

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 5, 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. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Scott Wall. Also in attendance 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

Mr. Ralph Jump, a resident of 1706 Valley Drive, addressed Council and distributed pictures regarding a street behind his residence, (Bowling Lane) that three homes still have septic tanks. There is a slimy leakage coming from this area on his driveway and his son's driveway on Valley Drive. He has had the Sanitation District out to his property and they stated it was a problem that they don't take care of, and to contact the city. Mr. Maloney advised that they have a special department for this type of problem and he will contact them to find out what the problem is. Mr. Maloney will also come out and look at the pipe himself.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2017 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Wessels, Wall, Hoerlein, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2017 Caucus Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Feinauer, Wessels, Hoerlein and Averdick voting in favor, Wall abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Old Business

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

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

New Business

First Reading of Ordinance 6-17 Amending the Fort Wright Zoning Ordinance to change an approximate 6.21-acre area located on the northeast corner of the intersection of KY Route 17 and Howard Litzler Drive, from Residential One-G (R-1G) with a Residential Cluster Development overlay (RCD) to an Industrial Park Zone (IP)

Mr. Wessels stated that he will be withdrawing from all action and proceedings as his son, Kent is the applicant.

Mr. McMurtry explained the procedure and stated the applicant applied for a map amendment to change the zone and part of that application supplied the development plan. PDS recommended denial of this change, and now it is before Council. There won't be any new evidence at this meeting and each side of this issue will have ten minutes to state their argument. The developer will speak first and one designated person for the opposition to the plan will speak for the group. Tim Theissen the attorney for the developer, would like a couple of minutes from their block of time after the opposition speaks for a rebuttal.

Mr. Theissen, attorney for Strauss and Troy addressed council first and spoke in favor of this development.

The designated speaker for the opposing group was Sarah Gramel, a resident of Covington, speaking against the development.

Motion by Mr. Abeln to approve, with the conditions of the proposed enhancements of the buffer on the north side of the property adjacent to the residents on 33rd Street, for the length of the disturbed limits by increasing the proposed buffer from 15 to 30 feet in width and installing the proposed privacy fence on top of the 5ft. berm. Installing trees on the north side of the fence. Mr. McMurtry read this ordinance. Second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Averdick, Feinauer, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, Hoerlein voting no. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 7-17 establishing new personnel and pay classification plan for employees of the city

Mr. Butler stated that we have been talking about cleaning up the pay scale for some time to make it more workable. Mr. McMurtry read this ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken Hoerlein, Feinauer, Wessels, Abeln, Averdick and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 1-17 establishing a new personnel manual for the employees of the city

This manual has not been updated in many years and it was time to make things consistent along with the pay scale. Mr. McMurtry read this Municipal Order. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Averdick, Wessels, Wall, Abeln and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 5-17 adopting and approving the execution of a Municipal Aid Co-op Program contract between the City of Fort Wright, the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017

This is a contract that we receive every year to receive funds to do road repairs, repaving and re-construction of city roads. Mr. McMurtry read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Wall, Wessels, Feinauer, Averdick and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Proposed Text Amendment to the Limited Highway Service (LHS) in the Fort Wright Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Butler stated that he is asking for authorization from Council to move forward with this proposed Text Amendment for the May 4, 2017 meeting agenda at KCPC. This zone change will allow definitions for "New Luxury Car Dealerships" on Dixie Highway. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Abeln for authorization to proceed with the application. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Abeln, Wessels, Hoerlein, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Bid Results for the Fort Henry Pier Wall Project

Mr. Butler stated that the bids were opened last Friday and came in a little lower than anticipated. The winning bid was Scherzinger Drilling at \$168,987.50, and with the engineering cost from CDS Associates the total will be about \$190,000.00. A portion of this project was funded by a \$40,000.00 Municipal Road Aid Emergency Grant, so this will about a \$150,000.00 project paid by Fort Wright.

Mr. Butler is asking for authorization to award the bid to Scherzinger Drilling. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Feinauer, Averdick, Wall, Hoerlein and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Issues List Reviewed

List included in packet for any comments. Mr. Averdick would like to have a date when item is originated.

Citizen Comments Received

Mr. Lee Stauber of Kyles Lane, thanked the Public Works Department about parking bumpers that have been moved by his residence.

Department Reports

Police Chief Kreinest advised that all has been quiet, except for the pursuit that happened right before the meeting.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe mentioned the cleanup day on April 8th, starting at 8AM at the City Building.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney updated Council on the pier wall on Amsterdam Road with re-routing of traffic, stop signs on General Drive at Amsterdam Road, stop bar signs up, trees taken down for much needed sunlight on the signs. This will be advertised for residents and traffic traveling through the City.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that there were a few delinquent tax bills collected recently.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry reported that the property at 444 Fort Henry will be put up for sale in the next 30 days.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk