



**City of Fort Wright Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Councilman Feinauer. Councilman Feinauer led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Councilwoman Witt made a motion for Councilman Feinauer to serve as the meeting chair. Councilman Weber made a second. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes	
Councilman Feinauer	Yes	
Councilman Wall	Yes	
Councilman Weber	Yes	
Councilman Wessels	Absent	
Councilwoman Witt	Yes	MOTION CARRIED

City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll for attendance.

Councilman Abeln	Here
Councilman Feinauer	Here
Councilman Wall	Here
Councilman Weber	Here
Councilman Wessels	Absent
Councilwoman Witt	Here

Also present for the meeting were:

City Administrative Officer Jill Bailey
City Attorney Kyle Winslow
Police Chief Marc Schworer
Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe
Public Works Director Jeff Bethell
City Clerk Susan Ellis

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Tim Siegrist of 1309 E Henry Clay addressed the council to follow up on comments from the meeting last month. Councilman Feinauer responded that the issues will be discussed at the Caucus Meeting on August 21, 2019. Councilman Abeln recommended reviewing the meetings that were previously held at the Civic Club 2 or 3 years ago where this was discussed. He said quite a bit of data was presented at those meetings and there were a lot of concerns and strong views. Mr. Siegrist cautioned that the traffic study held at that time was invalid because barriers were moved.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Approval of the Council Minutes for the July 17, 2019 Special Council Meeting was postponed until the next Council Meeting on September 5, 2019.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Smoothie King Development Update

Ms. Bailey reported that this item was originally discussed in November and some of the elevations were reviewed at that time. The elevations were not consistent with design standards for that area. The client does not want to adhere to those standards and is asking for some variations to make it consistent with the store in Newport, KY. She stated that if the City is considering allowing them to deviate, the City will need to devote time for research. She recommended this be sent to Caucus for review. Mr. Winslow commented that he had looked at the waiver options and that there were no options for a waiver. He stated that the City needs to look at past resolutions and ordinances. Ms. Bailey reviewed the other allowances that had been made. Concern was expressed regarding the potential that standards could be outdated, or materials might no longer be available. It was determined that the lawsuit settlement with Walmart needed to be reviewed and this item would be on the Caucus agenda for August 21, 2019

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Order 06-19 - appointing Thomas Bradford, Police Officer

City Attorney Kyle Winslow read the Executive Order.

Councilman Abeln made a motion to approve the Executive Order. Councilman Wall made a second. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

CAO REPORT

City Administrative Officer Jill Cain Bailey announced the resignation from Jack Toeppen, Fort Wright's Representative for Kenton County Planning Commission. She stated that Mayor Hatter is working on recommendation for replacement which is required within 60 days.

Councilman Weber made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Councilman Abeln made a second. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
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Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration/Finance - City Clerk Susan Ellis announced her graduation as a Certified Kentucky Municipal Clerk. Financial reports had not been included in the council packets for the meeting as she is still working on updates to the new accounting system for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The KEMI Audit has been completed. Collections of Insurance Premium Taxes in July 2019 totaled \$68,304.24. Three more delinquent property tax bills have been collected.

Fire/EMS Department - Fire Chief Steve Schewe congratulated Greg Vogel on his retirement August 31, 2019 and announced that the fire department will be advertising to fill his position. He reported that the pumper goes out to get new paintwork done to it. The department has been doing drivers training on it the past couple weeks. All surplus equipment has been sold.

Legal Counsel - City Attorney Kyle Winslow reported that he is working with Ms. Bailey on some things.

Police Department - Police Chief Marc Schworer thanked Officers Griffin, Colwell, Bellau, and Nichols for their help with the self-defense class. He also thanked his wife, Amy Schworer, for her help. Channel 12 did a video on the class. So far 300-400 women have taken the class. He thanked Tracy Black from State Farm for providing snacks and water. He also thanked the Kenton Sheriff's department for covering calls when the President came through the area and Fort Mitchell Police Department who assisted with Vice President's visit to Skyline. A conditional offer of employment was made to Officer Lutes. He has been working on his POPS certification in Kentucky and then will need 2-3 weeks of additional training. Chief Schworer also announced that Police Clerk Gina Casey will be retiring at the end of August but coming back to help with reports until someone else is hired.

Public Works - Public Works Director Jeff Bethell reported that the department is continuing to mow and clean right of ways. They mulched trees at the I75 interchange. They have been working on the exercise room and the repaired the playground structure at volunteer park. They have started working on playground mulch. He reported that Palmer paving will begin the repair Reeves Drive tomorrow morning. He and Marty Hellman will be meeting with Riegler to mark curbs for replacement. The Amsterdam poles are being replaced. Ms. Bailey added that all easements for the Amsterdam Road Project have been obtained.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Employee Recognitions/Special Thank Yous

- The Lookout Civic Club made a donation to the Police and Fire Departments.
- The Connelly Family thank the City for the bouquet and use of the fire truck for John Donnelly, former Assistant Fire Chief who passed away last month.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Margie Witt – No report.

Councilman Dave Abeln reminded everyone that school was starting next week.

Councilman Adam Feinauer reminded everyone to stop for school busses. Chief Schworer said he will put reminders out on Facebook.

Councilman Jay Weber thanked the staff and council members for welcoming him to the Council.

Councilman Scott Wall thanked the Police and Fire Departments for all that was done for Vice President's visit and welcomed Councilman Weber to Council.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

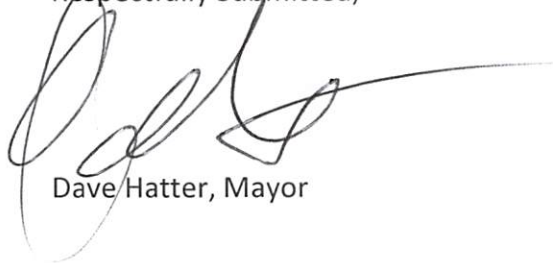
Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Councilwoman Witt made a second. City Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
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MOTION CARRIED

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dave Hatter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Susan Ellis", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Susan Ellis, KCMC
City Clerk