

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CONCIL MEETING

MARCH 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, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Abeln 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.

Citizen Comments

Kathleen Romero, Vice President of the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum, gave her annual report. Kathleen advised 2016 was a good year for the museum with school tours, Battery Hooper Days, the annual fundraiser dinner, lectures, Civil War Christmas and many visitors. Council thanked Ms. Romero for all the hard work that keeps the Museum open.

Approval of Council Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 02/01/17 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Feinauer, Wessels and Wall voting in favor, Abeln and Averdick abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 02/15/17 Caucus Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Feinauer, Hoerlein, Wall, Averdick and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Old Business

Second Reading of Ordinance 2-17 authorizing the installation of Stop Signs on Amsterdam Road at General Drive

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. These signs will have lighting capabilities to stand out, since this will be a new addition to the roadway. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Wessels, Hoerlein, Abeln and Averdick, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 3-17 repealing the current wording in 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. The City will assess sidewalks on a regular basis and come up with an implantation plan to continuously improve and repair the city's sidewalks. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Feinauer, Hoerlein, Wall, Averdick and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 4-17 defining limitations for pedestrian safety within the city.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln to approve. Complaints of drivers with solicitors blocking traffic and causing a dangerous situation in intersections. This is a safety issue in Fort Wright and the City cannot stop these people from collecting, but can regulate how it is done. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln, Hoerlein, Wall, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

New Business

First Reading of Ordinance 5-17 approving a Stage I Development Plan 3.47 Acre area on Old Madison Pike (Taylor Brothers)

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Permits the use of this 3.47-acre area to comply with Stage I and later Stage II Development Plan. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wessels, Hoerlein, Wall, Averdick and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.


Executive Order 03-17 approving the promotion of Officer Daniel Hampton to the position of Specialist at a rate of \$24.97 per hour (Level KK)

Officer Hampton has been with the Department for five years and is a very good officer, has multiple commendations and the Chief has heard many complimentary things from residents on his professional attitude on the job. He is very deserving of the promotion. Officer Hampton thanked everyone and stated that he enjoys working for the City.

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Averdick, Wall, Wessels, Abeln and Feinauer

Resolution 04-17 Discussion regarding Kentucky Senate Bill 226 – Separation of the CERS and KERS Pension Systems

Passage of the approval of this Senate Bill 226 will help the cities and keep these two pension systems from taking from one to keep the underfunded system from taking funds from the healthier one.



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

Discussion regarding NKAPC Meeting Scheduled for March 2, 2017 – Rezoning Request on Howard Litzler Drive

Council discussed this item in depth at a previous Caucus meeting. PDS makes recommendations on these developments, but City Council has the final say regarding if it passes. Mr. Butler will be attending the NKPC meeting on Tuesday and will report back. We need to move forward with a decision on this project.

Citizens Comments Received

Commendation for Jeff Hoppenjans From Captain Schworer for apprehending a stolen vehicle with four juveniles and a stolen gun. Chief Kreinest stated that this demonstrates good investigative skills.

Commendation for Brad Keller for dealing with a suicidal male subject.

A letter thanking Sergeant Kreutzjans for help on the interstate and his investigation on the person vandalizing vehicles.



Issues List Review

We need to add this to the agenda to keep items on the radar. It was suggested to add dates to the listed items, so we know how old they are. Mr. Butler will re-format the list.


Administrator's Report

Mr. Butler advised that he has received several calls regarding the letter about the insurance for sewer line repairs. He has had some very good conversations with residents about these letters.

Department Reports

Chief Kreinest reported on the fatal accident on KY 17 and thanked the Kenton County reconstruction team for their help.

A tree fell on a vehicle on General Drive during bad weather, but no one was hurt. Stop signs were put up at intersections in the City when power outages occurred during the storms.



Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reporter that we have received about thirty applications for the open position in the Fire Department and he is reviewing them.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that he met with the Stop Sign manufacturer and they work on solar power and need to be positioned toward the South. He will be getting pricing from multiple companies.

Mr. Maloney identified the sidewalks for re-surfacing. Nick and Jeff are working on the South Hills Civic Club, fixing and painting the interior and stripping and waxing the floors.

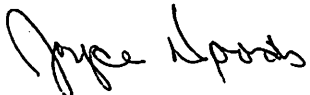
City Attorney Todd McMurtry advised Council that the Hornblower property lawsuit has been settled.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk