



**City of Fort Wright Council Special Meeting  
Wednesday, March 20, 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	Here
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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Engineering Proposals and Discussions Regarding the Repair and Stabilization of Don Martin Drive**

City Attorney Todd McMurtry reported that an investigation was completed. Attorney Scott Gilbert is representing the owner association. They have hired Engineer Lee Knuppel. City Engineer Mark Brueggemann is familiar with the situation. There is some concern about Council's position in this matter regarding the plan to shore up the hillside. Mr. Brueggemann needs consultation with Council before moving ahead. Both parties believe that the proposed fix will arrest the movement.

The report from ATC, the geotechnical firm, is that there was a global failure of that slope. A portion of the geogrid wall slid as well. The proposal is to build a drilled pier wall in front of the existing wall and repair the section of the wall that has failed. The piers will stop the movement but there is concern that the failed wall could continue to rotate as there would still be load behind that wall.

Mr. Gilbert stated that there are only 20 condo units, so they are limited in fund-raising. They addressed public safety concerns right away and then went to engineering to find a cost-effective remedy. When the wall was constructed in 2003 the original recommendation was for the wall to go to bedrock or be benchmarked in, however, when the plans were submitted, they did not show the wall going to bedrock or being benchmarked. It should not have been approved. Currently there is not a new slide or new activity. The City proposed several fixes, but none could be worked out with the owners. A special

assessment was passed and collected from all except three units. Those three units are on payment plans. They are ready to move ahead with the construction repair.

In response to questions, Mr. Knuppel agreed with Mr. Brueggemann's assessment that if the wall moved, it would not affect the streets. Even with all the recent rain, it is in equilibrium at the moment. The piers will stabilize the hillside but will not address the wall. The piers will take the load and the top will be regraded to remove some of the driving force on the wall. After the piers in place, they will start monitoring the wall to determine if more work will need to be done. The piers will go eight feet into bedrock with another 12 feet to get to bedrock.

Mr. McMurtry asked if council was satisfied with this proposal and confident the plan will be adequate to stabilize the situation. While there was no guarantee that the wall wouldn't continue to move, Mr. Knuppel indicated a 100% confidence level that the hillside would be stabilized and that it would help the wall. A comment was made that it would be fixed correctly this time.

Mr. McMurtry asked for a motion to have Mr. Brueggemann sign off on the plans. He stated that this would be a Council action and would not put Mr. Brueggemann at risk.

Councilman Wall made a motion to allow City Engineer, Mark Brueggemann, to approve the proposed plan. Councilman Feinauer made a second. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

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

MOTION CARRIED

#### ADJOURNMENT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

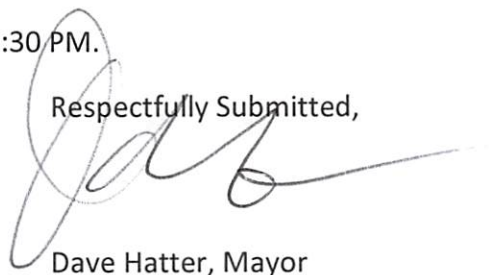
Councilman Wessels made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilwoman Witt made a second. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Special Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:



Susan Ellis, City Clerk