

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

MARCH 16, 2016 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Adam Feinauer

and Mr. Mike Hoerlein. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Gary Huff, Attorney Kyle Winslow, (in for Todd McMurtry), Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Bernie Wessels and Mr. Dave Abeln were unavailable for this meeting.

There were no citizen comments.

Items for Discussion

This Year's Street Improvement Program Update

City Engineer Mark Brueggemann and Marty Hellman from CT Consultants were present for this meeting to update Council on the upcoming Street Improvement Program. Plans were passed out showing each street to be done, and the replacement of drains, sidewalks and any other improvements needed. All streets will be concrete. Mr. Maloney stated that Wolfzorn Court residents would like to keep the cul-de-sac at the end of the street. The residents on the street maintain it and is not a real problem for snow removal. It was suggested that we have a surveyor check out the ones on Beacon Hill because the City has been maintaining them and are a hazard for snow removal in those areas. Mr. Brueggemann stated that that would like to advertise the project around April 14, 2016 and open all bids received on April 20, 2016.

Institutional Zone Text Amendment

This proposed text amendment to the City of Fort Wright Zoning Ordinance for an Institutional Zone was approved by KCPC and sent to the City with their favorable recommendation. We will have this on the agenda for the April council meeting.

LED Lighting Text Amendment Update

KCPC denied the proposed text amendment regarding the LED lighting on buildings in Fort Wright. Council discussion followed. It was suggested that we need to have more discussion on this item in a caucus meeting or proceed with the recommendation of KCPC. It was decided to pass this on to the Community Preservation Committee for their input.

Proposed 2016-2017 Budget

Mr. Huff went through the second draft of the 2016-2017 Budget by department and explained that there are no major changes listed, except for hiring a 13th Police Officer.

Fire Department is much the same as last year.

Public Works Department is down a little.

City Building is the same.

Capital Fund does not include additional vehicles for the Police Department.

The Fire Department kitchen will be completed in this year's budget.

Mayor Hatter stated that we need to find a way to increase storage space in the future and optimize space.

Asset Forfeiture is the same.

Madison Pike TIF, no money spent. Future expense anticipated on Valley View Parkway.

Municipal Road Aid will have road projects.

Park & Recreation Fund has the Museum which is self-funded.

Mr. Huff stated that we will amend the budget to allow street work to begin in this year's budget.

Department Reports

City Clerk Joyce Woods advised Council that part-time Clerk Jennifer Lipson will be leaving on March 25th to take a full time job at the City of Villa Hills. We wish her well and are advertising for a replacement.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney stated that he has a couple vehicles to surplus.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe also has items to surplus.

Mr. Feinauer stated that the dead limbs and brush along Amsterdam Road is very bad. Public Works will check.


Mr. Wall advised that Beaumont Court, which was completed in the fall needs some backfill and restoration.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk