



**City of Fort Wright Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Hatter. Mayor Hatter led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

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| Councilman Abeln | Yes |
| Councilman Feinauer | Yes |
| Councilman Hoerlein | Yes |
| Councilman Wall | Yes |
| Councilman Wessels | Yes |
| Councilwoman Witt | Yes |

Also present for the meeting were:

City Administrative Officer Jill Bailey
City Attorney Todd McMurtry
Police Chief Marc Schworer
Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe
Public Works Director Jeff Bethell
City Clerk Susan Ellis.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 02-19 Pension Crisis

Mayor Hatter referred to article where a legislator had been quoted saying the pension issue was not a priority. Mayor Hatter just met with auditor. Pension costs make up 9-11% of the City's budget. \$7.9 million is still owed to KRS according to the State of Kentucky. This needs to be fixed.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry read the Resolution.

Mayor Hatter commented that some of the language has been taken from the resolution passed last year based upon the mayors' group recommendations.

Councilman Wessels commented that there has been previous discussion about getting out of the pension system by paying our unfunded liability. He said he would like to see that added to the resolution so that if municipalities wish to buy out pension costs, that they would have that ability. He stated that it could be a double-edged sword as if we borrow and fund it, we would still be making contributions for new employees while paying off loan. He also expressed the need to set up a program on our own. Mr. McMurtry commented that currently by law the City cannot get out of the pension system. Mayor Hatter commented that there are private organizations that are part of this system that should not be. Mr. McMurtry commented that if they change the law, it would be possible to get out. Mayor Hatter stated that there should be an option to get out. Councilwoman Witt asked that we add it as a recommendation

Mr. McMurtry added the additional wording to the Resolution.

Councilman Wessels made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Feinauer made a second. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

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MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

Councilman Wessels made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilman Abeln made a second. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

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MOTION CARRIED

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Susan Ellis, City Clerk