

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

12/02/15 – 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. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall 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 arrived at 6:10PM and Mr. Joe Averdick was unavailable for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 10/07/15 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Wessels and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve the minutes of the 11/18/15 Caucus meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Hoerlein, Wessels and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Chief Kreinest introduced our newest Police Officer Jason Millay. Chief Kreinest stated that Jason was employed by Lexington Police Department and previously in the military. We are very happy to have him work for us and was highly recommended and is doing very well so far.

Second Reading – Ordinance 14-15 – Amending the 2014-2015 Budget

Mr. Huff mentioned last month that there were several items in the 2014/2015 Budget that went over and wanted to make sure that were addressed as soon as possible. Most were in the Administration and Municipal Road Aid and nothing serious. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary.

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

Executive Order 18-15 – Re Appointing Jeff Wolnitzek to Board of Adjustment

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

Executive Order 19-15 – Appointing Bernie Wessels to OKI Board

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

Executive Order 20-15 – Appointing Tom Litzler to TBNK

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

Executive Order 21-15 – Employee Cell Phones

Mr. Huff stated that the employee cell phones policy will be changing for all employees that need to have a cell phone for their job, to enable them to be re-imbursed for up to \$30.00 per month or if they are on the city plan pay only half of their bill. Mr. McMurtry read this Executive Order in summary. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hoerlein, Abeln, Wall and Wessels voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading Ordinance 15-15 Amending the Nuisance Code

This Ordinance has been discussed extensively the last couple of months and recommended by the Community Preservation Committee to make it easier for the City to enforce the nuisance code faster. This will streamline the process and be able to deal with complaints at a faster pace for quicker results.

Mr. Brian Meade of 1645 Elder Court, who has resided in Fort Wright most of his life, addressed Council regarding raising chickens. He has been studying raising chickens and locating chicken coops in the residential areas of the City. He is referring to hens and not roosters and has brought photos of mobile chicken coops that can be moved around in the yard and are able to roam in the coops. Mr. Meade stated that chickens are not noisy or smelly.

Mr. Huff stated that you are allowed 5 pets by Ordinance in the City of Fort Wright and would have to be at least 500 feet from a neighboring residence for fowl. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Wessels to have a first reading of the Ordinance, but to go back to committee and review areas of the Ordinance to be revised for potential changes. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary and no vote was taken. This will be brought back to the next meeting and also on the website for resident review.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Abeln to approve the 11/04/15 Council meeting minutes. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Abeln, Wessels and Feinauer voting in favor, Hoerlein abstained. Motion passed.

Mayor Hatter read the citizen comment notes received for all departments of the City.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff reported that on December 13th from noon to 5PM, at the Ramage Museum, The Civil War Christmas will take place.

City offices will be closed on December 24 & 25 for the Christmas Holiday.

There is a memo on the desk with a new fee schedule from PDS, and a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2015 for review.

Department Reports

Chief Kreinest reported that the police car that was surplused has been sold for around \$1500.00.

Sergeant testing took place this morning, this was a standardized test with Mr. Bill Dorsey moderating.

December 16th will be the Cops and Kids program, all donations are welcome.

Interviews scheduled for December 16th for new Police Officer interviews.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reminded everyone when the cold weather hits, please protect your pipes from freezing and know where your shut off valve is before this happens. Mayor Hatter reminded residents of the vacation checks that the Police Department conduct if you fill out the form and return it to the office. They will check your residence when you are away.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that we took delivery on our new one ton dump truck, replacing a vintage 1997 model. This vehicle will help in the snow removal effort for years to come.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported tax bills coming into the office at a steady pace.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry reported that the property at 444 Fort Henry Drive is getting closer to being set for sale. There was a delay in an attorney filing a report, but should be taken care of.

Mayor Hatter heard back from Mayor Hermes of Erlanger regarding the lawsuit with SD1 and are moving forward with it. Information sent to the Mayor for Council to review.

Retirement System lawsuit moving forward at this time.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wessels, Abeln, Wall and Hoerlein voting in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk