

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY SPECIAL/CAUCUS MEETING

12/16/15 – 6:00PM

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

The reason for the Special Meeting was to discuss and possible vote on the promotion of two members of the Police Department to Sergeant. There was a very in depth testing and interview process for these promotions. Four employees took the test and were interviewed and the top two scores of all testing completed were promoted. The new Sergeants are George Kreutzjans and Jonathan Colwell. One of the positions was open for seven months and we have now filled both sergeants' positions, as Marc Schworer was promoted to Captain. Thanks to all who contributed to this process.

Executive Order 22-15 Appointing George Kreutzjans to Police Sergeant

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

Executive Order 23-15 Appointing Jonathan Colwell to Police Sergeant

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

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

Regular Caucus Meeting – 6:10PM

All members of Council present for the meeting.

St. Agnes Signs- Institutional Zone

Mike Hargis a resident at 1838 Beacon Hill, was present to speak on behalf of the signage requested advertising sponsorship at the sports fields at St. Agnes. Mr. Huff, Mr. Maloney and Mr. Hargis met with PDS to discuss what the City could do to allow this signs. There would have to be a zone change to the Institutional Zone for this to proceed. Discussion followed. The cost to the city to change this zoning would cost about \$2280.00 to apply for this change, this would include a Map Amendment and Text Amendment. Mr. Huff suggested that Mr. Hargis talk to St. Agnes regarding their contribution to pay some of the cost to apply for these changes and then move forward with a plan.

Pizza Hut New Building

The City was approached by Corporex regarding interest in the site of the old Pizza Hut building, which was previously torn down. Plans were submitted for TREK Bicycle Store on the same pad to be used that was Pizza Hut. Materials to be used for the building were similar to Christ Hospital. Discussion followed and Council agreed they could move forward as their plans were in compliance.

PDS Council Appointment & Council Nominations

Mayor Hatter stated that KCPC wants to increase fees for the upcoming year. PDS Management Board oversees day to day operations and PDS Council oversees the budget. The City needs to appoint two members to the PDS Council, a representative and an alternate, by January 15, 2016, for them to be present at the January 28th organizational meeting. Mayor Hatter stated that the City needs to consider proposing a candidate for the PDS Management Board also. It was decided that the representative would be Adam Feinauer and Mayor Dave Hatter as alternate. There will be an Executive Order at the next meeting to officially appoint them to these positions.

Proposed Kenton County Planning Commission Fees.

There will be a formal Resolution at the next meeting against the fee increases by KCPC.

Kenton County Planning Commission recommendations for LED Lights

KCPC recommended to not allow the proposed text amendment to the Fort Wright Zoning Ordinance. This proposed text amendment is regarding allowing a single strand of LED lights outlining three top sides of a non-residential building within any office, commercial and industrial zone. It was suggested to research through a sign company what is the standard normal wattage.

CT Consultants 2016 Professional Service Fees

All rates remain the same for 2016. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting for approval.

2016 Street Improvement Program Proposal

The proposal is included in the packet for this meeting. There was discussion regarding sidewalk replacement on Wolfzorn Court. Sidewalks will be replaced as is and we will move on with the overall plan.

Proposed SD1 Lawsuit with Erlanger

Mr. McMurtry reviewed the lawsuit and agreed with it and advised the City to proceed with joining others cities. The total cost will be under \$3000.00 for the city through final judgement. This will be on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

East Henry Clay

It was recommended to move on as there was no more response from residents of East Henry Clay with a plan.

Fire Pumper Grant

This replacement was on the CIP for 2017-2018. An application opened up and was received by Chief Schewe. He would like to apply this year for the grant and get a Resolution from Council that the City would contribute their share of the money if the grant was approved. The Fire Department is working on the specifications for the purchase. This will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Mayor Hatter read a letter from State Representative Diane St. Onge, which advised that the General Assembly will be convening on January 5, 2016 for a 60 day mandated session. Mayor Hatter suggested that we set up a special meeting to discuss what we would like to see discussed and action taken on for our area.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk