

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 06, 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. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Joe Averdick 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. Mr. Dave Abeln was unavailable for this meeting.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Bernie Parker of 1610 E. Henry Clay Avenue addressed Council regarding the property at 1607 E. Henry Clay that appears to be abandoned. He stated that the property is unlocked, no floor in the structure, only gravel, rebar laying in the back yard, window broken in the garage etc. His concern is the safety of this property and that vagrants might be staying in the buildings or kids wondering around the structure and getting hurt. Mr. Maloney sent the owner a letter, Alex Edmondson, with violations and stated that the grass was cut recently. Mr. McMurtry stated that the City does have the authority to do something about this, since it is a safety issue. Mayor Hatter instructed Mr. McMurtry to work with Mr. Maloney for maximum safety of this property. Chief Kreinest was asked to leave the meeting and call Mr. Edmondson immediately to secure the building.

Approval of Minutes - 04-01-15 Council Meeting

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

Approval of Minutes - 04-15-15 Caucus Meeting

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

Second Reading – Ordinance 04-2015 - An Ordinance Amending the Delinquent Tax Collection Procedures

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

Second Reading – Ordinance 05-2015 – An Ordinance Repealing 91.33 of the Fort Wright Code of Ordinances Requiring Adjacent Property Owners to keep Sidewalks Free and Clear of Snow and Ice

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

Second Reading – Ordinance 06-2015 – An Ordinance Amending 35.1 of the Fort Wright Code of Ordinance to establish Positions and Pay Levels for Members of the Fort Wright Police Department

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

Municipal Order 01-15 – Adopting the Attached Organizational Chart and Establishing the Position of Full Time Captain for the City of Fort Wright

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall, no vote taken.

Mr. Averdick amended Municipal Order 01-15 to read in Section III for a Level 3 Position. Motion to amend Municipal Order 01-15, by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wall. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Wall, Hoerlein, Wessels and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to approve the amended version of Municipal Order 01-15. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Wall, Hoerlein, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading - Ordinance 07-2015 – Stage I Development Plan for Approximately 0.85 Acres of Area Located at 3394 Madison Pike

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in Summary. Martin Scribner of PDS was present to address Council and outline the Stage I Development Plan for the new Auto Zone facility that will be located at 3394 Madison Pike. Power Point presentation was shown and project is located in the CC Zone on .85 acres. KCPC recommended approval with four conditions. Plans were updated with conditions met. Discussion

followed with questions from Council from Mr. Scribner and Mr. Jason Hall representative of Auto Zone and Prism Engineering and Design Group LLC. One of the major concerns was that customers of Auto Zone would be repairing vehicles in their parking lot. Mr. Hall stated that there is a designated area behind the building to replace batteries, windshield wipers etc. by Auto Zone personnel. Mr. McMurtry will look at these conditions and resolve this by the second reading of the Ordinance. Reach out to Auto Zone and talk to them regarding this issue.

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

First Reading – Ordinance 08-2015 – An Appropriation Ordinance Adopting the City of Fort Wright Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

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

First Reading – Ordinance 09-2015 – An Appropriation Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Wright Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

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

Resolution 04-15 – Contract for Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017

Mr. McMurtry read this Resolution in summary. Mr. Huff stated that if anyone would like to rent a trash toter from Rumpke the cost will be \$1.00 per month and the recycle toter would be free. There will be a flyer in an upcoming issue of the Top of the Hill News advertising the availability of these items. It will also be advertised on Twitter, Facebook etc. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hoerlein, Wessels and Averdick voting in favor, Wall abstained. Motion passed.

Proclamation Recognizing Barbara Howard

Mr. Huff read the Proclamation requested by Redwood School for Ms. Howard, who has served in many capacities at Redwood for 36 years. They will be honoring Ms. Howard on June 9, 2015.

First Reading – Ordinance 10-2015 – An Ordinance Adding a New Section to Chapter 35 of the Fort Wright Code of Ordinance, to establish the position of Volunteer City Historian

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

Executive Order 11-15 – Appointing Dean Russell, 3124 Glen Oak Court, Edgewood, Ky. To the position of Volunteer City Historian

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

Accept the Quote to purchase lighting for the “Families of the Fallen” Garden from A&S Electric Supply for a total cost of \$1,936.92

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve the quote for lighting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Wessels, Averdick and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Huff stated that we had received a donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for this project and we will be spending this amount with the additional lighting and landscaping by July 1, 2015.

Amend Agenda to include Executive Order 12-15 – Appointing a Police Officer for the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky

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

Executive Order 12-15 – Appointing Benjamin Wiesner as a Police Office for the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky

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

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff thanked all the volunteers who participated in Fort Wright Cleanup Day. We had collected 3 dumpsters of trash. Margie Witt did a great job organizing this event and hope to make this an annual event. Roger Schroeder, Izzy's, Fort Wright Civic Club donated products and services. Chief Schewe stated that there were many needles found around the City and if anyone comes across them, please call the Fire Department and they will be picked up.

Mr. Huff and Mr. Maloney met with TANK representatives and advised that they would be changing signage on Dixie Highway and would like to put a shelter in front of Sub-Station II. They are updating all of their shelters along Dixie Highway.

Bus Stop on Valley Plaza Parkway is stalled because of management change at Wal-Mart. Will continue to work on this.

Thanks for all of the input from the Finance Committee and staff for all of the help and input for the new budget.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest stated that there have been a few recent burglaries in the area. Garage doors have been left open and cautioned residents to lock all vehicles and keep valuables out of sight.

Welcome to new Police Officer Ben Wiesner.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe thanked everyone who participated in the mulch sale to benefit the Fire Department. We still have mulch available for sale.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that 10 inches is the legal limit on grass, and we are getting quite a few calls on high grass around the City. Notices will be sent out and if no response there will be a \$100.00 fine imposed.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry reported that 2 problem properties, 1587 Marcella Drive, will go up for sale on June 2, 2015 for liens placed on the property. If owner of 444 Ft. Henry Drive fails to respond, foreclosure proceeds.

Passed out a letter on the lawsuit against the Board of Trustees at the Kentucky Retirement System, and updated Council on this procedure. Will keep everyone informed as this moves along.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk