



**City of Fort Wright Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 6, 2019 6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Hatter. Mayor Hatter led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Here
Councilman Feinauer	Here
Councilman Hoerlein	Absent
Councilman Wall	Here
Councilman Wessels	Here
Councilwoman Witt	Here

Also present for the meeting were:

City Administrative Officer Jill Bailey
City Attorney Todd McMurtry
Police Chief Marc Schworer
Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe
Public Works Director Jeff Bethell
City Clerk Susan Ellis

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no Citizen Comments.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Councilman Abeln made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2019 Council Meeting. Councilman Wessels made a second. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Wessels made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 Special Meeting. Councilman Feinauer made a second. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Abstain	
Councilman Feinauer	Yes	
Councilman Wall	Yes	
Councilman Wessels	Yes	
Councilwoman Witt	Yes	MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman Witt made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 Caucus Meeting. Councilman Wessels made a second. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Abstain	
Councilman Feinauer	Yes	
Councilman Wall	Yes	
Councilman Wessels	Yes	
Councilwoman Witt	Yes	MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Municipal Order 03-19 Disposal of Surplus Property

City Attorney Todd McMurtry read the Municipal Order.

Councilman Feinauer made a motion to approve the Municipal Order. Councilwoman Witt made a second. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes	
Councilman Feinauer	Yes	
Councilman Wall	Yes	
Councilman Wessels	Yes	
Councilwoman Witt	Yes	MOTION CARRIED

Second Reading of Ordinance 01-19 Stage 1 Development Plan for Smoothie King.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry read the Ordinance.

Councilman Wessels made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Abeln made a second. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes	
Councilman Feinauer	Yes	
Councilman Wall	Yes	
Councilman Wessels	Yes	
Councilwoman Witt	Yes	MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Order 03-19 Appointing the Ramage Civil War Museum Board.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry read the Executive Order.

Councilman Abeln made a motion to approve the Executive Order. Councilman Wall made a second.

Councilman Wall asked about the husband and wife team who had been interested in serving on the Museum Board. Ms. Bailey replied that she met with board and they decided not to move ahead with that appointment. Only Mr. Johannemann was added. Ms. Bailey pointed out that only Ms. Romero is a resident of Fort Wright. Councilman Wall ask how cash was being handled by the Museum Board. Ms. Bailey responded that they are required to submit purchase orders and check reimbursement forms. Moving forward, checks for the Museum need to be made out to the City of Fort Wright.

Mayor Hatter asked if anyone had any concerns about the board being made up of only one person from Fort Wright. It was the consensus that it would be difficult to find only board members who lived in Fort Wright.

Councilman Wall asked if there had been any feedback from the recent tour. Ms. Bailey replied that she had received none. She stated that she has requested copies of the Museum Board meeting minutes and will be forwarding them to council.

City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

CAO REPORT

City Administrative Officer Jill Cain Bailey referred to her written report. She stated that she would have updated report at the end of the week. Mayor Hatter added that Nick Zumdick would be retiring at the end of the week and thanked him for his service to the City.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration/Finance – City Clerk Susan Ellis provided an update regarding the collection of delinquent taxes.

Fire/EMS Department – Fire Chief Steve Schewe reported that the CPR class which was held the previous Saturday went well with 18 participants. He plans to schedule another community CPR class again in fall.

Police Department – Police Chief Marc Schworer reported that another cruiser had been totaled with an officer ran off side of road. The officer was not injured. He expressed his concern for the budget regarding the purchase of a replacement cruiser. The women's self-defense class with 22 participants was being held this evening. Officer Nichols passed her first written test and driving test at the academy and is doing very well. The Police Department will be doing interviews next week and will be interviewing two certified officers.

Public Works – Public Works Director Jeff Bethell reported that the department is continuing to patch potholes when possible but that the constant rain and snow was problematic. One salt truck is down with water pump issue, but he is hoping to have it back in service by tomorrow. Last week they performed a city-wide trash pickup and collected 56 bags of trash and 11 tires. Ms. Bailey commented that these efforts are being funded by the Litter Abatement Grant. Councilman Wessels referred to a program in Boone County where they are using prisoners to perform these types of efforts and have benefitted from the cost savings. He stated that he would obtain the data regarding these savings. Ms. Bailey added that the City will be putting mowing services out for bid as soon as she has the package completed. There would be a comparison of costs if this work was performed internally versus contracted out externally. Mayor Hatter commented that they in the process of revising the job description for Public Works.

Engineering – Mr. Bethell referred to the CT report in the meeting packet. The tree removal on Amsterdam is in process and Duke Energy is working on utility pole relocation. Easement negotiations in progress.

Residents have been asked to report potholes but to recognize that all roads are not city road, but that the information will be passed on to the state. It has been a really bad year for potholes.

Mayor Hatter reminded everyone that the Amsterdam road project is in phase 2 of a very large project. This is a fairly lengthy and disruptive project. He stated that the City will provide information as it is available and referred residents to Facebook and Twitter for most up to date information.

Building & Zoning – Mr. Roger Schroder asked about the zoning issue regarding his property and surrounding properties. Ms. Bailey responded that it is still in progress but not all the information has been compiled. She stated that Councilman Hoerlein has concerns about ideas that have been proposed. Mr. Schroder and Councilman Wessels indicated the urgency to file for the zone change to accommodate the proposed car wash. Mayor Hatter directed Ms. Bailey to file application. Mr. Schroder asked to get it completed so that it could be on the April council meeting agenda.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Employee Recognitions/Special Thank Yous

- Many thank yous from the students at St. Agnes for that added police security
- Letter from former mayor Tom Litzler thanking Fort Wright for the afghan and reappointment to the boards
- Letter from Mary Lou Westling thank you for afghans given out to the volunteers
- Thank you from Kathleen Romero to Public Works for fixing the gutter at the Museum building
- Several recognitions of police officers and the Police Department

COMMENTS

Councilman Wessels reported that the PDS Management Board met and elected new board.

Councilman Abeln congratulated Nick Zumdick on his retirement and thanked him for his 30-years of service.

Councilman Feinauer congratulated and thanked Nick Zumdick for his service. He reminded everyone of the time change this weekend.

Councilwoman Witt thanked Mr. Bethell and Public Works for the quick response fixing the pothole on Redwood. She reminded everyone that April 6, 2019 is Clean Up Fort Wright Day starting at 8 AM at the City building; April 13, 2019 is Shred Day; April 27, 2019 is the Garden Club Plant Swap.

Mayor Hatter reminded residents that this information will be pushed out through social meeting and the message board. He emphasized the importance of shred documents containing sensitive information. He also reminded everyone that it was Fish Fry Season at both St. Agnes and the Fort Wright Civic Club.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

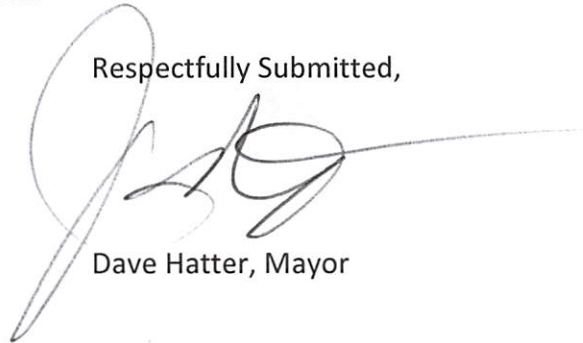
Councilwoman Witt made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Councilman Wall made a second. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Hatter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan Ellis", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Susan Ellis, City Clerk