



City of Fort Wright

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City of Fort Wright Council Meeting Wednesday, June 3, 2020 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Council Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Mayor Hatter. Mayor Hatter led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. City Clerk Maura Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Here
Councilman Feinauer	Here
Councilman Wall	Here
Councilman Weber	Here
Councilman Wessels	Here
Councilwoman Witt	Here

Also present for the meeting were:

City Administrative Officer Jill Bailey
City Attorney Justin Whittaker
Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe
Police Chief Ed Butler
City Clerk Maura Russell

CITIZEN COMMENTS/GUESTS

There were no citizen comments.

Chief Schewe introduced two of the three new full-time firefighter/paramedic employees, Ray Embry and Steve Vickers. Chief Schewe said two of the three new hires, Jeremiah Johnson and Steve Vickers, came from the current part-time pool, and the third, Ray Embry, was hired from outside the City. He said Mr. Johnson was not able to attend this evening's meeting but hoped to attend one in the future to introduce himself.

Firefighter/Medic Ray Embry introduced himself and said he lives in Villa Hills with his family. He thanked the City for the opportunity. Firefighter/Medic Steve Vickers introduced himself and said he has been with Fort Wright Fire Department since 2000, starting as a volunteer then becoming a part-time employee, and now moving to full-time. Mr. Vickers said he greatly appreciated the opportunity to move to full-time status and thanked Council and the Mayor. Mayor Hatter welcomed Mr. Embry and Mr. Vickers and said he is glad residents can meet them through the camera.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. Councilman Weber made a second. City Clerk Maura Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Wessels made a motion to approve the minutes of the Caucus Meeting held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Councilwoman Witt made a second. City Clerk Maura Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 08-2020 re: Refunding of Industrial Revenue Bonds

Councilman Wessels recused himself from the discussion.

Ms. Bailey introduced Richard D. (Dick) Spoor, Senior Partner with KMK Law, representing The Wessels Company, LLC, and Mr. Robert Winters, special counsel for the City of Fort Wright for this matter. She thanked Mr. Spoor for his clear summary and explanation of the industrial revenue bond refinance.

Mr. Winter explained that he is the special attorney for the City for this matter only and worked with counsel for The Wessels Company going over the documents to cause the bond refinance to come about. He said the City issued industrial revenue bonds in 2003 to build and finance the Wright Summit project on Dixie Highway. The City was an issuer working only as a pass-through entity and does not lend full faith and credit to repayment and the project is the source of funds or guarantor. He said the original funding amount was \$3 million and The Wessels Company has paid it down to about \$850,000, but due to the structure it has become expensive to continue with this method. He recommended passing the resolution to cause the bonds to be refinanced at a significantly reduced interest rate. He said several documents need to be taken care of for this, including amending the lease and indenture and updating the trustee to protect bond holders. He said at the end of the day, the City will still be the issuer and own the project and will not be obligated to pay. Mr. Winter said in his legal opinion this is a good deal for the City and one of its outstanding corporate citizens.

Mr. Whittaker read Resolution 08-2020, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky, authorizing the issuance of \$850,000 principal amount of City of Fort Wright Industrial Building Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 (The Wessels Company, LLC project) (The "Bonds"), issued at the request of The Wessels Company, LLC, a Kentucky limited liability company (the "Company"), for the purpose of refinancing the acquisition, construction and equipping of an industrial building project located in Fort Wright, Kentucky; and approving, authorizing and acknowledging the execution and delivery of (1) an amendment to lease agreement between City of Fort Wright and the Company; (2) a supplemental trust indenture between U.S. Bank national Association, and the City of Fort Wright; and (3) any and all other related documents necessary thereto.

Councilman Abeln made a motion to approve Resolution 08-2020. Councilman Weber made a second. City Clerk Maura Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Abstain
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

MRA Cooperative Agreement & Resolution 09-2020

Ms. Bailey read Resolution 09-2020, a resolution adopting and approving the execution of a Municipal Aid Co-op Program Contract between the Incorporated City [City of Fort Wright] and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, as provided in the Kentucky Revised Statutes and accepting all streets referred to therein as being streets which are a part of the Incorporated City [City of Fort Wright].

Ms. Bailey said there is this resolution along with a cooperative agreement which spells out the terms and specifies the dollar amount the City will receive. She said this is a revised resolution and agreement as Council was not able to act on the initial contract without first receiving the updated version, and this version has a lower dollar amount. She said this year's funds are expected to be \$104,028.61 and will be deposited into the Municipal Road Aid account.

Councilman Feinauer made a motion to approve Resolution 09-2020. Councilman Wall made a second. City Clerk Maura Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Weber made a motion to accept the Municipal Road Aid Cooperative Program Agreement and authorize Mayor Hatter to sign the document. Councilman Wessels made a second. City Clerk Maura Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

2020 Resurfacing/Reconstruction Bid Recommendations

Ms. Bailey said the bids for the 2020 Street Project for reconstruction and resurfacing have come in. She said for resurfacing there were four bids and Riegler Blacktop was the low bid at \$170,810 total and \$6,460 for the alternate bid, for a total of \$177,270. She said the City Engineer reviewed the bid and said it is in accordance with the specifications and they recommend accepting Riegler Blacktop's bid.

Councilman Wessels made a motion to accept the Riegler Blacktop bid for resurfacing for the 2020 Street Program. Councilman Feinauer made a second. City Clerk Maura Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Hatter reminded residents that these projects will add more road construction to the ongoing projects at Dixie Highway and Amsterdam. He asked that everyone is patient and kind to one another, as he knows this will be frustrating, but at the end of the day the City will be much better off from safety and traffic flow standpoints.

Ms. Bailey said second part is the reconstruction bid, for which the City received five bids, separate from the resurfacing bids. She said the engineer's estimate was \$459,458, and JPS Construction was the low bid at \$385,527.50 and the engineer recommends awarding this contract.

Mayor Hatter said we realize low bid is not always the best bid, and the City works to get the best return on investment for residents. He said it is fortuitous that the City gets excellent bids from companies we have worked with in the past. Councilman Wessels recalled a couple years ago when the City received only one bid for a project, and it is nice to see the competition for these bids. Ms. Bailey reminded Council that both projects have already been allocated to the budget that will be recommended.

Councilwoman Witt requested a reminder of what streets are impacted by this Street Project. Ms. Bailey said the streets to be resurfaced are East Henry Clay, Christine Court, and Upland Avenue and reconstruction will occur on Helen Ruth Drive and Ridgemont Avenue. Mayor Hatter said this information will be available on the website and will notify residents in the impacted areas. He reminded residents to be patient.

Councilman Abeln made a motion to accept the JPS Construction bid for reconstruction for the 2020 Street Program. Councilman Wessels made a second. City Clerk Maura Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Surplus Property Disposal – 2001 Dodge Caravan

Mayor Hatter said the 2001 Dodge Caravan used to be a Fire Department vehicle and more recently has been used by the Public Works Department. Ms. Bailey said this is Municipal Order 01-2020, an order declaring surplus property and authorizing disposal of such property by auction. She said the vehicle is currently out-of-service because of work needed to the transmission. She said the work needed to repair it exceeded the value of the vehicle.

Mr. Whittaker read Municipal Order 01-2020, an order declaring surplus property and authorizing disposal of such property by auction, specifically a 2001 Dodge Caravan. The surplus property shall be sold by public or electronic auction in accordance with Kentucky Revised Statute 424.

Councilman Weber asked what happens to the vehicle if it does not sell. Chief Schewe said to the best of his knowledge that has never happened.

Councilman Abeln made a motion to accept Municipal Order 01-2020. Councilman Feinauer made a second. City Clerk Maura Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

CAO REPORT

Ms. Bailey announced that the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum had been closed during the CoViD-19 crisis and is now scheduled to open on June 12. She said volunteers have been working to get the space ready, and the Fire Department generously provided gloves, masks, and hand sanitizers for volunteers.

Ms. Bailey said that the first Fab Foods in the Fort food truck event was well attended yesterday. She said SEA Cuisine was the food truck vendor and they were very happy with the turnout and look forward to returning. She said next week Marty's Waffles will be in the parking lot.

Ms. Bailey told Council she provided two budget documents. She said the thinner document is the budget amendment which outlines changes to the budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and incorporates

audited fund balances and approved purchases through this fiscal year. She said various changes were made to each department's funds and expenditures. Ms. Bailey said she will reach out to each Council member to schedule a budget meeting. She said she also provided each Council member with the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Ms. Bailey said a couple changes were made and they are included, along with a salary survey for each staff member and budgeted expenses for all fund groups. She said this is similar to the process created last year, and the general fund is budgeted on a zero-balance basis. Ms. Bailey said there is a budgeted surplus of \$555,000 incorporated into the document. She asked each Council member to review the documents ahead of their meeting and reach out to her directly with questions. Ms. Bailey pointed out the cover of the budget binder which she said features an ordinance from 1942. She said it is Ordinance 24 identifying the property tax rate at 45 cents per 100 dollars, and she thought the historical information was interesting.

Mayor Hatter said the Finance Committee met for a few hours last night about the budget amendment and they are recommending Council approve the budget amendment and new budget. He said so far, the City is very strong financially and it does not appear that the pandemic will have much of an impact at this time based on modeling and analysis, though it still remains to be seen. Ms. Bailey also said staff will be participating in a meeting tomorrow regarding the CARES Act [The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act] to identify how much the City is eligible to file for reimbursement related to CoViD-19 expenses, and she will prepare a report about that once information is available. Mayor Hatter said the theory is that the City will be able to submit for reimbursement any expenses by the Police and Fire departments, including salaries and equipment, which could be a significant amount of money.

Councilman Wessels said there was a good discussion on the Finance Committee about requests. He said there was a focus on the Police Department and the committee was able to hear Chief Butler's concerns with existing equipment and salary adjustments. Councilman Wessels commended Ms. Bailey, saying she did a tremendous job preparing the binders and gathering information, and the department heads as well. He said they were able to have a good conversation with Mr. Bethell regarding the Public Works Department's requests, and with Chief Schewe regarding the Fire Department's issues and requests. He said there is an adjustment to Council salaries to discuss. Ms. Bailey said there is an allowable adjustment to Council and Mayor salaries from the Department of Local Government of 2.3% if they wish to accept it. She said it is small based on their existing salaries, approximately \$40 per year. Councilman Wessels said he is personally not in favor of accepting an increase but thinks the Mayor should receive an increase because of the enormous time he spends on City business. Ms. Bailey said, if approved, the Mayor's salary would increase from \$6,114 to \$6,254.62, and Councilmembers would increase from \$2,445.60 to \$2,501.85. She said there is time to think about it and if there are questions to let the Budget Committee, Councilman Wessels, or herself know. Councilwoman Witt asked if the increase was all-or-nothing and Ms. Bailey said they just cannot surpass the 2.3%. Councilwoman Witt said they are not here for the money and she does feel like the Mayor puts in an inordinate amount of time and thanked the Mayor.

Councilman Wessels said some of the money set aside for beautification is still in the budget. He also said there was talk about two new cruisers per year for the Police Department, as they do push over 100,000 miles. He said new uniforms for the Police Department would come out of reserves instead of a budget item because it is a one-time expense, as well as some safety items. Mayor Hatter said the current Police Department uniforms have been around for a very long time and many of the items they need are not available. He said it makes sense to find something more serviceable and easier to acquire.

Ms. Bailey said for transparency purposes, all requests from department heads are included in the budget binders so that Councilmembers can see what was requested and what is being budgeted.

Councilman Wessels said they also reviewed the 25 largest businesses in the City, and it appears they all seem to be functioning and operating. He said the pandemic has affected some restaurants, but he feels strongly that the larger businesses in the City will be unimpacted. Councilman Weber reminded residents that a law was passed by Governor Andy Beshear to delay paying taxes for one or two quarters, but they will all still have to pay. Ms. Bailey said she is uncertain on how the auditor will account for these delayed income items that come after the start of the fiscal year but thinks they will do a journal entry. She also said she has scheduled the audit for August 31 through September 2 and hopes to have a presentation to Council by October.

Mayor Hatter commended Ms. Bailey on the structure of the budget and presentation, saying it is clearer and more transparent. He advised residents the budget will go on the website as soon as it is passed. He reminded residents that this money does not belong to him as the Mayor or to the Council, but to the residents and they work to use it as wisely as possible in the best interests of residents and businesses. He said he welcomes feedback on how residents wish to have the money spent. Mayor Hatter also acknowledged the time and work of the Finance Committee, saying Councilman Weber and Councilman Wessels take their role seriously to make sure the City spends money as wisely as possible. He said there is an obligation to provide security and safety to the residents of Fort Wright with limited funds. He also said he appreciates the efforts of staff to spend money wisely through their departments.

Councilman Wessels said it will be a few months before we know more about the impact on the revenue side. He said the goal is no tax increases to provide the services the residents need and if there are items in the budget down the road that do not need to be spent then they will allocate properly. Mayor Hatter said spending on safety and security over beautification has always been the mentality. He said the City has raised taxes in the past but tries to avoid it, and it should only happen once all other options for safety and security funding have been exhausted.

Councilman Wessels also mentioned an upcoming meeting with the final candidate for investing to find a strategy. Councilman Weber said state legislature allows cities to invest their funds differently to try to gain higher returns, so funds are not sitting in accounts making no interest. He said they take it very seriously that Council will be investing residents' money. He said a policy will be created to direct investments and that policy, along with the investment team they choose, will go before Council for a vote. Councilman Weber said they hope to use this opportunity to use existing funds to earn more income and avoid increases in taxes. Mayor Hatter said the objective is to be smart and safe when putting these funds to work for residents.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration/Finance – City Clerk Maura Russell provided the Administration update. She said she and Ms. Susan Ellis, Treasurer/Senior Deputy Clerk, were recently trained on the MuniPay system, which allows the City to accept credit cards for payments. She said there is a fee of \$1.50 or 2.65% on each credit card transaction, and the City will not receive any portion of the fee assessed. Ms. Russell reported that the luncheon for Specialist Jeff Hoppenjans' last day went well and was well attended and appreciated by staff. She reported that SEA Cuisine did say they had a great time and look forward to coming back next year. Ms. Russell reported that scheduling for each of the food truck days is complete

and the full schedule has been published via social media. Councilman Feinauer asked about promotion via the digital message board and Ms. Russell said it is being updated weekly by Ms. Ellis.

Fire/ALS Department – Chief Schewe said the department has been busy in the last month. He said there was a structure fire on Sunday, May 31, on St. Agnes Circle and the home sustained quite a bit of damage. He said he is waiting on the adjustor for totals on the damage. He said based on transcripts from dispatch, the Fire Department was in route within three minutes, had water on the fire within eight minutes, and it was reported under control within 23 minutes. Chief Schewe said it is likely the fire was under control before 23 minutes, but it was probably four to five minutes before it was thought to call in to announce it as under control. He said it was a significant fire, with suspected lightning strike hitting the front of the house. He said before firefighters even arrived the front right side of the house was already in flames. He thanked Fort Mitchell, Park Hills, and Ludlow Fire Departments for coming to assist with the fire. Chief Schewe also reported on a serious accident that occurred on Monday, June 1, on Highland Avenue. He said one driver is suspected to have overdosed and struck two or three other vehicles and, as a result, one person was taken to University Hospital.

Chief Schewe thanked Council for the support on hiring the additional full-time and part-time staff. He said it will greatly help their operations and puts the department at a better level of service for those that live and do business in the City.

Chief Schewe reported that he met with Horton and the turn-out date for the new ambulance is July 20. He said it will need to go back to the dealership for detailing but hopes that will only take one day. He also reported that MobilComm has been installing new radio equipment which will go live in August. He said the department will be working off portable radios for the next couple of months but anticipates no issues.

Chief Schewe announced that the City is planning another blood drive with Hoxworth in June and information will be available as soon as it is planned. He said he hopes to make these blood drives a regular occurrence. Mayor Hatter said there is currently a critical need for blood from all types and encourages donating if you are able and willing.

Chief Schewe closed with thanking residents and businesses for their continued support of the Fire Department. He said people continue to bring items to the department and they are especially thankful. Mayor Hatter echoed this to say the City is fortunate to have such an incredible community.

Legal Counsel – Mr. Whittaker had no report.

Public Works – Mr. Bethell was not able to attend the meeting. Ms. Bailey reported that Amsterdam Road project started on Monday, along with SD1 and some mowing by Public Works. She said there were some signage issues, along with a lot of traffic and detours, and it should be resolved. She recommended posting the information again to remind people of the construction.

Councilman Wessels asked about the construction on Highland Avenue, and if that was tied to the sewer line at the bottom of the hill. Ms. Bailey said that it is, and the gravel road is temporary. She said they will also be removing the parking lot and replacing the sidewalk.

Police Department – Mayor Hatter said he felt he had an obligation to speak out on the current situation. He read from a statement issued today by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter: ““The time for

racial discrimination is over.” With great sorrow and disappointment, I repeat those words today, nearly five decades later. Dehumanizing people debases us all; humanity is beautifully and almost infinitely diverse. The bonds of our common humanity must overcome the divisiveness of our fears and prejudices.”

Mayor Hatter said he speaks for himself and there is this terrible division going on, George Floyd’s life mattered and what happened was horrific, appalling, and despicable. He said he has had issues with police in the past, a long time ago, and it is terrible that this is still an issue in 2020. He continued by saying he is glad it is getting attention it deserves and he hopes the perpetrators get the justice they deserve, including the bystanders who did nothing, and that justice comes swiftly. He said he thinks Fort Wright has an amazing police department with virtually zero complaints, treating everyone with respect as they should be treated. He said each officer has a body camera and the department has a strong body camera policy, fully supported by Chief Butler. He said as long as he is Mayor, the City will continue to ensure every person is treated with the respect and justice they deserve, regardless of their race, sex, color, creed, etc. He said the City has an obligation to ensure fair treatment and the same justice is given. Mayor Hatter said he fully supports peaceful protestors, but he disavows violence and wants to be sure the Police and Fire Departments, as well as residents and visitors to the city, are safe. He said as long as he is here he is committed to ensuring the staff, team, and City is committed to a culture that embraces equality and justice for every person that has dealings with the City of Fort Wright.

Mayor Hatter closed with two final lines from the statement released by former President Carter: “We are responsible for creating a world of peace and equality for ourselves and future generations. We need a government as good as its people, and we are better than this.” He said there are a lot of prayers, listening, empathy, compassion to be sure every human is treated the way they deserve to be treated. He said anything less than that will not be tolerated.

Chief Butler said he agrees completely with Mayor Hatter’s remarks. He said it has been a challenging week-plus for law enforcement country wide. He said Fort Wright has stayed on the fray of the issues but stands ready to support our neighbors. He said his department has an obligation to protect property rights and the personal safety of citizens and business owners, and they will do that effectively. He said he does not think you could find a police officer in this country who is truly committed to this profession who would condone what happened in Minnesota. He said the justice system needs to do its job and handle it. He said he does not think it was a mistake and it appears to be intentional. He continued by saying sometimes police officers do make mistakes that sometimes result in bad consequences because of difficult situations and split-second decisions, and when those things happens he believes society has an obligation to let the system run its course and find out what happened and not jump to conclusions, as sometimes that contributes to issues. He said, conversely, law enforcement has an obligation to be open-minded and admit when mistakes happen and address it. He said their challenge as law enforcement leaders is to have an open-door policy, and he welcomes anyone in the City of Fort Wright is welcome to call or email him and discuss these issues. He acknowledged he may not always agree but he welcomes all viewpoints on what we all can do better moving forward. He said he prays the violence ends soon, and that there are law enforcement officers being killed, being assaulted that had nothing to do with what happened in Minnesota or other incidents across the country, and they were just trying to do their job.

Chief Butler moved on to wish well to Specialist Jeff Hoppenjans who has moved on to pursue another law enforcement career opportunity. He said that means there is an opening for a police officer, preferably certified because of constraints with Academy training and CoViD-19. He said the ad is open

for another week, and if there are any questions stop in or call. He said Walmart has temporarily changed their hours and his department has been helping ensure the store clears out in an orderly fashion. He reminded people that traffic is picking up and to drive cautiously and pay attention to those around you.

Chief Butler said he appreciates the support of the Finance Committee and Council regarding the budget. He said the things going on in the world today led them to have conversations about what items the officers may need to stay safe.

Mayor Hatter said this has all been weighing on him, and he and Chief Butler have had numerous conversations and he wanted to approach things with empathy and compassion and perspective. He reiterated that Fort Wright Police officers do have body cameras and a policy that has been in place for a long time. He said one of the conversations he and the Chief had was how does something like this happen. He said that part of the training in Kentucky is that officers are trained to specifically not do this [knee to back of head]. Chief Butler said every accredited law enforcement agency in Kentucky, and Fort Wright is an accredited agency, is required to have policies governing operations, including defensive action and use of force policies. He said the reality is that law enforcement sometimes involves using force, as not everyone wants to cooperate. Chief Butler said the Fort Wright policy clearly spells out that chokeholds are not allowed unless there is a use of force incident where an officer could justify shooting. He went on to say the policies specifically spell out high-risk situations for positional asphyxia and what to do if someone is handcuffed and complains that they cannot breathe. He said at the end of the day force by law enforcement has to be reasonable, has to be reasonable to deal with only that situation, and must cease once the need for it is over, and that is the way the department trains. He said every time Fort Wright officers use force, there is policy that requires an investigation and evaluation that must occur and part of his job to determine if the force was used appropriately. He said the officers are given the tools necessary to do the job, and they emphasize reasonableness and when the need for force is over, it is over.

Mayor Hatter said it is important to point out the officers train and have valuable policies and the department goes through the accreditation process to be sure nothing like what happened in Minneapolis happens here in Fort Wright.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Hatter said two “thank you” notes had come in. He said one was for the Fire Department’s response to the St. Agnes Circle fire on May 31st. He said the other was from Linda Schneider of Morris Place, thanking the Police and Fire departments for their fight against the “unseen” bad guy – the virus.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Witt – She announced that there are a couple different fundraisers going for the family who lost their home on St. Agnes Circle. She said some of the neighbors are collecting gift cards and PeeWee’s Place in Crescent Springs is organizing a benefit. She encouraged people to do what they can to help their neighbors. Councilman Weber said he has a neighbor also collecting for the family. Mayor Hatter said he will work to get this information shared through social media, and that this is a great example of “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”.

Councilman Feinauer – He said this has been a sober, somber time for the last three months and his thoughts and prayers are with everyone in our country. He said he hopes to see everything go back to normal where we can appreciate what we all have and he prays for everyone. Mayor Hatter encouraged everyone to read the full letter released by President Carter today.

Councilman Abeln, Councilman Weber, and Councilman Wall all echoed the sentiments from Councilman Feinauer and those previously said from Mayor Hatter and Chief Butler.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hatter requested a motion to adjourn to Executive Session under KRS 61.810 (1)(c) – Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. A motion was made by Councilwoman Witt. Councilman Feinauer made a second. City Clerk Maura Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

The Council Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:24 PM.

The Council Meeting was reopened to the public at 8:41 PM.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Councilwoman Witt made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Councilman Wessels made a second. All voting in favor.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:


Maura Russell, City Clerk