

CITYOF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

APRIL 15, 2015 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter opened the meeting at 6:00PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Mike Hoerlein 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.

Clean Up Day – April 18, 2015

Resident Margie Witt was present at the meeting to update Council on the agenda for Clean Up Fort Wright Day on Saturday, April 18th. This will be from 8AM-Noon, with lunch served at the Fort Wright Civic Club at noon. Ms. Witt went over the agenda and questioned if certain jobs were done that were assigned. Flyers were distributed to area businesses for display in their windows and schools in the area were contacted for help from their students to complete service hours needed. We are hoping for a good volunteer group to help clean up the City.

SD 1 Resolution – Mayor's Group

A Resolution from the Kenton County Mayor's Group was distributed to Council, asking that they support a Resolution to Sanitation District No. 1, requesting that the Sanitation District No. 1 restore its program to address the maintenance of private sanitary sewer laterals between the private property boundary and the connection to the public sewer. Mayor Hatter stated that he is not in favor and wanted to see where Council's stands on this Resolution. Discussion followed and there was no Council agreement on the Resolution. Mr. Wessels stated that he will draft an email and send it to Mayor Hatter for Council's suggestions and discussion. This is a big problem in Covington with metal plates all over the City because of the decay of pipes and the streets sinking.

Budget 2015-2016

Mr. Huff went through Draft #3 of the 2015-2016 Budget that was included in tonight's packet. This budget will probably change as we go through it as the need arises. Mr. Huff stated that he thought we might be able to get Wolfzorn and Oakhill Court done in this budget, but realized there is not enough time for engineering work and bidding of a contractor to have it done in this budget year.

With the purchase of the Robke Bridge by Gateway Community College, Council discussed the maintenance and amount of traffic that would be on this bridge by the school and whoever they leased it to.

Mr. Wessels suggested Mr. Maloney look at decayed curbs and islands at the ramps on 3-L Highway with K-DOT.

Rumpke Contract Extension

We have two contract extension options with Rumpke starting on July 1, 2015. This will increase the monthly waste fee to \$12.29 per month, up from \$12.10 a month. Council agreed that this is acceptable to them and will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Community Health Need Assessment – St. Elizabeth

Mr. Huff and Mr. Maloney attended a meeting regarding the proposed plan to use the land where North Key is located and beyond on Farrell Drive. This facility will be an inpatient and outpatient hospital for troubled people with mental problems and addictions. This project would take three residences in the area and Bayer-Becker is conducting a traffic study. This is not the ideal property for this type of facility, since there is an elementary school and senior living complex and nursing home near this project.

It was suggested that Council invite St. Elizabeth Representatives to attend a future meeting to get more information and to answer questions Council might have.

Sidewalk – Dixie Highway

Mr. Feinauer stated that he is concerned with the lack of and condition of sidewalks from Brooks Flooring to the Fort Mitchell sign on Dixie Highway. He would like to look at the state property inventory list and timeframe to repair these sidewalks. Mayor Hatter suggested that we look at the cost to repair them if the state has no plans to. A list of damaged sidewalks is needed and we need to prioritize the ones that are dangerous and need to be repaired and have the Community Preservation Committee look at the list.

Ordinance Regulating Unsolicited Written Material

Mr. McMurtry will research whether ads and coupon flyers must be placed on doors or hung on mailboxes. He also suggested that we contact the Kenton County Recorder to find out what they do with complaints from people who do not want to receive their newspaper thrown in the driveway of their residence.

Mr. McMurtry stated that he has done research regarding whether we need a roll call vote, an all in favor vote or no vote on items that we are voting on. He stated that, to be safe we will take a roll call vote on all items in Council meetings.

Mr. Wall suggested that we appoint Dean Russell as the Fort Wright Historian of record. Mr. Russell takes pictures of events in the City and is responsible for all the old and interesting pictures on display in the City office and lobby.

Mr. Averdick left the meeting at 7:45PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Dave Matter, Mayor

ATTEST:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk