CITY OF FORT WRIGHT COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 06/2016 – 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. Dave Abeln, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall and Mr. Joe Averdick. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Ed Butler, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Mike Hoerlein was unavailable for this meeting.

Municipal Road Aid Public Hearing

City Administrator Ed Butler explained that we have to hold a Public Hearing regarding allocation of funds for Municipal Road Aid received from the Transportation Department for 2016-2017. The amount that we will receive is $112,659.73. Mayor Hatter stated that this amount has increased from previous years. There were no public comments for this hearing.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Averdick to approve the Resolution to execute a contract to receive funds for Municipal Road Aid. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Averdick, Wall, Abeln and Wessels voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This closes out the Public Hearing.

Citizen Comments

None

Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann – Update on the Public Safety Radio System Project

Judge Knochelmann introduced Darrin Gilpin, who has taken Mr. Butler's place at Kenton County Dispatch, while they search for a permanent Director. Recommendation was made to replace the 1950's equipment system and spend a little more to have a digital system. This has the Kenton County Fiscal Court support to make it easier for all departments to be able to talk to each other. As of this time they do not have the capability.

Judge Knochelmann explained the timeline and stated that this process will hopefully, be wrapped up in 2018. This is a long term solution and he is speaking to each City so they can prepare their Budget for this investment. There will be two bids out, one for the infrastructure and one for the radios needed by the cities. Mr. Butler stated that this project is well overdo. Discussion followed.

Mayor Hatter thanked Judge Knochelmann for attending the meeting and for giving us the information on the radios and system.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 06/01/16 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Abeln, Wessels and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Averdick stated in the 06/15/16 minutes, his statement regarding sidewalk replacement was that homeowners are responsible for sidewalk and driveway aprons.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln to approve the amended 06/15/16 minutes. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln, Wall, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan VonHandorf were present at the meeting to thank Mayor and Council for hiring their son, Daniel Nicholas VonHandorf, as the 13th Police Officer for the City of Fort Wright.

Ordinance 05-16 – Second Reading – An Ordinance Changing the Zoning for St. Agnes 12 Acres from R-1D & R-2 to Inst (Institutional Zone)

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

Executive Order 09-16 – Employee Salary Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Mr. Butler explained that this was previously discussed at the Caucus meeting, that all employees that have been employed by the City over a year will get a 2% increase in salary. Those employees that have been with the city less than a year will receive their raise on their 1 year anniversary.

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

Executive Order 10-16 – Appointing Rob Langendorfer to the Fort Wright Museum Board

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

Executive Order 11-16 – Establishing the Standing Committees of City Council

Mayor Hatter stated that this has been discussed extensively. With changes to the personnel policy and human resource items that need to be discussed, it was decided that we need to have a Human

Resource Committee. We do have committees that are no longer active or have been rolled into other committees and decided this is the time to update all of the current committees. Maybe open up to resident involvement for those who have experience with these items. It was decided that Mayor Hatter, City Administrator Ed Butler, Mr. Hoerlein and Mr. Feinauer be on this committee and Mr. McMurtry as a non-voting member. Mr. McMurtry read this Executive Order.

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

Mr. Maloney advised that we will have to form a 3 member committee for the Code Enforcement Board. This will be on the agenda for the Caucus Meeting.

Mayor Hatter read the comment letters received.

Administrator Report

Mr. Butler stated that the financial reports are included in the packet for May, he commended the department heads and staff for staying within budget.

There have been meetings at the City with business representatives inquiring about locating in the city. Chick-Fil-A hoping to open late September.

Mr. Butler is meeting with all the employees individually to get to know them.

Mayor Hatter also commended the employees for staying within the Budget. The next meeting we will try to present an OpenGov display on this system.

Department Reports

Chief Kreinest thanked a few of the Officers, who helped put on a self-defense class in Ludlow. This was very well received and a great community event.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe thanked Mayor and Council for the pay increases on behalf of his department, they are very much appreciated.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that road replacement has been started on Beacon Hill and there will be only one way in and out. Tree trimming being done in the City.

Mayor Hatter reported that Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway corner has been cleared and looks a little better, but this issue is still in court and will take time to be worked out with the property owner and the State.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry advised that Attorney Ron Parry is present for the Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wall to adjourn to Executive Session per KRS 61.810, paragraph (c) Roll call vote taken Abeln, Wall, Wessels, Feinauer and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Averdick to close Executive Session. All member voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. There was no business in regards to this session.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Averdick to adjourn the Council meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk