CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

02/17/16 - 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. Scott Wall, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Dave Abeln. Also present for the meeting were City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. City Administrator Gary Huff was unavailable for this meeting.

There were no Citizens Comments.

Richard Spoor will be present to update Council on Re-Finance/Re-Issuance of Wessels Bonds

Attorney Dick Spoor was present to explain and update the re-financing of the Wessels Bonds. This action can occur every five years and this item is only for information and questions answered by Mr. Spoor. No action is needed by the City. Mr. Wessels will not participate in this conversation as it pertains to his business.

Dr. Saddler – Northern Kentucky Health Department – Needle Exchange Program

Dr. Lynne Saddler was present to give Council information and show a power point presentation on the need for a needle exchange program in our area to prevent the spread of communicable diseases from infected needles. She went through all the information and passed out information packets to Council regarding the information that she was discussing. There was a question and answer session as the information was passed along. The closest agency to us would be in Covington and she is asking support of Fort Wright to show that this is a needed entity with the continued high number of drug usage in our area. Council thanked Dr. Saddler for the informative presentation.

Mr. Wessels left the meeting, as he was not feeling well.

Park Hills EMS Service Agreement

Mr. Huff met with Mayor Mattone of Park Hills to discuss the service agreement with the City of Park Hills relating to EMS services. This will be a two year agreement with a potential increase of \$2500.00 per year, with payment to be made quarterly. This will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

Police Issues

Chief Kreinest and Captain Schworer spoke on the number of calls that our Police Department responds to monthly. They stated that we are the third busiest Police Agency in Kenton County. They explained a power point presentation that compared numbers of calls responded to against other similar size agencies in the area. All data shown for Fort Wright was higher than any other agency with comparable number of residents. Mayor Hatter stated that his recommendation would be to hire a thirteenth officer. Discussion followed regarding working with other surrounding departments about more collaboration between Police Departments. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

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

Dave Hatter, Mayor

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Joyce Woods. City Clerk