

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 7, 2017 – 6:00PM

Council Member Bernie Wessels 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. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Scott Wall. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Ed Butler, Attorney Kyle Winslow, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mayor Dave Hatter, Mr. Dave Abeln and Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe were unavailable for this meeting.

Motion to appoint Mr. Wessels to conduct the meeting in the Mayor's absence. Mr. Hoerlein made a motion to appoint Mr. Averdick, as this is his last meeting on Council in Fort Wright, to preside over the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Wall. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Wall, Wessels, Feinauer and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 05/03/17 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Feinauer, Wessels, Hoerlein and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 05/17/17 Caucus Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Wall, Wessels, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Old Business

Second Reading of Ordinance 08-17 An Appropriation Ordinance for the Annual Budget July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Attorney Kyle Winslow read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Hoerlein, Wall, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Butler stated that the major increases in the budget this year revolves around funds allocated for new radios, that may or may not occur in this budget, and the Amsterdam

Road Project is carried in this budget, but some of the cost is a pass-thru, Health Insurance increases are also uncertain.

Second Reading of Ordinance on 09-17 An Appropriation Ordinance Amending the 2016-2017 Budget

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

Mr. Butler stated that all departments are trending under budget with cost being kept under control. Revenues are strong and we are in good fiscal shape.

Second Reading of Ordinance 10-17 Amending Article VII, Definitions, and Article X, Section 10.17 Limited Highway Service Zone (LHS), and Article XIV, Section F (6), Signs, of the Fort Wright Code of Ordinance

Mr. Winslow 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. This Ordinance changes the zoning text to allow new luxury car dealerships in the LHS Zone. This will be a good addition to the City.

New Business

Resignation of Council Member effective June 7, 2017

Mr. Averdick is moving from the City and no longer eligible to serve on Council and has resigned his position. He has been a long-time member of Council, and valuable to the City. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Feinauer, Wall, Hoerlein and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Everyone wished Joe the best of luck in his future adventures and he will be missed by all.

Appointment of Replacement Council Member effective June 7, 2017

Eleven candidates were interviewed to fill the council vacancy. Council deliberated and selected Margie Witt, who has given a lot of time and energy to the city for different projects. Ms. Witt thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on Council and hopes she can do as good of a job as Mr. Averdick has done. Mr. Butler stated that it was a 6-0 vote by Council after the Executive Session.

Issues List Reviews

List was updated after the last meeting by Mr. Butler. The overpass upgrades that was on the list was passed to the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Butler contacted his counterpart in Florence and was told their upgrade that was previously completed cost about \$100,000.00. There are increased funds in the budget to work on crumbling islands in the city, more street sweeping and sidewalk repair. The website rebuild will be discussed at the June Caucus meeting, credit card payments, phone system, digital sign and upgrading the sound system in the council chambers are also being discussed.

Citizen Comments

Lookout Heights Civic Club donated half of their fundraiser proceeds to the Fort Wright Fire Department in the amount of \$406.00. Thanks to them for this very generous donation.

A note received to say thanks for advertising the Postal Workers Food Fund Drive on the message board in front of the building.

Thanks to Specialist Vonderhaar for his courtesy to a driver that he pulled over for an expired license plate and got her on her way in a timely manner.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Butler commented on the Rumpke garbage fiasco that we encountered recently. A few streets were missed last week and continued into the weekend for many residents. There was a personnel problem at Rumpke and it was not reported until Saturday. It was resolved on Monday and all trash was picked up and everything was back to normal.

Departments Reports

Police Chief Kreinest reported that the Bike Rodeo will take place on Saturday at 2PM at TREX Bike Shop on Dixie Highway. Also, there will be a two-part series of Women's Self Defense classes on June 21 and June 28 from 6-9PM.

There will be an ad in the Sunday Enquirer for a police officer to replace Chief Kreinest when he retires on July 31, 2017.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that there has been some painting of the public works garage and the South Hills Civic Club that will update these buildings.

The Pier Wall repair on Fort Henry Drive is on schedule and the repair work on the sidewalks will be done in September after it settles.

Bush hogging will be done next week on Highland and Amsterdam and some side streets to get growth back from the road.

City Clerk Joyce Woods thanked council for bringing Ms. Witt on board as another female in the room.

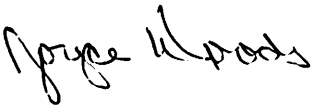
Mr. Averdick will be at the July 5th Council meeting if anyone would like to stop in to say goodbye to Joe and wish him well

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Dave Hatter, Mayor

ATTEST:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk