



City of Fort Wright

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City of Fort Wright City Caucus Meeting Wednesday, August 20, 2025 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02p.m. by Mayor Dave Hatter. (A Special City Council Meeting preceded this meeting.) Kerrie Holland, City Clerk called the role.

Mr. Dave Abeln	Present
Mr. Jason Collins	Present
Mr. Scott Wall	Present
Mr. Jay Weber	Present
Mr. Bernie Wessels	Present
Ms. Margie Witt	Present

CITIZEN COMMENTS/GUESTS

Tom Litzler-Resident @ 505 Beaumont Ct. spoke on the topic of America's 250th Birthday coming up on 2026. He mentioned if the City of Fort Wright could get something together as a City to help recognize and celebrate this milestone for America. Some suggestions were to have the residents fly American flags, place banners on the main roads and to have the city motivate and encourage all residents to participate.

Eric Metzger-Resident @ 506 Knob Hill Ct spoke about his concerns with the issue of residential parking on public streets longer than a certain allotted time. His concerns were that neighbors leave their unattended cars parked in the same spot for upwards of several months without moving them. It makes it difficult for him to get in and out of his driveway at times.

Ray Perryman-Resident @ 531 Montpelier Ct. spoke about his concerns regarding the issue of residential parking on public streets as well. He also stated that depending on how the cars are aligned to your driveway, it makes it difficult to get in and out of your driveway.

ITEMS TO DISCUSS

Residential Parking Policies on City Streets

It has been brought to the attention of Admin staff that there have been residents that are having some issues with neighbors parking on the street for an undetermined amount of time. The vehicles stay in the same spot in excess of 24 hours making it difficult for residents to get in and out of their driveways. Creating an Ordinance to impose a maximum of 72 hours parking limit was discussed, Councilwoman Witt mentioned that the police can't mark or determine the timeframe of how long cars are parked. Possibly handle the issue with the neighbor. It is not

necessary to get police involved. Councilman Wessels mentioned maybe add in the proposed Ordinance for Police to try to reach out to the vehicle owner to have it moved. Joe Nienaber suggested reaching out to your neighbor as a courtesy. Mayor Hatter stated he is initially opposed to having 24-hour restrictions, state statute is 72 hours, should this be code enforcement based. Mayor stated the City's officers do not have the time nor the resources to keep driving by a vehicle to see if they have been moved.

Review of Municipal Traffic Code

Review parking regulations and codes that have been incorporated by KRS. Possibly add electric scooter, E-bikes and Golf Carts into the Ordinance.

Statewide Municipal Aid Agreement

The agreement has been sent to Attorney Brooking and Chef Schewe for review.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Mayor Hatter added that during his last Mayors Group meeting there was concern about the state not maintaining infrastructure on state roads in some cities. The County will now take on the project and bill the state., the work to be completed is agreed upon before the work is started on. Is this something the City would be interested in pursuing?

The Mayor received a Thank you from Tammy Wilhoite to the Fire Dept staff for their professionalism on a call to a family member.

Water District-patch on Highland is not satisfactory-Jeff Bethell reached out with no response from the state.

Councilwoman added that the Annual Fall Cleanup will be held on October 18, 2025 from 9am-Noon. All volunteers needed and appreciated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Wessels to enter into Executive Session under KRS 61.810 and Councilman Collins made the second. Ms. Holland called the role.

Mr. Dave Abeln	YES
Mr. Jason Collins	YES
Mr. Scott Wall	YES
Mr. Jay Weber	YES
Mr. Bernie Wessels	YES
Ms. Margie Witt	YES

The meeting officially entered into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

Meeting re-opened to the public at approximately 7:40 p.m.

CAO Bailey updated the Mayor and City Council on a recent Board of Adjustment Meeting. As part of this discussion, concerns were raised about requirements for sheds in the Zoning Code. Specifically, the amount of them popping up that potentially are not permitted. As a potential solution it was discussed that we notify residents in a future newsletter about the need to obtain building and zoning permits for these types of projects.

Councilwoman Witt expressed concerns about the condition of the property at 1709 Fort Henry. This issue has been referred to PDS for additional action if necessary, so the property complies with the Property Maintenance Code, our Nuisance Ordinance, and the Zoning Code.

Councilman Wessels gave a status update on discussions taking place among members of the Working Group on Recreational Properties. City Council also discussed some landscaping opportunities in the communities at various locations, and the ability to resurrect discussions involving a land swap with the City of Covington for property that may fit into their Devou Park Bike Trail System.

Councilman Collins raised some concerns about the pavement condition of Dixie Highway at various locations and Council discussed how best to handle these concerns moving forward.

There being no additional discussion, Councilman Abeln made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Collins made a second. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kerrie A. Holland, City Clerk



Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor