

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 6, 2016 – 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 and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Dave Abeln was unavailable for this meeting.

Citizen Comments

Roger Schroder of 1867 Highland Pike, gave Council information on the slide on Highland Pike. He provided photos of the area before and after Sanitation District No. 1 did work in that section of the Nature Center. The aerial photos showed heavy equipment that was used and could have caused much of the damage and stated that there was not much slippage until SD1 put in the piping. The Highway Department and SD1 can't decide who is responsible for this problem. There has been no further discussion or work done in this area.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 03/02/16 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Wessels, and Averdick voting in favor, Hoerlein abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve the minutes of the 03/16/16 Caucus meeting. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Hoerlein, Wall, Wessels and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest introduced the newest member of the police department, Mr. Robert Griffin. Robert worked at the Kenton County Detention Center for 7 years and was very highly recommended by Sergeant Colwell. Robert addressed Council and stated that he was very grateful for the opportunity to work for Fort Wright. He introduced his fiancée and stated that they will be getting married in June.

Mayor Hatter introduced Susan Ellis our new Assistant City Clerk. Susan will take Jennifer Lipson's job as Jennifer had the opportunity to take a full time clerks position in Villa Hills. Susan has worked with the City supporting our Peachtree Accounting System and was familiar to some of the employees.

New Business

First Reading of Ordinance 02-16 amending the Fort Wright Zoning Ordinance text to add a new Zoning District –INST (Institutional) Zone

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Mr. Mike Hargis made application for St. Agnes to have this zone submitted to KCPC by the City and recommended to have this text amendment approved. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Feinauer, Wall, Hoerlein and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 03-16 – 2016-2017 Proposed Budget

Mayor Hatter stated that the Finance Committee has met numerous times regarding this budget and the city seems to be in pretty good financial shape. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Averdick, Wessels, Wall and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Hatter stated that passing a budget was one of the most important things that we do in the City each year. A lot of time is spent by various members of staff and the Finance Committee deciding what is the best way to spend the citizen's money.

Park Road Slide Update

KYTC was informed of the slide on Park Road from the wet weather. This is a state road and we call them as the hillside comes down onto Park Road and are ultimately responsible for the cleanup. This will continue with the wet weather and heavy rains. This is a safety issue that we will watch and continue to express our concerns with the top of the hill. Mr. Maloney has contacted them and has not heard back from their office. The state has asked if the city would like to help pay for any work done and Council was not in favor of us spending money on their road.

Day's Inn Update

Graffiti again has covered the back of the closed Day's Inn and we have had complaints from residents. Mr. Maloney has contacted the new person in charge of this building and sent out a violation notice this date. He has cited the new nuisance ordinance and gave them 30 days to comply, and with each violation that is sent the fine is more costly. Discussion followed.

New Construction Update

Mayor Hatter stated that he has had many questions regarding the construction going on within the city and he would like Mr. Maloney to update everyone on current and future building. Mr. Maloney advised that the Auto Zone and Dairy Queen are being constructed. This week there has been dirt moving on Pickett Drive where Jim Berling is building 4 or 5 homes. Brad Trauth is building 2 homes on E.

Crittenden Avenue and another lot purchased across from the new homes. Mr. Trauth is also in the process of purchasing lots on Sleepy Hollow Road across from St. Agnes, which is zoned multi-family. Vacant space where Hot Head Burrito's is located and had inquiries, but parking is tight for restaurants. Chick-Fil-A is ready to start construction on Madison Pike and the bike shop on Dixie Highway is in the process of building. The Marathon on Dixie Highway will be torn down at the end of the month.

Demolition has started on the Deupree house on Dixie Highway and there are 4 lots at this site. 2 lots to face Dixie Highway and 2 on Park Road.

Katy Baker of 8 Barrington Road, arrived and addressed Council regarding the Deupree home demolition and questioned if there was any way to stop it from being torn down or to explore other options for it. Also her driveway is being blocked by construction vehicles and would like to request that vehicles come up from Dixie Highway instead of Barrington Road. Mayor Hatter advised that the Police Department would keep a check on the parking situation.

Chief Schewe advised that today was their first day of demolition and one piece of equipment was not even being used for that property, but a project on Dixie Highway. Chief Schewe advised that as much lumber as possible from this site will be used to restore the project of rebuilding the Rabbit Hash General Store.

Mayor Hatter stated that we were lead to believe that the house would be restored if possible and if not too expensive to do it, but that didn't happen. Mayor Hatter expressed concern for the heavy trucks traveling on the Fort Wright streets during construction, if they are in compliance for the weight limits there is nothing we can do about it. We can suggest alternate routes for some of the traffic, but whatever way they go it will be hard on any street.

Kennedy Road

Missy Meek a resident of Lake Street spoke to the Mayor regarding speeding on Kennedy Road. Mayor Kreinest stated that a speed study was done on March 1, 2016 and the study showed there were a 1063 vehicles with an average speed of 19.99mph, with the fastest speed being 38 mph. The Police will monitor this area.

CAO Search Update

Mr. Huff will be leaving in May and a search committee was formed including Mayor Hatter, Mr. Huff, Joe Averdick, Adam Feinauer, former Mayor Joe Nienaber Jr. and Todd McMurtry. Applications were sent to NKADD to sort through and categorize them for the search committee. We have received approximately 63 resumes and narrowed that number to 10 for a 15 minute phone screen, this was down to 8 as 2 applicants dropped out. This was dropped down to 3 for an in person interview for about an hour. All 3 candidates were impressive to the committee and a search committee meeting was held last night to talk about a plan to move forward. There will be an interview session next Wednesday at

5:30PM to have a last round of interviews. All of Council are invited to attend and hope to make an offer to one of the three candidates.

Resolution 27-16 – Resolution Declaring Disposition of Surplus Property

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

Citizen Comments Received

1. Appreciation for email list for residents.
2. Comment on speeding on Kennedy Road
3. Assistance from Officer Millay for assisting in a felony stop, bank robbery.
4. Assistance from Officer Hampton for helping a stranded motorist.

Mayor Hatter did mention that he has decided not to send out emails for everything but important information that is needed to residents of Fort Wright. We will monitor this decision and decide in the future how emails are sent.

Administrators Report

Mr. Huff reminded residents that Saturday, April 9th at 8:00AM will be Fort Wright Clean-up day in Fort Wright to spruce up the City for springtime. Ms. Margie Witt is organizing this event and is perfect for collecting service hours for students. A t-shirt and lunch will be provided.

Department Reports

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that we have another candidate going through testing and background checks for an additional police officer in the city.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reminded residents that we have an Ordinance regarding open burning, and to call the Fire Department for a permit to burn.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney stated that we are advertising on 04/14/16 for bids for the street program construction which includes Wolfzorn Court, Beacon Hill and Oak Hill.

Mr. Maloney spoke to JPS Construction about the restoration of Beaumont Court from last year, and they will be seeding the end of this week.

City Clerk Joyce Woods welcomed Susan Ellis as our new Assistant City Clerk.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry updated Council on the foreclosure of 444 Fort Henry. Mr. Anderson, the owner of the property hired an attorney and is challenging the sale because he stated he was not notified. We will keep Council updated.


Kyles Lane property briefs were submitted to Judge Bartlett regarding property owned by Mr. Kuchle, and he has hired an attorney regarding taking of the land.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk