy department. With interstates and major roads to patrol besides all of our vacation checks and everyday occurrences, the officers feel overworked with stacked calls as an everyday situation. There are concerns for safety and at times only one officer on duty. We do have coverage when needed from surrounding departments, but sometimes they are busy also and are not available. Changes were made for responses to Wal-Mart for shoplifters, to free up time for our officers to respond to other calls. Data was put together and looked at all activity of every police department in surrounding cities. Chief Kreinest stated that he thinks it is time that we move forward and have more officers available for the protection of our residents. Discussion followed. Mr. McMurtry read this Municipal Order in summary.

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

#### Citizen comments received on City Departments

Thank you note received for the plant sent to the Maloney Family for Joe Maloney's funeral.

#### Administrators Report

Mr. Huff reminded everyone that on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8AM, at the City Building we will have our second annual Cleanup Fort Wright Day. We are looking for volunteers to pick up trash around the City and have it look nice for spring. Last year we had a good turnout and picked up about 30 bags of trash. Please join us for this community event.

The Fort Wright Garden Club Sale and Swap will be on Friday and Saturday April 29 & 30<sup>th</sup>. Bring your swaps on Friday evening and the sale on Saturday.

#### Department Reports

##### Public Works

Mr. Maloney gave updates on the street and road projects. City Engineer Mark Brueggemann will bring the final design to the caucus meeting for the street program and to answer any questions. The

proposed plan is to advertise on 04-14-16 and open bids on 04-28-16 and award the project at the May council meeting and start the project on July 1, 2016 and finish around 11-30-16.

Discussed Amsterdam Road and the application for the S&K Funding for the grant. This may be a two part project. Mayor Hatter advised he has had preliminary discussions with Fort Mitchell and Kenton County and no commitment but much interest from them to join in.

Discussion regarding the dirt slide on Park Road, following up with the Highway Department.

#### Legal

Mr. McMurtry stated that on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 the residence at 444 Fort Henry will be auctioned at the courthouse. Will keep Council updated.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk

