

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT CAUCUS MEETING

JUNE 15, 2016 – 6:00PM

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Hoerlein to appoint Councilman Adam Feinauer to run the meeting in the absence of Mayor Hatter. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Hoerlein, Wessels, Abeln, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Councilman Feinauer opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Mike Hoerlein and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Ed Butler, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Public Works Director Tim Maloney was unavailable for this meeting. Mayor Hatter arrived at 6:25PM.

There were no Citizen Comments

Items for Discussion

SNK Grant – Amsterdam Road Project

Mr. Butler questioned Council on what percentage we would want to suggest to Kenton County that they contribute to this project. It was suggested that Mr. Butler inquire to other cities what Kenton County contributed to other projects that they were involved in in the area. Crescent Springs was one of the cities that was mentioned and Mr. Butler advised that we may have a good chance to be awarded some money for this project. It was decided to set up a discussion with Judge Executive Knochelman.

Sidewalk Replacement/Repair Plan

Mr. Averdick stated that he believes that homeowners should be responsible for sidewalks and driveway aprons and replaced when their streets are replaced. We have discussed this many times and need to get something on the books for present and future Council's. This subject will be forwarded to a committee for discussion and ideas on how to proceed.

Board of Adjustment – Legal Representation for the City.

Mr. Butler advised Council that PDS does not provide legal representation when we have Board of Adjustment cases scheduled for the city. They send representatives from PDS for explanation of the case

and for their decision on the case. If we would need to have an attorney present on behalf of the city, we would have to provide one. It was decided that if we need or would like to have an attorney present for the meeting to advise Mr. McMurtry and he or Kyle Winslow would attend.

Creation of Additional Committees within the City

Mayor Hatter stated that he would like to have additional committees formed within the City. This would include a Human Resource Committee and any additional ideas council might suggest. He would like to open it up to citizen involvement when and if there are people available that may have expertise in the field we are discussing. A council member should be the chairman of the committee, and we will have an Executive Order at the next meeting establishing this committee. If anyone has any suggestions for members to add to this committee, they should bring that information to the meeting.

Mr. Butler stated that he would like to update the City's Personnel Policy, as the last time it was published was 2000 and it is not current for 2016.

Don Martin Drive - Wall Slippage Update

Mr. Butler advised that he, Mr. Maloney and Mark Brueggemann met with the Home Owners Association representatives of Devou Lofts Condominiums regarding the wall that is slipping on that property. We have had complaints regarding the road and have found that is not the problem. The Association members were advised by Mr. Brueggemann, and he gave his opinion of the problem, but that they need to hire a Geo-Tech to find out the cause of this slippage and sinking.

Delivery of Information to Council Staff for Meetings

It has been suggested previously that meeting packets be delivered electronically to save paper. There were members of Council who preferred to have copies of information for the meeting delivered to their homes before the meetings. They wanted to read and have available to them maps or other information that would be better understood with a paper copy. Mayor Hatter stated that there is equipment available that could electronically print and do more sophisticated things, but we do not have the technology to be able to send this information.

PDS Map Amendment and Zoning Ordinances

Emi Randall, of PDS, was present at the June 1, 2016 Council meeting in regards to the passing of an Ordinance to change the zone for St. Agnes from R-1D and R-2 to Institutional Zone, for 12 acres. This change was to enable St. Agnes to hang advertisement on their fields to promote sponsorship of businesses for their sports teams. Ms. Randall would like to get a committee together regarding the time it takes to get zoning passed by the cities. Mr. McMurtry volunteered to be on the committee and also Mr. Wessels. They would like to have input and some control if there are recommendation to speed up the process of getting things passed. Zones need to be simplified.

Annual Employee Wage Increases

The 2016-2017 Budget includes employee wage increases of 2%. It was decided that employees who have not been with the city for a year, would not get the increase, but would get the 2% increase on the anniversary date of one year with the city. Seasonal employees were not included in this raise. After all new employees were employed with Fort Wright for a year they would be in the same rotation as all other employees. We will vote on this at our July 6, 2016 Council Meeting, but the additional money would start on July 3, 2016, the beginning of the pay period for the fiscal year.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Averdick to adjourn to Executive Session per KRS 61.810, paragraph (c). Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick, Wall, Abeln, Hoerlein and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to close Executive Session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Abeln to adjourn the Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,


Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk