

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY SPECIAL COUNCIL/CAUCUS MEETING

JULY 15, 2015 – 6:00PM

SPECIAL MEETING

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

Mr. Charles Goettsch, resident of 1860 Dixie Highway, was present for this meeting and stated that he had heard that there was a potential buyer of the property at 1850 Dixie Highway that wanted to build seven townhomes on this property. Mr. Goettsch stated that he wanted to preserve the beauty of this property. He purchased the property hoping to resell it, and that someone will purchase it and restore the house to its former beauty.

Resolution 06-2015

This Resolution will enter into an agreement with Charles Goettsch approving plat granting 50 foot right of way and an access easement through trolley line parcel.

Mr. McMurtry read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Wessels, Hoerlein, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Ordinance 12-2015 – Adopting a new Official Personnel and Pay Classification Plan

This is an emergency reading to pass this Ordinance of a 2% pay increase for employees to line up with the current pay period. There were meetings of the Finance Committee to discuss this and it has been included in the budget. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Hoerlein, Wessels, Wall, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

CAUCUS MEETING

Mark Brueggemann, City Engineer was present at the meeting to update Council on the 5 year Street Program. A condition rating on each street in the City was done and was rated by number. If the street was rated less than 70, it needed a full replacement, 70-85 resurfacing, above 85 only minor maintenance. Mr. Brueggemann stated that it will take \$560, 000.00 plus per year to spend on street maintenance. The City needs to develop a strategic plan for maintenance to keep streets at a level that full replacements are not needed.

Discussion followed regarding weeds growing in the street lines, and Mr. Averdick had a presentation of pictures that he had taken of the Lookout Heights area in the City that needed to be addressed. He noted that aesthetics of the City affect property values. He had pictures of dead trees, down spouts not attached to anything, vegetation growing in roof gutters and many other problems that need to be addressed.

Mr. McMurtry stated that Park Hills is working on adopting an Ordinance regarding this same problem and so far it has worked. He will send a copy to Mr. Huff for his review. Mayor Hatter advised that we will look into this and step up enforcement practices and speak to Mr. Maloney about doing regular checks in the neighborhoods. Mr. Wessels said that he would like some new items listed in the Public Works report.

It was suggested to send the Tree Ordinance back to the Community Preservation Committee for review.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk