CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY SPECIAL/CAUCUS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter opened the Special Meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Bernie Wessels, and Mr. Mike Hoerlein. Also in attendance for the meeting were City Administrator Ed Butler, Attorney Kyle Winslow, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Dave Abeln arrived at 6:04PM.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Adam Feinauer Sr., addressed Council and thanked everyone for the tax reduction for 2016-2017. He asked Council how do we get Kenton County to reduce their bills? Mayor Hatter stated that there is nothing we can do with Kenton County tax bills.

Second Reading Ordinance 07-16 – Establishment of Real and Personal Property Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in the City of fort Wright

Mayor Hatter stated that he appreciated all personnel, Finance Committee and Council for watching cost to be able to lower taxes for our residents. We are in a good place now and that makes Fort Wright a good place to live. Real property rate is 0.270 and personal and mixed property tax is 0.400 per hundred dollars for both rates. This is in effect from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

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

Second Reading Ordinance 08-16 – Establishment of the Waste Collection Fees for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in the City of fort Wright

This is a pass through fee of $149.54 for waste and recycle collection for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

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

Mayor Hatter received a message from a new resident of Fort Wright, previously from Erlanger that thought our rate was a little higher in cost. We will renew our contract in the future and explore cost and services for our residents.

First Reading of Ordinance 09-16 – An Ordinance Amending Section 10.18 of the Fort Wright Zoning Ordinance Allowing Animal Clinics as a permitted use in the Non Commercial (NC) Zone

Mr. Winslow read this Ordinance in summary. Mr. Wessels would like to have wording in the Ordinance, that a designated area would be available for animals to relieve themselves. Discussion followed. Mr. Maloney advised that there is not a lot of Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zones in the City.

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

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

CAUCUS MEETING – 6:30PM

Items for Discussion

Discussion Regarding possible Text Amendment on LED lighting in the HC, LHS and NSC Zone

1) This was discussed last year and has to do mainly with the area on Madison Pike. This was discussed at the Community Preservation meeting and they came up with the idea to add wording to the text amendment that mirrors what is in the zoning code. A copy of the additional language is in the packet. Texas Roadhouse is waiting on word from the City regarding this situation. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

2) Discussion Regarding National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program.

Representatives with this company had a meeting with Mr. Butler and explained that this program is endorsed by the NLC and is starting to roll out throughout Kentucky. No cost program to the City and other area Cities are participating in it. Residents can join for a fee and it is an optional plan warranty program and can be used if residents have lateral breaks or other problems. A copy of the brochure is included in the packet. Mayor Hatter does not want to endorse anything for the City until he knows more about it.

3) Discussion Regarding Possible Tree Removal in front of Tower Hill Plaza

Sharon Dickman contacted Mr. Butler regarding the three healthy City owned trees behind the old Marathon lot. Ms. Dickman stated the trees have grown to the height that they were blocking the Tower Hill Plaza sign from Dixie Highway. These trees were trimmed and are in good condition. She again contacted Mr. Butler and stated that she would like to cut the trees down at her expense. Discussion followed. The majority of Council and Mayor were not in favor of the trees being cut down. Mr. Wall stated that he would like to have the City take them down.

4) Discussion Regarding Shared Services Issues in Fire Service Locally.

Erlanger and Fort Mitchell has recently entered into an agreement for shared services. Mayor Hatter stated the Mayors of each City reached out to him and advised him what they would be doing and Mayor Hatter said if they could make it work, that it would be great. We already have Mutual Aid with surrounding departments if we need help or equipment.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe stated that there was a committee within the Fire Chiefs Association and there is a mutual aid committee that reviewed items from time to time, but did not have meetings on a regular basis. They have re-energized that committee recently and are holding meetings regularly with most cities represented. Chief Schewe stated that he is hoping that positive things will come out of the meetings. Work with each other and share equipment. Discussion followed.

5) Discussion Regarding Amsterdam Road/SNK Grant.

We have received an update from Mark Brueggemann regarding the Amsterdam/SNKL Grant. Met with Kenton County Fiscal Court and they seemed interested in helping out, but not sure if it would be monetary help. The section of road from Redwood Drive to General Drive does not border with Kenton County and we should know something within the next month if they will be participating.

6) Discussion Regarding NKAPC Meeting on 10-06 – Rezoning Request for 3384 Madison Pike.

This meeting is concerning the O'Reilly Auto Parts store that wants to locate on the Summe property on Madison Pike. Mr. Butler will attend the meeting at NKAPC.

7) Discussion Regarding BOA Meeting on 10-11-16 – Sign Variance Request from Chick-Fil-A.

They have submitted a variance request for a 30 ft. pole sign, instead of the 20 ft. sign that is already displayed. There were some restrictions with some of the outlots within the Wal-Mart agreement. Chick-Fil-A property is not included in this PUD Overlay and they are allowed to apply to BOA. Discussion followed.

It was decided that we would have a Resolution, presented at the BOA meeting by Mr. Butler, to oppose the BOA to approve this request if Council is in agreement.

8) Discussion Regarding Grand Opening of Chick-Fil-A Scheduled for 10-06-16.

The Grand Opening, ribbon cutting, will be at 9AM on October 6, 2016. People are only allowed to be on the property 24 hours in advance.

9) Detective Position in the Police Department

Mr. Butler and Chief Kreinest have discussed the need for a Detective position in the Police Department. There is a need for a point of contact on the department as an investigator for some crimes. It is not the best customer service not to have an investigator to speak to or answer questions for people who have been affected by a crime. The proposal would be to have a uniformed officer who could fill the investigator position part-time when needed. This would be a day shift position and a trained officer assigned to fill this position. There would be no additional cost to the City and this person would have a level of expertise through training. Discussion followed and we will follow on this item.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk