

**CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY MUNICIPAL ROAD AID/ CAUCUS MEETING**

**JUNE 17, 2015 – 6:00PM**

Mayor Hatter called the special meeting to order, the following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Mike Hoerlein and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also in attendance for this 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. Averdick was unavailable for this meeting.

**Resolution Adopting and Approving Municipal Road Aid Project**

This public hearing is required to receive comments regarding funds received from the State for repair and replacement of roads in the City. We will receive about \$111,061.11 for these projects.

There were no citizen comments.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the Municipal Road Aid Resolution. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Wessels, Abeln and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

**REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING – 6:00PM**

Mayor Hatter opened the regular meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Mike Hoerlein and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd Attorney, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

**Official Commendation for Patrolman Brian Machal**

Chief Kreinest read the Commendation and stated that Officer Machal did a great job in a situation that was dangerous to the suspect and to Officer Machal. He did an outstanding job in keeping all involved safe. Officer Machal introduced his wife and thanked Mayor and Council for giving him the opportunity to serve as a Fort Wright Police Officer.

Mr. Charlie Goettsch, a resident of 1860 Dixie Highway addressed Council regarding the Deupree property at 1850 Dixie Highway. He has a contract to purchase this property and explained to Council

that he is working with an attorney and what his tentative plans would be for this property. He would like to purchase this property and sell "as is" for a lower price, so whoever purchases it would have some room in their budget to rehab it. He would sell off two lots to allow him to ask less for the property. He would like to have an easement to be able to split off two lots on Park Road and have access. He also would have a stipulation that if the original property is torn down, only one structure would be able to be built. Mayor Hatter stated that he has no problem with his plan and opened it up to Council for discussion. Mr. McMurtry advised him to have Jay Bayer draw up the paperwork for the requested easement and bring it to Council after the closing of the property.

#### Employee Salary Adjustment for 2015-2016

Mr. Huff stated that he had met with the Finance committee regarding employee salary adjustments for 2015-2016. He researched the inflation rate and is proposing a 2% adjustment to the pay scale and give a step increase to those that are eligible of an additional 1%. Mayor Hatter suggested to check the survey NKADD put out to see what other cities pay for similar positions. There will be another Finance Committee meeting to discuss this further. This item will be on the July 1, 2015 Council meeting agenda.

#### Jeff Hoppenjans Promotion

Chief Kreinest advised that Officer Hoppenjans meets all the criteria to be promoted to the rank of Specialist. He is a very good and dedicated employee and deserves this promotion. It will be the August Council meeting before this will take effect.

#### Police Department Policies, Job Descriptions, Rules and Regulations

After the accreditation process was completed, the policies, rules and regulations need to be adopted by Council. Mr. McMurtry will take a look at these and this will be on the agenda for the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

#### Dashboard

Mayor Hatter stated that we will discuss this in depth at the next Caucus meeting. There is a handout from the Northern Kentucky Chamber included in tonight's packet, to give Council an idea of what it involves and look for feedback as to what Council would like it to include for the City of Fort Wright. We will move forward with this idea in the next couple of months.

#### Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway

The Kyles Lane/Dixie Highway project has been delayed again by the State and Council is unhappy about the way they dug up the little green space and garden at that corner. We have been notified that signal poles will have to be ordered and there is a 6 month wait for them to come in, and the bulk of the work

will not occur until next summer. Mayor Hatter stated that he will respond to the email received from Mike Bezold of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

#### Sign Fort Wright

Mr. Feinauer stated that an electronic billboard sign was discussed previously and that the sign in front of the city building has been decaying. This has been discussed in Community Preservation meetings also. It was decided to get prices and samples and bring that information back to Council. Mr. Wessels would like Council to pursue discussion on signage with advertising as a revenue source for the City.

Mr. McMurtry addressed Council regarding nuisance violations and will give Mr. Huff and Mr. Maloney the plan that the City of Erlanger uses for this process, which he considers a good process.

Mr. Huff passed out the proposed 5 Year Street Program from CDS Associates for Council's review.

Mr. Hoerlein left the meeting at 7:29PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk