



**CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018 6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hatter opened the council meeting at 6:09 PM with a 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 Administrative Officer Jill Cain Bailey, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, City Engineer Mark Brueggemann, Police Chief Marc Schworer, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Jeff Bethell, and City Clerk Susan Ellis

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Abeln to approve amended minutes of the May 2, 2018 Council Meeting. 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 by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve amended minutes of the May 23, 2018 Special Meeting. 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 by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to approve amended minutes of the May 23, 2018 Caucus Meeting. 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.

GUESTS

Ed Butler, Former CAO City of Fort Wright

Mr. Butler expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve Fort Wright. Mayor Hatter thanked Mr. Butler and presented him with a gift recognizing his service. Council and staff members each expressed their thanks and appreciation.

State Representative Diane St. Onge

Representative St. Onge addressed the council and reported on the most recent legislative session remarking that it was a tough session but a lot was accomplished. Comprehensive tax reform will be address in the future and she will be sitting on the tax task force. She will have more to report back as

meetings progress. She will be working with State Senator Chris Sanders on a regimented approach to medical marijuana. Strong measures that will not impede law enforcement will be put in place and law enforcement input will be solicited. Representative St. Onge then addressed questions from the council regarding the tax task force, the pension crisis, the Governor's new city beautification program, and issues related to hiring and training police officers in Kentucky.

JD Chaney, KLC – 2018 Legislative Update

Mr. Chaney distributed copies of KLC's 2018 Legislative Update handbooks and provided highlights from the 2018 legislative session. Pension Reform was given the most attention. Mr. Chaney reviewed the changes and stated the need to be vigilant watching implementation. He stressed the importance of moving forward with separation. Other legislation highlighted were:

- House Bill 487 State Revenue Measures – sales tax on services
- Senate Bill 88 Prohibition of Unfunded Mandates on Cities
- House Bill 373 Disclosure of Body-Worn Camera Recordings – exemption of certain recordings from open records request
- Senate Bill 97 Municipal Annexation – statute of limitations
- Senate Bill 91 Municipal Audits – set standards for audits

Mr. Chaney reported that criminal justice reform would be addressed in the next legislative session.

LEGISLATION

Resolution 06-18 Municipal Road Aid Cooperative Agreement.

Ms. Bailey presented the resolution which was to receive the \$114,000 revenue stream from the state. \$114,000. Mayor Hatter added that it must be approved before the city can accept. A public hearing for residents to express interests in road projects will be scheduled. The City Engineer will be at the next Caucus Meeting to discuss 2018-2019 road program.

Mr. McMurtry read the Resolution. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Abeln to approve.

There is another additional 3% of emergency funds to apply for.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Hills - ALS Request for Proposals.

Mayor Hatter reported that Fort Wright has provided services to Park Hills for some time and bills them to cover costs. Former City Administrator Ed Butler had conducted a thorough analysis of these costs and provided a two-page document explaining the rationale for the increased cost to Park Hills. Park Hills has

sent out a request for bid. Mayor Hatter stated that the Fort Wright would not be lowering costs and that although it was an option to submit a bid with additional costs, he did not want to be punitive. He recommended that the City not bid but that it stand by its original offer. It was the consensus to support the Mayor's recommendations.

CAO REPORT

City Administrative Officer Jill Cain Bailey referenced her written report in the council packets stating a few items should be unfinished business, things were still in transition with her assuming her position as the new CAO.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration Department

City Clerk Susan Ellis reported that all personal property taxes have been collected and there are no outstanding delinquencies. There are still \$15,414.53 in outstanding property taxes. Mr. McMurtry asked that all delinquencies be turned over to the attorney's office in July and moving forward this should be done in April. Until another Assistant City Clerk has been hired, we will only be accepting passport applications on Mondays and Tuesdays. The City will be working with Von Lehman to update and streamline processes related to accounting practices.

Fire/EMS Department

Chief Steve Schewe reported that the kitchen renovation is about 90% completed. There were set backs related to the ventilation. There have been issues with ambulance so they have been using old one. The ambulance should be back in service tomorrow.

Legal Counsel

Mr. McMurtry reported that KDOT won the appeal on Roger Kuchle. He stated that there was nothing that warrants a supreme court review. A motion for discretionary review may be filed, but if denied, then the decision is final.

Hearings for summary judgement on KRS lawsuit will be taking place. Kyle Winslow will be present on June 21, 2018 at oral arguments and will have a written report and full report for the next council meeting. Franklin Circuit Court Judge Wingate will be presiding.

Public Works Department

Public Works Director Jeff Bethell reported several items:

- Areas have been taken off the bush hog list to clear by hand.
- Right of ways are scheduled to be cleared but the contractor's equipment broke down.
- Duke will begin work on Amsterdam sometime next week. Public Works has been trying to get that area taken care of before Duke goes in but heavy rains have presented issues.
- Sections of concrete were replaced outside of the city building.

- The engineer will have dates for the beginning of street project.
- The gas line pipe is scheduled to begin on June 11, 2018.
- The state is aware of the slide on 3L and has drilled but found no rock so they will be trying something else.
- A hole was cut on East Henry Clay and not repaired properly. Mr. Bethell will be determining who it was and address the issue.
- The sidewalk by 5th/3rd will be repaired when there is enough manpower.
- Mr. Bethell will be discussing options of brining Precision Concrete back with Ms. Bailey.
- Hot patching of streets damaged in during winter needs to be done as soon as possible.

Mr. Wessels asked if in the franchise agreement, if a condition in to put things underground could be added as well as imposing time timeframes for repairs. Mr. Murtry responded that we can try.

Mr. Hoerlein shared comments from residents on his street who were asking why only the little issues with the sidewalks were being fixed. Mr. Bethell responded that larger issues are to be addressed during this budget cycle.

Police Department

Chief Marc Schworer reported that the Women's Self Defense in May had 25 participants from Fort Wright and other areas. A practice night will be scheduled. He is planning to schedule an Active Shooter class before the end of the month. Career day at St. Agnes went well. He received a call from a resident on Morris Road requesting speed bumps. Mayor Hatter expressed the idea of the Police Department getting its own radar box.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Employee Recognitions

Mayor Hatter reported that there was a large amount of commendations but for time sake tabled them until the next council meeting.

The City Shred Event will be Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 9 AM to 12 PM

There was no need for an Executive Session as originally shown on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Ms. Witt to adjourn the regular meeting to Executive Session pursuant to KRS.61.810, Paragraph (c). 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.

The council meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DH', written over the text 'Respectfully Submitted,'.

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Susan Ellis', written below the word 'Attest:'.

Susan Ellis, City Clerk