

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 1, 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 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. Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Joe Averdick were unavailable for the meeting.

There were no Citizen Comments

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 12/07/16 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wessels, Hoerlein and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 01/04/17 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Feinauer, Hoerlein and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve the minutes of the 01/18/17 Caucus meeting. Roll call vote taken, wall, Hoerlein, Wessels and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Old Business

Second Reading of Ordinance 01-17 amending sections 72.35 – 74.45 of the City Ordinances related to Snow Emergencies

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to amend section H, 2 and 3 of the Ordinance. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, Hoerlein voting no. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Hatter stated that snow emergencies will only be called if absolutely necessary. An email will be sent out to residents notifying them of the changes and also on Facebook etc.

New Business

Fiscal Year 15-16 Audit Presentation – Paul Maddox Reporting

Mr. Paul Maddox from Maddox and Associates, gave his report on the financials from the audit and stated that we did well, with our balance sheet being very strong. He reported that there is a new item this year called Pension Liability. This is the City's share of the underfunding of the pension liability through CERS. Our share for that is 3.7 million dollars. The Kentucky League of Cities is behind this problem and their number one priority. Mayor Hatter gave his opinion of this and it wasn't pretty. Mayor Hatter thanked Mr. Maddox and city staff for their help to make this an easy yearly project. Audit will be posted on the website.

Mayor Hatter suggested drafting a Resolution and have a 5-minute meeting and vote before a Caucus meeting to send to Frankfort stating our feelings on the pension system cost.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hoerlein to accept the Fiscal Year 15-16 Audit. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hoerlein, Wessels and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 02-17 authorizing the installation of Stop Signs on Amsterdam Road at General Drive.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Residents will be notified by email of this project. There will be warning signs before traffic approaches the new stop signs. Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Feinauer, Wall and Wessels voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 03-17 repealing the current wording of section 91.01 of the City Ordinances and replacing with new wording that implements the city's Sidewalk Policy and Construction Maintenance Plan

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

First Reading of Ordinance 04-17 defining limitations for roadway solicitations within the City

The City has had solicitations in Fort Wright in high traffic areas, from out of town solicitors with many complaints. There has been concerns from Council, Police Department, residents etc., and is a safety concern for anyone traveling through our City. It was decided that we needed to have an Ordinance in place for this action. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to approve the ordinance. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Wall, Hoerlein and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This could be amended at the next meeting.

Executive Order 02-17 establishing the City's Holiday schedule for 2017

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

This schedule will be posted on the city website.

Executive Order 02-17 naming Councilman Adam Feinauer as the City's Representative to the Planning and Development Services Council for 2017

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

Resolution 03-17 authorizing the Mayor to proceed with an agreement with the Kentucky League of Cities to participate in the certified City of Ethics Program

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

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Wessels to amend the current agenda to add Resolution 04-17 to allow the Police Department to apply for a Homeland Security Grant. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Wessels, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

Discussion regarding the 2017 Road Repair Plan

Mr. Butler stated that we previously discussed this item and we amended the plan to bring Kennedy Road back in and taking Eaton Drive off and that is what is in front of you tonight. Valley Plaza was added. This is consistent with the previous road plan presented, we need approval for the plan. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Discussion followed. Motion to amend the Road Plan and take Kennedy Road off for this year because of other potential expenses and to move forward. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Wall, Feinauer and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments Received

Thank you note for flowers that were sent to the Franxman's because of the death of Tom Franxman.

Letters regarding Farrell Drive improvements. Mayor Hatter stated that most of Farrell Drive is in Covington and there is not much Fort Wright can do in this area. Mr. Butler will look into previous reports that was done on this area and report back to Council.

Administrator Report

Mr. Butler reported that we are continuing to work on the Budget.

Working on the RFQ process for Amsterdam Road.

Cleanup Fort Wright Day on April 8th. A good project for service hours for high schoolers.

Mr. Maloney met with Margie Witt, who is the coordinator for this project and she is contacting surrounding cities in the Dixie Highway Corridor to make this a joint effort.

Department Reports

Chief Kreinest reported that the monthly report is on the desk and the Police Department is staying busy. Break-ins of cars in the area have been going on, but no theft reports.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that we are accepting applications for the open position in the Fire Department until Friday, February 17, 2017. Will report back to Council.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry reported that 444 Fort Henry owners Attorney did not respond yet on this foreclosure.

Ms. Minogue's property is again in disrepair and we will be filing liens again, as the problems have not been resolved.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported there are 32 full property tax bills and 1 partial bill due, 1 waste fee due and 2 bills with penalty and interest only. On the personal property bills only 19 bills are outstanding. We will continue to send out updated delinquent bills monthly.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk