

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 07, 2015 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter opened the meeting at 6:00PM with the 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 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.

Citizen Comments

Katie Rawe of 1423 E. Henry Clay Avenue addressed Council regarding the speeding and traffic flow on East Henry Clay. She has lived there for two years and has small children and is concerned about this being a cut through street. Mayor Hatter advised her that we have done speed studies on this street and have been aware of the amount of traffic in this area because of a parking problem that we discussed at great lengths previously. We are getting information on this speed study and will discuss it at the caucus meeting on January 21, 2015. There was a public meeting held previously and there did not seem like there was a lot of support for some of the ideas that were offered. Not sure if there is a simple fix for this situation.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 12/03/14 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Wessels, Averdick, Abeln, Hoerlein and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

2013-2014 City of Fort Wright Audit

Mr. Jim Sparrow of Rankin, Rankin and Company was present and addressed Council regarding the report for the 2013-2014 audit. Mr. Sparrow presented the high points of their findings, and stated that the City is in a very good position and has a healthy financial report. Mayor Hatter advised the audit will be listed on the website. Council thanked Mr. Sparrow for attending the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading Ordinance 15-14 – Amending 112.50 of the Code to Permit Alcohol Sales on Election Day

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary and stated that the only difference is that alcoholic beverages will be allowed to be served between the hours of 6:00AM to 2:30AM the following day. Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Averdick, Hoerlein, Wessels, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Stage 1 Development Plan – GBC Design – Chick-Fil-A – 1st Reading Ordinance 1-15

Sharmili Reddy, a Planning Manager, from PDS was present at the meeting to give Council a power point presentation regarding a Stage I Development Plan for a Chick-Fil-A Restaurant that wants to locate at 3436 Madison Pike. There was a review of this Development Plan on December 4, 2014, and a recommendation was issued by the Kenton County Planning Commission in favor of the Plan with conditions. A traffic study was conducted and access points were discussed.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. There was no vote on this 1st Reading.

Kenton County Planning Commission Text Amendments – 1st Reading Ordinance 2-15

Sharmili addressed Council regarding the Text Amendments that are the result of the Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in September. The change from the agency name from NKAPC to PDS is one change as a matter of procedure. The next one is a change in terminology for two things in the Comprehensive Plan, nothing else is changed in the Plan. There will be a change in the Floodplain Regulations to update who is appointed by the City as the Floodplain Administrator. These will be sent to all the cities for approval by their Council.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. There was no vote on this 1st Reading.

2015 Fort Wright Regular City Council Meeting Dates

We will stay on the same schedule of days and times as we now have. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to accept the same dates and times as are now in place. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 1-15 – Planning and Development Services (PDS) Representative Adam Feinauer, with Dave Hatter as Alternate (Term: January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015)

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 2-15 – OKI Representative Bernie Wessels, with Gary Huff as Alternate (Term: January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015)

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wall to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 3-15 – Appoint Bernie O'Bryan to Museum Board (Term: January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2018)

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 1-15 – A Resolution Requesting Kenton County Fiscal Court to Adopt Right-to-Work Legislation

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

Administrator's Report

Mr. Huff advised Council that we are currently advertising for a Police Officer to fill a vacancy. It will be advertised in the newspaper on Sunday, also online and on social media.

James A. Ramage Museum is now closed until spring.

Christmas trees that are dropped off at the City Building by January 15th, will be mulched by Kenton County.

Legal

Mr. McMurtry reported that he had participated in a phone conference today on our suit against Kentucky Retirement System. All of the pending motions are scheduled and Kentucky Retirement has asked for a dismissal and the City has asked that it be heard. There will be a preliminary hearing in Frankfort in February and probably another 30 days until the court rules.

Department Reports

Chief Kreinest reported that it was a successful holiday season with no substantial rise in crime.

Fire/EMS Chief reported that there has been quite a few fires with space heaters. Follow directions when using these heaters. Watch water pipes and keep doors open around pipes so that heat can reach them.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney stated that we have been dodging bullets for the snow. Been lucky so far.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that the collection of tax bills has been very successful this year. There are 88 bills outstanding and 1st notices will go out by the end of the week.

Mayor Hatter stated that it is a great honor and privilege to be Mayor of his hometown. Thanks to all of the current Council Members for coming back and welcome to Mike Hoerlein for his interest in the City. Mayor Hatter advises he doesn't expect to change a lot of things, since everything is running smoothly. Thanks to Don Martin Jr. for giving him Don Martin Sr. gavel from his time as Mayor at Fort Wright.

Mr. Feinauer thanked the Dirty Hands Garden Club for the wreaths that were hung during the Holiday Season.

Mr. Wessels asked that we keep the Kreutzjans Family in your prayers on the death of Marie Kreutzjans. Mr. Kreutzjans built many homes in the City.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk