

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 3, 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 present were City Administrator Ed Butler, Attorney Kyle Winslow, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Citizen Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Averdick to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Averdick, Wessels, Wall, Hoerlein and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2017 Caucus meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Wessels, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, Wall and Abeln abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Old Business

Second 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 voting or commenting on this Ordinance as it involves family.

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

Second Reading of Ordinance 7-17 Establishing a new personnel and pay classification plan for employees of the city

Mr. Butler stated that this was a cleanup and streamlining of the very outdated personnel policy and pay classification.

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

New Business

Executive Order 4-17 Promoting Jeff Bethell to the position of Senior Maintenance Worker with the Public Works Department

Based on the recommendation of the Public Works Director Tim Maloney and what Mr. Butler has reviewed this is a well-deserved promotion for Mr. Bethell who has been with the City for 12 years. This will take effect on May 7, 2017. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Wessels Hoerlein, Averdick and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Maloney added that both Nick and Jeff are very hard workers, dependable and work at any job that is given to them. He stated that is one of the reasons we can get as much done as we do in the city, with just three people in the department.

First Reading of Ordinance 8-17 an Appropriation Ordinance for the Annual Budget July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Mr. Butler stated that the Ordinance is a summary of the Budget with supporting documentation that was discussed at a Finance Meeting. Things that were not discussed at the meeting because of time restraint is included in the summary pages. Revenues are good and expenses are under control. Health Insurance cost are uncertain and are estimated high, tax rates won't be discussed for a few months and new radios are uncertain for this Budget.

Mayor Hatter advised that the road projects are coming in under budget and Grants are being obtained. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Hoerlein, Wessels, Wall, Feinauer and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 6-17 Contract for Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019

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

Bid Results for the 2017 Road Program

Mr. Butler stated that the bids were received from four bidders for the Fort Wright 2017 Street Program.

The lowest bidder was Len Riegler Blacktop, Inc. at \$527,190.00, this was about \$75,000.00 less than we had estimated. This company has done work for us in the past and we were very satisfied with their work. This project will start after July 1, 2017.

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

Mayor Hatter advised that Mr. Dennis Gordon, of PDS, was detained at another meeting and is on his way to Fort Wright so we will move items around on the agenda.

Discussion regarding the Establishment of a Safe Internet Shopping Location at the City Building

Mr. Butler advised that there are now cameras on the main parking lot to aid in safety of exchanges of items or cash from purchase made on the internet. There are signs posted stating that there are cameras to record these transactions. We will advertise this change through social media. This will benefit residents and anyone who has the need to use this benefit.

Discussion regarding the City's recent designation as a Certified City of Ethics.

Mayor Hatter stated that this has received a good amount of press and is a program through KLC with training. The City has earned the designation and received a plaque for display. This must be recertified every 4 years.

Discussion regarding the process to fill a potential vacancy on City Council

Councilman Joe Averdick will be leaving us after the June 7th Council meeting. Mayor Hatter stated that Adam Feinauer as the Senior Councilmember, run the process of advertising for the position, reviewing letters of interests or resumes, interviewing candidates and being part of the selection process. We have 30 days after accepting his resignation to replace Joe on council or the Governor will name a candidate as a replacement. We will miss Mr. Averdick as he has served on Council for many years.

Discussion regarding changes to the One Stop Shop Program at Planning and Development Services (PDS) – Executive Director Dennis Gordon Reporting

Mr. Dennis Gordon, Tom Litzler and Emi Randall were in attendance for the meeting to discuss changes and answer questions concerning the One Stop Shop Program at PDS. Mr. Gordon spoke and advised of all the things that One Stop Shop includes for the 20 cities that it serves in Kenton County. A handout was distributed and it shows the level category of each city and the proposed new fee schedule and

code enforcement new services included. Fort Wright does not pay anything now for these services, but with the new fee schedule we would pay \$3132.09 per year for the expanded services. Discussion followed.

Mayor and Council thanked the PDS representatives for coming to the meeting and answering questions regarding this changes at PDS.

Issue List Review

Suggestions on changes or new items on the list for Council. Mr. Feinauer and Mr. Wessels would like to see more beautification at the entrances to the City. Mayor Hatter suggested sending this to the Community Preservation Committee.

Citizen Comments Received

Thanks to the Fire Department for helping with basement flooding.

Police Department for help with the Women's Defense class, vacation checks for residents, Independence PD thanked the officers that helped with a pursuit that they were involved in.

A resident addressed Council regarding panhandlers that have approached her at in the parking lots at Walgreens and Shell Gas Station on Dixie Highway. Mayor Hatter stated that if there is a complaint regarding this problem and the police will respond.

Administrator Report

Mr. Butler updated Council on items that are on the list.

Website rebuild, making progress.

Credit Card payments, working with the bank on this hopefully for the next tax season.

An Upgrade of the Phone System is ongoing.

Digital Sign will probably be in the next year budget.

O'Rielly Auto Parts will locate where the Summe property was located.

Thanks to Von Lehman for letting Fort Wright use their facility for a Mayor's Group meeting.

Department Reports

Chief Kreinest reported that a grant was received for vests and duty weapons for the Police Officers.

Thanks to Chief Schewe for the first aid training that was received at the post meeting today. Cookies was received from a resident for help with a raccoon problem in the city.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe congratulated part-time employee Steve Vickers for getting his paramedic certification and will be a valuable asset to the city.

Recently with the amount of rain that we have been having recently, please keep the drains at the end of your driveway clear of debris.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney thanked Council for giving Jeff Bethell the promotion to Senior Maintenance Employee.

Restoration was done to Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway to make it look a little better until the State completes their construction.

Posting Stop Signs on Amsterdam Road next week for that project. Closing road at Bunker Court and Pickett Court and will start the hilltop slip, paving to begin and be complete by June 15th.

Street Project to begin after 7-1-17, 90% of Lorup and Werner to be done. Milling and repair on Mount Vernon from Beaumont to Beacon Hill. Spot repair on Valley Plaza Parkway and entire street, Reeves Drive.

City Clerk Joyce Woods thanked the Garden Club for beautifying the campus with new flowers and shrubs. They always work hard and do a good job with planting and weeding.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Dave Hatter, Mayor

ATTEST:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk