

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 2, 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. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, Ms. Margie Witt, Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Ed Butler, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Marc Schworer, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Citizen Comments

None

Approval of Council Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Abeln to approve the minutes of the 07/05/17 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Abeln, Wessels, Witt and Hoerlein voting in favor, Wall abstained. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Feinauer, to approve the minutes of the 07/19/17 Caucus Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Feinauer, Abeln, Wessels, Witt and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed

New Business

Proclamation in honor of retired Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Mr. McMurtry read the Proclamation. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Wall, Hoerlein, Witt, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Mayor Hatter presented Dan with the gifts from the City and stated that he had the pleasure to work with Dan for many years and he has worked for many other Mayors and City Administrators also. Dan has lived in Fort Wright all his life. The City appreciates his service and wishes him well.

Others speakers were State Representative Diane St. Onge, previous City Administrator Gary Huff and Attorney and friend Tim Theissen.

Dan thanked everyone for the gifts and kind words. And will still be close to visit.

Executive Order 06-17 – Establishing standing committees of City Council

Mr. Butler advised that with losing one Council person and appointing a replacement, we will assign Ms. Witt to the Community Improvement Committee and move Mr. Wessels to the Finance Committee. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Hoerlein, Witt, Wessels and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 07-17 - authorizing the promotion of Marc Schworer to the position of Chief of Police

Mr. McMurtry read this Executive Order. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln, Wall Hoerlein, Witt and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Chief Schworer was sworn in on Tuesday and will be recognized at the September meeting when his family can attend.

Resolution 09-17 - supporting the separation of the County Employees Retirement System from the Kentucky Retirement System

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

Fort Wright has taken a strong stance to separate these two systems from the Kentucky Retirement System.

Resolution 10-17 - regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project

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

Resolution 11-17 – adopting the Northern Kentucky Hazard Mitigation Plan

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

Resolution 12-17 – declaring surplus property within the Police Department

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

Resolution 13-17 – supporting the removal of reformulated gasoline (RFG) from the State implementation plan (SIP) Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties

Mr. McMurtry read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Witt, Wessels, Hoerlein and Abeln voting in favor.

Discussion and possible action regarding a text amendment to the IP Zone

Mr. Butler stated that we had discussed at the previous caucus meeting that a company, Great Lakes Ammo, a small remanufactured ammunition company would like to expand their company to Kentucky on Helen Ruth Drive. The owners of the company would like to ask for a small zone change in order to accommodate their operation. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln to allow Mr. Butler to present this zone change to PDS for a text amendment at their September meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln, Hoerlein, Witt, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Discussion and possible action regarding a contract with Cincinnati Bell for a new phone system at the City Building

This is a budgeted item and have researched many different companies and came back to Cincinnati Bell. All hardware is leased and no repair responsibility by the City with a five-year contract and this will improve efficiencies and technology. All council members agreed to this change and reviews from other cities were favorable.

Discussion and possible action regarding replacement of the Fire Department pickup truck

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported that the truck was hit by a drunk driver in May on Dixie Highway. The estimates came in at \$5600.00 and the adjuster estimated it around \$4000.00. This has been the second time this truck has been hit and the frame is rusted. The state contract price is \$38,000.00 if purchased soon, and the Fire/EMS funds can be used for the purchase. This was not a budgeted item for this year, but the budget can be adjusted for this purchase.

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

Issues List Review

Discussed a few items on the list this evening. Mr. Wessels asked for a bid for flowers and landscaping on the areas discussed.

Citizen Comments Received

Mr. Averdick dropped off a Thank You note for all the gifts and support on his departure.

Administrator Report

Mr. Butler reported that the credit card processing has gone through and will be setting up training to be in place by tax time.

Bid openings this week, digital sign and sidewalk repair. Mr. Butler is going through the proposals and will advise.

Received property valuations and are waiting on results from NKADD. In packets are the financial statements and they are very positive.

Department Reports

Chief Schworer passed out monthly reports and stated that there is a new item included called special area check, which every officer will patrol for fifteen minutes on their shifts in areas where there is complaint on speeders or running stop signs.

Sgt. Colwell graduated from a three-week supervisory training at the DOCJT, and did very well.

Interviews were held today for the open police officer position, and thanks to Chief Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney, and replacement guest City Clerk Joyce Woods, for sitting in when needed. There are a good group of candidates and further interviews will be conducted.

There was a cruiser that rear ended a car leaving training in Cincinnati and will be phased out, as it is one of the older vehicles. No one was hurt in the mishap. The previous Chief's car has been sent out to be striped and will be put into the fleet.

Duty weapons were traded in for new weapons and paid for by grant money.

Presentations being done by officers and Mayor Hatter stated that the feedback from these programs have been positive.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe stated that new business Planet Fitness will have a potential opening in October, 2017. Buffalo Wild Wings was closed a few days for remodeling, and will reopen August 3rd at 2PM.

Welcome Chief Schworer in his new position.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised that the water main project on Lorup Avenue is almost completed.

Work on the leaning wall at the museum will be completed by August 19th.

Pier project on Fort Henry is on hold for now to allow for settlement.

Gravel cleanup on Park Road is being done.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that we are starting to work on getting ready for tax season.

Attorney Todd McMurtry reported that the process has started to place a lien again on the Minogue property on Marcella and St. Anthony.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest;

Joyce Woods, City Clerk