

## CITY OF FORT WRIGHT CAUCUS MEETING

JANUARY 18, 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. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Dave Abeln. Also present 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. Joe Averdick was unavailable for this meeting.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### 1.) Discussion regarding possible redevelopment of property on Howard Litzler Drive

Kent Wessels of KWI and Jay Bayer were present for this discussion of their pending redevelopment project on Howard Litzler Drive. They are asking that this be rezoned from Residential Zone to Industrial Park Zone. Their plan is to develop flex warehouse buildings and some office space. Drawing were provided. They will be submitting a Stage One Development Plan and no detailed traffic study is needed.

#### 2.) Discussion regarding possible road realignment/expansion at Dixie and Kyles – Mark Brueggemann reporting

City Engineer Mark Brueggemann stated that there is pending litigation on the property at the corner of Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway, when discussing the potential realignment of George Huser Drive and Kyles Lane to meet subdivision regulations. Mr. Wessels advised that he spoke to the owner of the properties on Dixie Highway, which includes the Shell Station and the vacant Marathon lot. It was discussed to have this happen, we would have to see final plans for the improvements that the State has planned for their project at the intersection of Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway. Gas tanks from Shell would have to be removed and grading easements would have to be obtained from other business owners on Dixie Highway. Mr. Brueggemann stated that construction alone would cost about \$300,000.00.

Discussion continued. Mayor Hatter stated that he was not in favor to spend that amount of money for what we would get. Mr. Wessels stated that he thought it would be an asset for the residents in the Lookout Heights area, and also a safety issue.

Mayor Hatter advised that we would turn this issue over to the Economic Development Committee and proceed from there.

#### 3.) Discussion regarding the installation of a Stop Sign at Amsterdam Road and General Drive

Mayor Hatter asked Council if they would like to proceed with this item. Discussion included, regarding cost of these signs, and if they should be solar signs, or more information is needed. It was stated that we should have a plan for the next meeting.

4.) Discussion regarding the 2017 Street Program

This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Discussion followed. It was decided to move forward with the Street Plan but take Eaton Drive out of the rotation and put Kennedy Road back in.

5.) Discussion regarding a sidewalk repair and replacement program for the City

Mr. Butler advised that our program should mirror the City of Owensboro policy. This policy creates obligation and lays out policy for the city. This will be parallel to the road replacement plan. Spot repairs will be done and an inventory will determine liability of the city.

6.) Discussion regarding the KLC Certified City of Ethics Program.

Mayor Hatter stated that this will involve a small investment of time and money to be a Certified City of Ethics. The cost will be about \$500.00. We will proceed with this item.

7.) Discussion regarding the FY 17-18 Budget process

Mr. Butler stated that he has passed out copies of paperwork for the department heads to fill out regarding the expenses for the upcoming budget. He would like to have a Finance Committee meeting in February, discussion at the caucus meeting in March and then first and second reading, and vote on approval in April and May. Discussion followed regarding some of the items that we need to discuss for the new budget. Mayor Hatter advised that Council should send out a list of needs or wishes and prioritize the items for review.

8.) Discussion regarding the rescheduling of the March 15, 2017 Caucus Meeting

Mr. Butler will not be available for the March 15, 2017 Caucus Meeting and asked Council if they would like to reschedule the meeting since we will be in the middle of the budget process. It was decided to move the meeting to March 22, 2017 and make it a Special Meeting.

Some of the items mentioned were Fort Wright Clean-up Day on April 8, 2017

Legislative Caucus scheduled at NKU on Saturday, February 11, 2017

Church Organization collecting at intersections in the city. A Resolution will be drafted for the next meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk