

## CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

APRIL 20, 2016 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Joe Averdick. 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. Mike Hoerlein arrived at 6:25PM and Mr. Scott Wall was unavailable for this meeting.

### Citizen Comments

Jim and Michelle Kemphaus of 1863 Beacon Hill addressed Council regarding the letter they received from Public Works Director Tim Maloney about eliminating the area of a tree and plantings in the cul-du-sac. The tree has been replaced 4 or 5 times and mulch replaced each year. There are 4 people whose driveways are impacted by the structure. Three of the residents are fine with getting rid of it, but one resident stated that he wanted to go through the process to keep it. The upside to get rid of these structures is that there is better longevity of the concrete street and the snowplows have a much easier time clearing the streets. The City will advise as to what is decided in this matter. Mr. Kemphaus also spoke about the stone wall that is crumbling as you turn onto Beacon Hill. He was advised that it is the property owner's responsibility to repair the wall.

### Items for Discussion

#### Museum Board

Mayor Hatter received a letter from Kathleen Romero requesting that non-residents be allowed to be appointed to the museum board. She stated in the letter that they originally had 12 members, but are down to 6 because of resignations or interested people moving out of the city. Mayor Hatter stated that he had no problem with non-residents becoming board members.

#### Rapid Fire Pizza

This business was trying to work out the ability to open a restaurant on Orphanage Road in the plaza in front of Tire Discounters. The parking spaces available eliminates having a sit down restaurant and also allowing carryout at the business. There is only enough spaces for just a sit down or carryout restaurant. This is based on a seating plan and square footage. Mayor Hatter stated that he is not inclined to change anything to allow more parking.

#### Police Pay

There has been much discussion on this item and updated information was distributed to council regarding current pay of the police officers. Mayor Hatter advised that he would like to implement an Executive Order which would adjust their pay and give them an additional \$1.25 an hour. This would apply to all officers that have completed all training including FTO. Discussion followed and suggestions were made on what steps to take and how we would distribute this raise in pay. Nothing was decided for sure and Mayor Hatter wants to formulate a plan and bring the Executive Order to the next meeting.

Public Works Director advised that there are real problems on Don Martin Drive. The street is sinking and drops down in certain areas. City Engineer Mark Brueggemann inspected the road with Mr. Maloney and wants to get a proposal from Geo-Techs on this problem.

#### SNK Funding

Mr. Maloney reported on the progress of the design to submit for this grant. This will be from the bottom of Amsterdam Road to Redwood Drive. The cost will be about \$8,724,624.00. The maximum amount from the grant would be \$6,000,000.00 with the City paying the balance. This would probably be a 2 to 3 year construction period. Mayor Hatter suggested getting a committee together to discuss this further. The design has to be submitted by the end of May, 2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to enter into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(f). Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Feinauer, Abeln, Averdick and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

  
Joyce Woods, City Clerk