

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT. KENTUCKY SPECIAL/CAUCUS MEETING

FEBRUARY 15, 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. Scott Wall, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Mike Hoerlein and Mr. Joe Averdick. 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 arrived at 6:05PM.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action authorizing the City Administrator to enter into contract negotiations with Engineering Firm deemed most qualified for the Amsterdam Road project in accordance with the procedures outlined in KRS 45A.745 and 45A.750.

Mr. Butler stated that an RFQ was needed and was advertised for in late December. Six bids received and he and Mr. Maloney went through them and decided to enter into negotiations with CT Consultants as their choice. Next step is to enter into negotiations for pricing.

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Averdick to enter into negotiation with CT Consultants for pricing on the Amsterdam Road Project. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Averdick, Wall, Wessels, Feinauer and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

CAUCUS MEETING – 6:14PM

Mayor Hatter called the Caucus meeting to order at 6:14PM The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall, and Mr. Mike Hoerlein. All department heads, City Administrator and City Attorney also present.

Mr. Adam Feinauer Sr. addressed Council and thanked the Fort Wright Fire Department for responding in a timely manner with other Fire Departments from surrounding areas, when their garage was on fire. There were 14 firemen responding and was appreciated by the family.

Items for Discussion

1.) Discussion regarding the Fort Henry Road Project

City Engineer Mark Brueggemann updated Council on an adjustment on the project. Terracon Engineering reported that the slippage on Fort Henry is deeper than they thought. The original cost for the project was \$174,135.00. Other information presented to Council was Option 1, which would be using 40-45 FT. Piers, the cost would be \$231,242.50 and Option 2, would be 40-70 Ft. Piers and down to bedrock and the cost would be \$252,242.50.

Discussion followed. Mayor Hatter stated that we need to move quickly on this project because of the condition of the road. Mr. Wessels stated that is what reserves are for, to use when unexpected things come up. Council decided on Option 2 as the one that they would choose.

2.) Discussion regarding a proposed stage I Development at the Taylor Bothers Property on Madison Pike

The owners want to put in a Cross Fit business. After discussion Council is agreeable on this project.

3.) Discussion regarding penalty section related to city citations in the code of Ordinances

After discussion it was decided to bring back the Snow Emergency Ordinance and amend it to the correct amounts of citations and timeframe given to pay.

4.) Discussion regarding a request from a local Girl Scout Troop to install a Little Library in the area of the City Building Tot Lot

An email was received regarding a service project by a local Girl Scout Troop to install a Little Library on city property. There is one located in Park Hills at Trolley Park and it is a success. Council discussed this and were in favor of this project. Mr. Butler will be in touch with them.

5.) Discussion regarding the process for requiring site cleanup when utility companies do work within the city

After discussion it was decided to add this item to the issues list and check what other cities have as an Ordinance etc. for this issue. Also take this back to the Community Preservation Committee for consideration.

6.) Discussion regarding the city's waste collection contract with Rumpke

There is one option left on the previous Rumpke contract, that extends from June 2017 to June 2019.

Council thought that it was a fair rate and we have had no major problems with Rumpke.

7.) Discussion regarding a possible Resolution in support of Pension Reform

After discussion of this item, it was decided that the city could possibly draft a Resolution on this subject and send it to our representatives in Frankfort.

8.) Discussion regarding a Safe Internet Shopping Location

This item encourages local government to designate a place for internet shopping customers to have a safe place to meet for pickups etc. The cost would be minimal and we would decide where it would be located. Mr. McMurtry will research this and come back to council with more information.

9.) Discussion regarding proposed changes to the City's Personnel Manual

Mr. Butler stated that this is an ongoing project and has not been updated since 2000. We need to reflect more items in the manual to make the City more competitive for future employees. In the current salary scale there are 550 potential pay rates, which everyone agrees should be streamlined.

Mayor Hatter advised that the primary purpose was to update and change some outdated policies. If anyone has any suggestions be prepared to give feedback at a future meeting.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln to adjourn to Executive session per KRS 61.810, paragraphs (c) and (f). roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln, Hoerlein, Averdick, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.


Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wessels to adjourn Executive session and return to the regular Caucus meeting. All members voting in favor no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest


Joyce Woods, City Clerk