



**City of Fort Wright Council Meeting  
Wednesday, July 11, 2018 6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hatter opened the council meeting at 6:03 PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

The following members answered roll call: 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 Kyle Winslow, 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. Feinauer, second by Ms. Witt to approve amended minutes of the June 6, 2018 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed. Motion passed.

**GUESTS**

There were no guests present. There were no citizen comments.

**LEGISLATION**

**Executive Order 11-18 Board of Adjustment Appointments.**

Mr. Winslow read the Executive Order. Mr. Wessels commented that the Board of Adjustment positions require PDS Training. Ms. Bailey responded that she would follow up on that. Mayor Hatter expressed his thanks for the additional time investment of the appointees.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed. Motion passed.

### **First Reading of Ordinance 9-18 Alternative Regulations for Map Amendments.**

Ms. Bailey explained that these amended regulations would allow map amendments to proceed through more quickly. Mr. Winslow added that this reduces the process to 21 days versus 90 days. Mayor Hatter expressed his support to be as flexible and as reasonable as possible which would enable new business speed up process as well as save money. He explained that all safe guards are still there but that this new process is easier, faster and more business friendly.

Mr. Winslow read the Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed. Motion passed.

### **Motion to Amend the Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Hoerlein to amend the agenda to include a vote on Resolution 7-18 Agreement with Kentucky Office of Homeland Security for the Purchase of Tasers. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed. Motion passed.

### **Resolution 7-18 Agreement with Kentucky Office of Homeland Security for the Purchase of Tasers**

Chief Schworer explained that the Police Department has been replacing tasers as they break down. Last year he applied for and received a similar grant for handguns. This year's application would be to purchase 6 tasers so that all department tasers would be under warranty. This request is for a total of \$7,062.

Mr. Winslow read the Resolution. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed. Motion passed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Park Hills EMS and Kenton Vale Fire/EMS Contracts**

Mayor Hatter provided a review of these contracts and emphasized that the City was only attempting to cover costs while providing the same level of service to those cities as what is provided to our residents. Ms. Bailey commented that Park Hills had asked for a change to the original contract that when the contract expired in 2020, if the cost increase is higher than 5% that they be notified by May 1, 2020. Mayor Hatter responded that this was a reasonable request. He commented that the previous City Administrator and gone through an elaborate

process to determine the cost but that Park Hills was surprised with what they felt was a substantial increase in cost. Although they sought other options, they discovered that Fort Wright was the best option. Ms. Bailey asked if the same change regarding notice of a cost increase higher than 5% in 2020 should be extended to Kenton Vale. Mayor Hatter expressed his support to do so.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Ms. Witt to authorize and execute the contract with Park Hills with the change as suggested by signature of the Mayor. Roll call vote taken, 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 Ms. Witt to authorize and execute the contract with Kenton Vale with the change as suggested by signature of the Mayor. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Municipal Order 1-18 Disposal of Miscellaneous Surplus Property**

Mayor Hatter pointed out a few items and their ages to demonstrate that the City is being respectful of tax payer money. He expressed his appreciation to the departments for their efforts to prolong the life of equipment and property.

Mr. Winslow read the Municipal Order. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed. Motion passed.

### **BUILDING & ZONING – No report.**

## **CAO REPORT**

Ms. Bailey asked for question on the written reports that were included in the council meeting packets. She also thanked Public Works for painting the council chambers.

There will be a Municipal Road Aid hearing at 5:45 prior to the Caucus Meeting on July 18, 2018. The purpose of the hearing is to identify projects for MRA dollars. Citizen input is encouraged. Mayor Hatter commented that the state gas tax provides for these funds and enables the City to spend less of its money and/or take on additional projects.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Administration Department**

Mayor Hatter cited staffing changes as to why passport acceptance has been suspended.

Mayor Hatter commented on the difficulty that exists with budgeting as the budget process must be completed before the cities receive their property tax assessments. He stated that this is a state level issue and encourage citizens to talk to their state legislators about changing the timing as cities really need this information prior to setting their budgets.

### **Engineering**

Ms. Bailey pointed out that the engineering report is a new item in the council meeting packets. City Engineer Mark Brueggemann will be attending the next caucus meeting. Street projects will be discussed. With a focus more on resurfacing that reconstruction the plans for 2020 and 2021 may be flipped around. Mayor Hatter commented that the 5-year plan is under evaluation. Information is online on the website and any changes will be posted.

### **Finance**

Ms. Bailey reported that the financial reports were included in the council packet. She said to look for changes as the Von Lehman project continues and recommendations are implemented.

### **Fire/EMS Department**

Chief Schewe reported that the preliminary specifications for the new ambulance have been completed. He plans to present them at the August council meeting so the purchase can be put out to bid in September. The most significant change is to switch from a medium duty chassis to a light duty chassis.

### **Legal Counsel**

Mayor Hatter reported that a final resolution to the ongoing dispute involving the Kyles and Dixie right of way is expected soon. While an appeal has been submitted, he is hoping for a dismissal.

Mr. Winslow reported there had been no change yet with the separation lawsuit. The judge is expected to make a decision within 30 days.

### **Parks & Museum**

Ms. Bailey reported that with the recent changes to the law, the City will now need to collect sales taxes for certain Museum sales and activities.

## **Public Works Department**

Mr. Bethell reported that the bush hog is running and the right of ways have been mowed. He has been utilizing inmates for weed eating and to pick up trash. The council chambers have been painted. Mr. Bethell met with JPS Construction and the City Engineer regarding the street project. He is not sure of a start date yet. KS Energy is working for Duke on the Amsterdam project and is hoping to have their work completed in 3 weeks. The Public Works Department has started hot patching this week.

## **Police Department**

Chief Schworer announced the Gateway Car Show Corvettes for Vets is Saturday from 11 am – 3 pm. Mayor Hatter promised to promote this event through social media to help out. Shred Day on June 9, 2018 received good participation. Another Women's Self Defense class is scheduled for July 18 & 25, 2018 and the class is already full. There have been three death investigations this month. Interstate 275 will be closed from 10 am through lunch sometime next week for digital drawing. Chief Schworer is the reconstructionist and Officer Griffin will be assisting him. Mayor Hatter expressed the need to get word out about the closing. Chief Schworer recognized and commended Officer Arnsperger for his work handling a recent suicide threat. Officer Vonderhaar will be retiring September 1, 2018. Thirty-four applications were received for his replacement and Chief Schworer plans to select ten for interviews. Chief Schworer is planning to write the RFP for two new police cruisers next week.

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The question was asked about disposal of large items or hazardous items. It was believed that the Rumpke contract allows for one time per year to dispose of such items through the existing contract. Ms. Bailey stated that she will look at contract to determine how these things are handled. She will also be looking into scheduling an E-Cycle event for the City.

Mayor Hatter shared the following recognitions and thank yous:

- Officer Arnsperger from Chief Schworer for exemplary service in a difficult situation regarding a recent attempted suicide
- Officer Wiesner from Council Member Feinauer regarding his son's traffic stop
- Police Department from the Independence Police Department thanking for assistance with a pursuit on April 18, 2018
- Police Department from Viola and Nancy Kinman with a donation recognizing National Police Week and thanking them for the protection they provide
- Police Department from Daisy Girl Scout Troop 5126 at St. Agnes thanking them for coming to their meeting and teaching them about their service

- Sergeant Colwell from Daisy Girl Scout Troop 5126 at St. Agnes thanking him for talking to them about personal safety
- Chief Schworer from Daisy Girl Scout Troop 5126 at St. Agnes thanking him for his work in coordinating Sergeant Colwell's visit to their troop meeting
- Officer Keller from Spencer Hurley, Facebook review regarding his assistance while trying to teach a friend how to drive stick shift
- Officer Keller from a Facebook review thanking him for taking time to talk with their children
- Sergeant Colwell and Police Department donation from Mary Doryk Dillon thanking them for always being there
- Chief Schworer from Mrs. Jacobs, Assistant Principal at St. Agnes for coming to speak with the students
- Chief Schworer from Pastor Marcus and 7 Hills Church, thanking the department for serving and protecting the community
- Fire/EMS Team of Greg Vogel, Scott Lewis, and Charles Rice for their quick response
- Chief Schworer from former US Marshal Mike Klein for his assistance with his automobile accident

Mayor Hatter expressed congratulations to Officer Von Handorf and his wife Megan for the birth of their first child.

Mayor Hatter announced his wife's birthday and wished her a Happy Birthday.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Ms. Witt to adjourn the council meeting. Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Ms. Margie Witt, voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

The council meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:



Susan Ellis, City Clerk