

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT CAUCUS MEETING

JULY 20, 2016

Mayor Hatter 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. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, and Mr. Joe Averdick. Also present were City Administrator Ed Butler, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Dave Abeln arrived at 6:50PM.

No one was present for citizen comments.

Financial Auditing Services for 2016

Mr. Butler and Mayor Hatter had discussed if Council wanted to sign the letter for Rankin & Rankin to conduct the city's annual audit for 2016. They are not dissatisfied with Rankin & Rankin but suggested because we have used them in this capacity for a number of years, did we want someone different to look at it. It was decided to bid it out, and either stay with their company or see what other options are available on the bids.

Geotechnical Proposal for Ft. Henry Drive

Mark Brueggemann looked at the slide issue on Ft. Henry Drive and advised the city to have a Geotechnical Engineer look at this and give us a preliminary report on the problem and what needs to be done. Three proposals requested and only two were received. They were from Terracon, \$7650.00, and Thelen \$10,132.63. Mr. Brueggemann has recommended Terracon. Discussion followed. It was decided to move forward with Terracon.

Von Lehman Cares Initiative

As a new business moving to the city, Von Lehman & Company, Inc., would like to have the support of the city through media and a Resolution by the city, letting the public know that we are supporting this business as they volunteer to help The Welcome House and People Working Cooperatively in Northern Kentucky.

Parking Lot Removal at the Nature Center

This has been discussed previously and suggested what we can do to take out the parking lot on Highland Avenue at the Nature Center, since it has been closed at this point. Mr. Wessels suggested that we could inquire at Eaton Asphalt about dumping the removed blacktop at their facility. Mr. Maloney advised he could also check with JPS Construction to see if they would take it. Re-seed the area to make it greenspace.

Franchise Agreement with Cincinnati Bell – Mini Cell Towers

Cincinnati Bell is constructing mini cell towers in places where there are high concentration of people, but Fort Wright has not been approached for this project yet. There is no franchise agreement in Kenton County but Kenton County has hired the law firm of Frost, Brown & Todd to create a model franchise agreement which is still in draft form. It would cost each city approximately \$1500.00 to part of this agreement. Council would like to have the framework in place if we are approached by Cincinnati Bell for placement of these cell towers. We will move forward at the next council meeting.

Possible NC Zone Text Amendment – 1671 Park

Mr. Butler stated that we have had a request for an animal chiropractic holistic medicine business interested in locating in one of the offices at 1671 Park Road. We will discuss this at the next council meeting.

Sidewalk Replacement Plan

Council decided we need to make a decision on the replacement of sidewalks within the City. Other cities consider sidewalks the same as roads. To avoid liability it was suggested that we need to review sidewalks on a rotating basis and have criteria on the books for this plan. Mr. Feinauer suggested that this be brought to the Community Preservation Committee for discussion and review, and bring options back to Council.

Code Enforcement Board – Nuisance Ordinance

PDS is working on a model ordinance for all cities. Mr. McMurtry will check on changes with the statutes of the ordinance and report back to council.

City Issues – Tracking Mechanism/Process

Mr. Butler suggested he would create a spreadsheet to log in complaints or other issues regarding the City. This would include anything that needs attention for visibility and other reminders by council or city employees. This list should be updated frequently.

Request for Residents to Join Committees

If council members or employees know of anyone that has qualifications and is interested in helping with ideas or issues within the city, please suggest that we might want to get in touch with them for their input if they are interested.

Mr. Feinauer advised that the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky has business sponsors who take care of the traffic islands in their city.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk