

## CITY OF FORT WRIGHT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2017 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter opened the meeting 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, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Adam Feinauer. 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.

There were no Citizen Comments.

### Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 11/16/16 Caucus Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Wessels, Wall and Averdick voting in favor Feinauer and Abeln abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

City Clerk Joyce Woods apologized for the minutes of the 12/07/16 meeting not included in the packet, but will be included in the February packet.

### OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 14-16 amending sections 10.16 through 10.29 of the City zoning ordinance to allow for LED Accent Lighting on non-residential buildings in various zones

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. This is in regard to a business owner requesting this type of lighting be allowed in this zone. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Hoerlein, Wessels, Abeln and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

### New Business

Fiscal Year 15-16 Audit Presentation – Paul Maddox Reporting

This item was tabled and re-scheduled for the next Council Meeting.

First Reading of Ordinance 01-17 amending sections 72.35 – 72.45 of the City Ordinances related to Snow Emergencies

This Ordinance has not been updated for many years and some of the issues mentioned in the Ordinance are outdated. Mayor Hatter pointed out some of the items that need discussion. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Averdick to approve.

Discussion included amount of accumulation to call a snow emergency, when to call it, before or when snow is already falling, give residents time to know when it has been called and time to move their vehicle.

Mayor Hatter stated that additional mechanisms needed to be used to notify residents.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Averdick to amend the previous motion and include changes in the Ordinance. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick, Hoerlein, Wall, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Discussion regarding a request to waive the requirements to install sidewalks at 444, 446, 448 and 450 Pickett Drive

Mr. Butler stated that Mr. Berling is developing lots on Pickett Drive for stand-alone single family homes, and has requested a waiver from subdivision regulations to have the city allow him not to require sidewalks for these residences. Mayor Hatter is in favor of this waiver, as these sidewalks would go nowhere and not connect to anything. Discussion followed and Council members agreed to the waiver.

Discussion regarding Emergency Road Aid Funds and the proposed project on Fort Henry Drive

Mr. Butler advised Council of the previous discussions on the slippage on Fort Henry Drive and application for Emergency Road Aid funds from the State. We received word before Christmas that they would allot \$40,000.00 to the city for this project. We had hoped for more funds but we will adjust the budget to pay the remainder of the projected cost of 174,000.00 for the project. This is a problem that will get worse over time and there has been substantial movement over time.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to authorize the Mayor to accept the \$40,000.00 Emergency Road Aid Funds from the State to proceed with this project. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Feinauer, Hoerlein, Wessels, Wall and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Discussion regarding street lights on KY 17 from Kyles Lane to Dudley Road and on Orphanage Road

Mayor Hatter stated that he has been contacted by some residents that feel that it is very dark on KY 17 and dangerous to drive at night. Mr. Maloney advised that there are a couple of street lights out and have been reported that they need to be replaced. We have placed some lights in this area and the cost was about \$1500.00 each. We can ask Duke for a proposal to position additional lights in this section.

Mr. Averdick suggested that this expense could come from the T.I.F. funds that we have for that area. We can table this at this time and add to a future meeting agenda.

**Resolution 1-17 – A request to surplus various items within the Police Department**

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

**Amend the Agenda to add Resolution 2-17**

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wall to approve amending the agenda to add Resolution 2-17. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Wall, Hoerlein, Averdick, Feinauer and Wessels voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2-17 – Authorize the Mayor to enter agreement for the design phase for Amsterdam Road**

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

Citizen comments received on Police, Public Works and Fire Department in the last month

Thank you received for the Fire Department ambulance for assistance when a resident cut her leg and needed help.

**Administrator Report**

Mr. Butler explained that the city offices have been very busy with residents coming in to pay tax bills and it can get very hectic during this time.

**Department Reports**

**Police Department**

Chief Kreinest thanked all the generous citizens who dropped off sweets etc. for the Police Department for the holiday season. The monthly report was distributed to everyone. Accident reports are up, crime down.

Mayor Hatter reminded residents of the vacation checks available for your property by the Police while you are away. Fill out a form with information from the website or filled out at the city office.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe also thanked everyone that brought goodies to the Fire Department during the holiday season. He reminded residents to disconnect your hoses and keep water turned off in unheated spaces. There has been a lot of activity and have called on Fort Mitchell and Park Hills for their help.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that Duke Energy contractors have been around town doing electrical work. Thanks to the Police and Fire Departments for sharing their goodies with the rest of the city. Ready with salt for snow storms that may happen.

City Clerk Joyce Woods stated that the administration department got to deliver all the goodies that the Police and Fire Department received, but they did share. Thanks to Council for the Christmas lunch for the employees, it was enjoyed. We have been very busy with tax bills and more residents did come in person to pay their bills. Discussion concerning exploring taking credit and debit cards in the future will be sent to the Finance Committee and reviewed.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry did not have anything for discussion.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

  
Joyce Woods, City Clerk