

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT. KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

July 19, 2017 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, Ms. Margie Witt, and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Ed Butler, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Captain Marc Schworer, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Dave Abeln arrived at 6:15PM.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Patrick Monahan, a resident at 525 Beaumont Avenue, addressed Council regarding storm water drainage at his home. What is occurring is that water is draining in his basement and this has only happened since the street was redone. He has called Sanitation District #1 and they came out, and a representative, Angela Cook was present at tonight's meeting to answer any questions that might concern this issue.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry stated that it is OK to ask questions, but that this should be discussed in a closed session with Council, as to the City's position.

Discussion Followed. Mr. McMurtry responded that we will discuss this further and let Mr. Monahan know what the city's position is on how to proceed.

Amend Agenda to add an Executive Session

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

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Hoerlein to adjourn to Executive Session per KRS-6810(c) pending litigation. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Hoerlein, Wall, Abeln, Witt and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to adjourn Executive Session and return to the Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

There was no business as a result of this Executive Session.

Discussion regarding standing City Council Committee Assignments

Mr. Jason Werms would like to serve on the Finance committee as a resident.

Discussion regarding CERS Separation Committee

A sample Resolution was included in the packet for Council's opinion. We will introduce the Resolution at the next Council Meeting.

Discussion regarding Brent Spence Tolls Resolution

Council has had numerous Resolutions opposing tolls on the Brent Spence Bridge. We will introduce another one at the next Council Meeting.

Discussion regarding mowing of Interstate Exit Ramps

It was reported that other cities in the area cover the cost of keeping the area around the ramps cut. The State, who is responsible for these ramps only mow about 4 or 5 times a year. Mr. Wessels stated that we should step up and fix curbs etc., and keep these areas maintained, as these are entrances to our city. Mayor Hatter stated that we will have discussions with the State, and have the Community Preservation also look at costs to take on this project.

Discussion regarding the Northern Kentucky Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

There is a sample Resolution in the packet and we will discuss this at the next meeting.

Discussion regarding the 2017 Hope Box Derby

This will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2017, at Wright's Summit Business Park. We will again ask for sponsors and we will need a driver if anyone has any suggestions.

Discussion regarding the 2017 City Picnic

Since we usually have the picnic in June, and we are toward the end of July, it was decided to plan for next year and put this on the items list we review regularly.

Discussion regarding the 2017 Thanksgiving Day Luncheon

Since the attendance has been down in recent years, we will combine this with the Christmas Luncheon at the Fort Wright Civic Club.

Discussion regarding City of Fort Wright branded clothing

It was decided that we would come back with potential clothing for samples. The clothing would be ordered directly from a dealer, and would not go through the City as far as payment or delivery.

Discussion regarding possible replacement of FD Pick-up

Chief Schewe reported on the FD pick-up that was damaged in a rear end collision on Dixie Highway. Damage to the truck was around \$5000.00, and Chief Schewe did not think the truck was worth fixing. The new State contract will be out soon, and we could amend the Budget to include this purchase.

Discussion regarding upgrades for a new phone system

Cincinnati Bell would put in new drops and rewire as there is very old wiring in the building. We can move equipment around and upgrade the internet system. There is money included in the budget for this project.

Discussion regarding a possible Text Amendment – Helen Ruth

There is a business that would like to relocate to this area. It is a small manufacturer of ammunition. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting to determine if we want to move forward.

Discussion regarding a Board of Adjustment meeting on August 8th

This is regarding the old Marathon site on Dixie Highway where a developer would like to build a 4000-square foot building for two separate businesses. A variance is needed and there could be a parking issue.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Ms. Witt to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor