

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

AUGUST 16, 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, Ms. Margie Witt, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Abeln, and Mr. Mike Hoerlein. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Ed Butler, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Police Chief Marc Schworer, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Citizen Comments

None

Items for Discussion

Discussion regarding the Eastern Bypass – Greg Fischer Reporting

Greg Fischer of Fischer Homes addressed Council regarding the Cincy Eastern Bypass and passed out a brochure with mapping of the area that is involved. OKI proposes 16 lanes with the addition of a new bridge next to the existing bridge, which they advise will alleviate congestion at a cost of \$4.8 Billion. A bypass through our region traveling I-75 would add only six additional miles and save time. With the amount of 18-wheeler trucks traveling through this area, this would divert these vehicles to the Eastern Bypass for thru traffic. The cost of the bypass would be approximately \$1.1 Billion which is much less than the OKI/ODOT plan. This could add new jobs and new growth to the area. Mr. Fischer would like the City to pass a Resolution supporting this idea.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Fischer for coming to the meeting and speaking on this idea.

Discussion regarding Don Martin Drive

The retaining wall study comparison for Don Martin Drive was passed out to Council with diagrams of the movement of the retaining wall. Mr. McMurtry stated that the City has offered to pay half of the fees for a Geo-Tech study to determine the actual cause of the slippage. There was a meeting with the management company to determine what can be done to fix this problem. The management company wants the City to acknowledge that the slide started under the road, which would make this a City problem because it is a city maintained road. Our position is that it is not City property. A suggestion was made that we could fix the problem and assess the property owners. Mr. McMurtry will check on this idea and report back.

Discussion regarding RFP for Sidewalk Inventory and Repair

There was only one bid received for this project, Precision Concrete Cutting for \$10,264.65. Discussion followed, and it was decided that the City should move forward on this project.

Discussion regarding RFP for Digital Sign Project

Mr. Butler advised that he is sorting through the data received with a range of prices from \$25,000.00 to \$60,000.00. We would probably be leaning toward the lower prices. It was suggested that we research with Notre Dame and Covington Catholic their signs for more information.

Discussion regarding 2017 Tax Rates

This item was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting recently and the compensating rate for real property was favorable to the committee, with an increase of 0.273% per hundred dollars and 0.397 per hundred dollars for personal property. There will a first and second vote on these rates in the next month's meetings.

Discussion regarding Speed Limit Signs

Mr. Hoerlein stated that some of the digital speed limit signs can cost as much as \$5000.00. Mayor Hatter stated that we will research and get more information on these signs and costs.

Discussion regarding trash ordinances

Mr. Hoerlein stated that he has a neighbor that is storing trash on the side of their residence, bags, furniture etc. Mr. Maloney will look at this issue and advise.

Discussion regarding Park Road resurfacing project

We have had multiple complaints on the State project on Park Road. The road has been resurfaced with a very rough textured mixture, that they advise n time will smooth out on the road and last longer. Since this is a state road we have no say in the procedure that was done. Many complaints from residents have been received that there is gravel in their yards and the road is unacceptable. Discussion followed. Mayor Hatter will contact the State Representatives to find out more information.

Discussion regarding Police use of naloxone

Chief Schworer advised Council of free training and distribution event offered from Aetna and the Northern Kentucky Health Department on August 23rd, at the Boone County Health Department. Discussion followed and the Chief should decide on the training.

Update on Community Improvement Meeting from 08-15-17

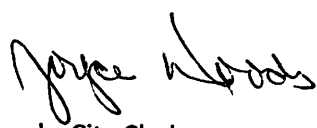
Mr. Feinauer went through the list of ideas and suggestions that were on the list and took off a few of the ones that were not up for discussion, including the newsletter, low interest loans and banners etc. More of these items will be discussed in the future.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk