

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY

WEDNESDAY, May 2, 2018 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Hatter opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

The following members answered roll call: Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Bernie Wessels, and Ms. Margie Witt.

Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Ed Butler, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Police Chief Marc Schworer, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Jeff Bethell, and Assistant City Clerk Patty Wilsey.

Citizen Comments

There were no Citizen Comments.

Legislative Update

Senator Chris McDaniel addressed the Mayor and Council with a brief legislative update. He specifically addressed House Bill 200, House Bill 265, House Bill 366 and House Bill 487, which all have effect on budget, taxes and pensions. For the deficit in funding costs will be phased in at 12% per year. He further provided information on the education support coming from this legislative session. Particularly he discussed monies provided to NKU for outcomes based funding and the university's CINSAM program. Additionally, he reported that UK would be allotted 20 million to fund the initiative for health disparities studies. Mayor Hatter expressed his appreciation for the work done in this session with reserve regarding the long term issue of underfunding. Mr. Abeln asked if there would be further oversight with regard to investing. The Senator said that while he was not aware of any additional oversight, he knows there was more oversight in the last two years and they are working toward full transparency. The Senator briefly discussed House Bill 373 limiting the open records act with regard to body cam footage. Lastly, the Senator touched on the streets bill which will provide for the re-design of I-275 and Dudley intersection.

Approval of Council Minutes

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken; Mr. Abeln, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor. No opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Ms. Witt, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2018 Caucus Meeting. Roll call vote taken; Mr. Abeln, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor. Mr. Hoerlein abstained. No opposed. Motion passed.

Old Business

Second Reading of Ordinance 4-18 an ordinance amending Chapter 136.01 of the Fort Wright Code of Ordinances: Projectile-Shooting Instruments.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry read the ordinance with mention of the fact that the items struck were lined through and additions to the ordinance were underlined.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. Roll call vote taken; Mr. Abeln, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor. Mr. Hoerlein and Mr. Wall, opposed. Motion passed.

New Business

Executive Order 10-18 Appointing Jill Cain Bailey as the City Administrative Officer (CAO) effective May 21, 2018.

Mr. McMurtry read the order. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Ms. Witt to approve. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Abeln, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed. Motion passed.

Presentation of the James A. Ramage Museum Board

Kathleen Romero, President of the Museum Board introduced board member/archeologist, Jeannine Kreinbrink who presented the following report:

First there was a note of thanks to Public Works Director, Jeff Bethell for the work to fix the retaining wall behind the museum.

Jeannine reported that 2017 was a great year and 2018 is shaping up to also be a good year.

Kathleen Romero coordinated several tours both for home schooled as well as Ft. Wright Elementary and some adult tours. The museum took in enough money from July 1, 2017-January 2018 to run the museum for the entire year, so they are in the "black."

There were approximately 1600 visitors from 17 states at the museum. Upcoming events include; The Blue and Grey dinner on May 9th in Latonia at the Twin Oaks Plantation Club. They will also be hosting a lecture by Tom Voelker about his time in Vietnam which will be held at the city building, on June 10 at 2 pm. Upcoming events also include Battery Hooper Days on August 18 & 19.

First Reading of Ordinance 5-18 an Appropriations Ordinance amending the 2017-2018 Budget.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Abeln, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed. Motion passed. Mayor Hatter commended city department heads for their fiscal responsibility making this budget possible.

First Reading of Ordinance 6-18 an Appropriations Ordinance establishing the 2018-2019 Budget.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Abeln, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed.

Motion passed. Ed Butler noted that the finance committee put in a great deal of work on this and gave a special thanks to department heads for keeping costs down while providing excellent service to the citizens of Ft. Wright. Mayor Hatter thanked Mr. Butler for his hard work preparing this budget in advance of Ms. Cain's arrival.

First Reading of Ordinance 7-18 an Ordinance soliciting bids to establish a municipal utility franchise agreement on natural gas services.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Abeln, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed.

Motion passed. Ms. Witt asked if the rate is fixed or if council has the authority to change it. Mr. Wessels further added to Ms. Witt's question the amount limitation of the rate. Mr. Butler replied that the city has the authority to impose a franchise fee up to 5% and council has the right to change the rate up to that amount. Mr. Butler went on to say that other services were paying the franchise fee but for whatever reason Duke was never assessed the fee. Mayor Hatter added that this is also added revenue to alleviate some of the pension burden over the next several years.

First Reading of Ordinance 8-18 an Ordinance soliciting bids to establish a municipal utility franchise agreement on electric services.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Abeln, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed.

Motion passed.

Resolution 5-18 declaring surplus property. The property referred to is the old city sign.

Mr. McMurtry read this Resolution.

Motion by Ms. Witt, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Abeln, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed.

Motion passed.

Issues List Review

List was reviewed. No comments, questions or concerns were brought forward.

Citizen Comments

Chief Steve Schewe presented the mayor with thank you notes from the students of St. Agnes to the fire department for the fire drills conducted during Catholic Schools Week.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Butler thanked Jeff Bethell, Public Works Director for all the hard work getting the new sign up in front of the city building.

He also thanked the finance committee and department heads for all of their work and efforts that made the budget process run smoothly.

Mr. Butler announced that the Police Officer Memorial is May 16th at 7:00 PM in Covington. If anyone has the opportunity to attend, this an ideal way to honor those who have served in Law Enforcement and paid with the ultimate sacrifice.

Department Reports

Police:

Chief Schworer reported that the police department conducted Active Shooter Training at St. Agnus elementary school. The students and staff all did an excellent job with the training. Although the students and staff were somewhat prepared in advance, he felt it was a positive experience for them. The principal of the school is very supportive. To Chief Schworer's knowledge, this is the first of these trainings in the northern Kentucky elementary schools. Moving forward, Chief Schworer is hoping to plan this training twice a year and possibly even include an unplanned or impromptu session.

Mayor Hatter commended the actions of the department.

Chief Schworer thanked the fire department for the police department's recent training that included fire extinguishers, first aid & CPR. Chief Schworer has another Women's Self Defense session planned for May.

Fire:

Chief Schewe' report included the news that the Kitchen is almost done. They are waiting on some equipment and hope to have painting completed by the end of June.

The chief says they are back up and running, to the best of his knowledge, after the lightning strike and all the damage it caused to the city building but especially to the fire department. There was heavy technological damage.

The chief went on to wish Mr. Butler congratulation on his new position and emphasized how much he would be missed. He thanked Mr. Butler for his time with Fort Wright and said it was a pleasure to work with him these last two years.

Public Works:

Mr. Bethell reviewed a portion of the report that was included in Council packets. He specifically addressed the city sign, clean-up day, the fountain, the water main project, update on sidewalk project-Precision is done with the first part.

Mr. Hoerlein thanked Mr. Bethell and the public works staff on their attention to pot holes.

City Clerk:

Ms. Wilsey advised the council that indexing of the Ordinances was near completion and the clerks were working on Resolutions at this time. She reported that Ms. Ellis and she attended the KMCA spring conference on April 25-27. There were approximately 114 clerks from around Kentucky and 2 from Ohio. Training was conducted on the use of the new sign in front of the city building. Mr. Walls asked why something could not run at least three times if it advertises an upcoming event to make sure it is seen. Timings for the running of each of the messages was explained by Ms. Wilsey as were the recommendations of the company that sold us the sign and instructed us on the use.

Legal:

City Attorney Todd McMurtry told council that he had forwarded an update to them on the KRS law suit.

Notices were again sent on delinquent taxes. Mr. McMurtry will check with Ms. Cain moving forward with additional action on this issue.

Mr. McMurtry wished Mr. Butler well in his future endeavors.

Council Comments

Ms. Witt thanked everyone involved for all of their work on Clean Up day on April 24. This is the fourth year. There were 40 volunteers who worked about 3 hours and filled 2 dumpsters. Ms. Witt thanked public works for their pruning in advance of the day. Ms. Witt further thanked the Garden Club for their donation of the two new trees. Public works have planted the two trees. Ms. Witt commented that the trees were a Dogwood, and a dog redwood.

Mr. Feinauer wanted to make sure and remind walkers now that the weather is warmer to wear light colored clothing as a safety measure.

Mr. Abeln thanked everyone involved for their work on clean-up day.

Mr. Hoerlein thanked all re; clean-up day and hoped to work together moving forward to make it an even bigger project. He continued on to welcome Ms. Cain and offer best wishes for Mr. Butler.

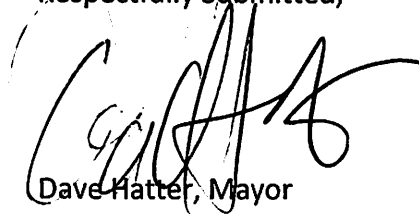
Mr. Wessels wished Mr. Butler well and thanked him for all his work here at Ft. Wright. He stated that he is looking forward to working with Ms. Cain.

Motion adjourn the regular meeting to Executive Session pursuant to KRS.61.810, Paragraph (c) by Mr. Feinauer, second by Ms. Witt. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Abeln, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the meeting by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wessels. Unanimous approval

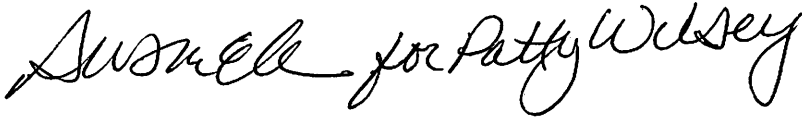
Motion to Adjourn Council Meeting by Mr. Feinauer, second by Ms. Witt. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Hatter", written over a circular stamp.

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susanne for Patty Wilsey", written in a cursive style.

Patty Wilsey, Assistant City Clerk