

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT COUNCIL MEETING

May 4, 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. Scott Wall, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Abeln, and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Gary Huff, Attorney Kyle Winslow, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods, Mr. Bernie Wessels was unavailable for this meeting.

Citizen Comments

Jim and Michele Kemphaus of 1863 Beacon Hill were present to follow up on the status of the area of tree and flower plantings in the cul-de-sac at the end of Beacon Hill. They attended a caucus meeting in April when this was discussed to eliminate this area when the new street is constructed starting in July. Mr. & Mrs. Kemphaus are in favor of eliminating this structure. Mayor Hatter advised that Council is in favor of eliminating these structures where the turnaround for the snow removal equipment is tight and have a hard time maneuvering around them. The one in question will be eliminated.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve the minutes of the 04/06/16 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hoerlein, Wall and Averdick voting in favor. Abeln abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 04/20/16 Caucus meeting. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Feinauer, Hoerlein, and Averdick voting in favor, Wall abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Hatter stated we have two items to be added to the agenda for this meeting.

- 1) Resolution 28-16 New Version of the Resolution Regarding the Development Project by Von Lehman and Company
- 2) Executive Order 07-16 Appointing Carrie Snyder to the Museum Board

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Averdick to amend the agenda to add two items to the agenda. Roll Call vote taken, Abeln, Averdick, Wall, Feinauer and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading Ordinance 02-16 – Adding Institutional Zone to the Fort Wright Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Winslow read this Ordinance in summary. This will create a new zone in the City and has been discussed in length at previous meetings. Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Abeln to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Abeln, Wall, Feinauer and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading Ordinance 03-16 – An Appropriation Ordinance for the Annual Budget July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Mr. Winslow read this Ordinance in summary. Previous discussions in other meetings. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Hoerlein, Wall, Feinauer and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 06-16– Appointing Edward Butler as City Administrative Officer and Introduction of Ed

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

Mr. Butler stated that this is a change of direction from his career track, and he is excited to be in Fort Wright. He is looking forward to working with Council and City Staff and any challenge that comes his way. Mayor Hatter welcomed Mr. Butler to the Fort Wright family.

First Reading Ordinance 04-2016 – An Appropriation Ordinance Amending the 2015-2016 Budget

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

Resolution 28-16 – Amended Resolution for Von Lehman and Company

Mr. Winslow read this Resolution in summary. This will adjust occupational and payroll tax for a specific time under the Kentucky Business Investment Program and Local Credit. Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Feinauer, Averdick, Hoerlein and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. This will provide new revenue for the City.

Executive Order – 07-16 Appoint Carrie Snyder to the Museum Board

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

Executive Order 05-16 – An Executive Order Adjusting the Salaries in the Police Department

Mayor Hatter stated that this item has been discussed in previous meetings extensively to bring salaries in the Police Department up to what surrounding cities are paying. We have had many issues regarding officers going to other departments for higher wages and better benefits.

Fire Training Officer Ron Becker a long time employee of the Fire Department asked to speak and voiced his opinion regarding the focus on the Police Department only, and not all the other departments in the city. He would like Council to look at all the issues that affect all city departments and have open discussions with all department heads. Fire Lt. Cindy Ford spoke and agreed with Mr. Becker in the lack of communication, personnel and monetary issues in the Fire Department. Council appreciated the information and is open to any suggestions.

Mayor Hatter said that this is a Finance Committee issue and he is available to address these issues and discuss any concerns the employees have. Discussion followed.

Mr. Winslow read this Executive Order in summary.

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

Discussion – Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway Improvements

We have been working with the KTC regarding developing the corner of Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway, This property acquisition has been tied up in court, which is holding up this project. This corner is a key part of our City that the Garden Club has worked on and made a beautiful part of Fort Wright. There is no timeline for the work to begin again and Mayor Hatter would like for the City to improve this corner while we are waiting for something to be done in the future. Mr. Maloney stated that we could put down top soil, seed and straw. Mr. Averdick suggested sod and a lot of water.

Mayor Hatter stated that he would like Mr. Maloney to come back with a couple of suggestions and cost to improve this area.

Executive Order 03-16 – Appointing Nicholas Von Handorf as a Police Officer

This item will be tabled until more information is received.

Bid Results for 2016 Street Program

Mr. Huff reported the bids were opened on April 28th for the 2016 Street Project. The roads to be constructed are Oak Hill Court, Wolfzorn Court and Beacon Hill. We received two bids and the low bid was from JPS Construction in the amount of \$553,027.50. This amount is less than the CT Consultants estimate. They have done work in the City before which has been acceptable, except for some minor problems on Beaumont Ct. with the time frame to get the street done and the restoration after the street was done.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Abeln to accept the bid from JPS Construction for the 2016 Street Program. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Abeln, Wall, Hoerlein and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments Received on Staff

Mayor Hatter read comments received for thanks to Officer Hoppenjans and also appreciation for vacation checks by the police department. Thanks to Officer Colwell for his input at Fort Wright School on a drug prevention class and thanks to officers Arnsperger and Keller for their checking on a suspicious vehicle.

Administrator Report

Memorial Day service on May 30th at 10:00AM, here at the city building.

Mr. Huff thanked the residents and businesses, Mayor, Council and fellow employees for the 8 years he has been at Fort Wright for their support and friendship.

Mayor Hatter and Council thanked Mr. Huff for his service and leadership to Fort Wright.

Department Reports

Police Chief Dan Kreinest thanked Council for addressing some of the issues that he brought before them regarding the Police Department.

In reference to the scams being received by residents, an email was sent out advising them what to do if they are concerned. Never give out personal information over the phone.

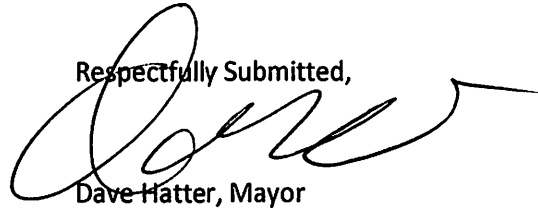
Fire/ EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that the newer ambulance will be in the shop for body work, and we will be using the older ambulance for about a week.

Auto Zone has opened and Dairy Queen will be open at the end of the month. The bike shop on Dixie Highway still has some work to do and will be going to the Board of Adjustment for additional signage.

Public works Director Tim Maloney advised that they had two trucks and some misc. equipment declared surplus and had sold the items.


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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Hatter", written in a cursive style.

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce Woods", written in a cursive style.

Joyce Woods, City Clerk