

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter called the meeting to order 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, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to re-arrange the meeting agenda to move the Proclamation for Michael Knight to the top of the agenda. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Feinauer, Hoerlein, Wall, Averdick and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 07-15

A Resolution of the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky declaring disposition of surplus property, a Glock 40 Caliber, Semi-Automatic Pistol. This will be given to him due to his retirement for fair market value of \$1.00. Mr. McMurtry read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Wessels, Wall, Averdick, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Hatter read and presented the Proclamation to Sergeant Knight and proclaimed September 4, 2015, Michael D. Knight Day in Fort Wright, Kentucky.

Mayor Hatter thanked Michael for his service and all of Council and staff did the same. Commissioner Joe Nienaber Jr. presented Michael a plaque on behalf of Judge Knochelman and Kenton County Fiscal Court.

Michael thanked everyone for their kind words and stated that it has been a privilege to serve the residents of Fort Wright and work with all the employees that he worked with over the years.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wall to enter into the Public Hearing for comments regarding the 2015/2016 Tax Rates. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Wall, Hoerlein, Wessels, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

There were no comments regarding the tax rates.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wall to close the Public Hearing. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Wall, Hoerlein, Wessels, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor. Motion passed.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 08/05/15 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Hoerlein, Averdick and Abeln voting in favor, Wessels abstained. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 08/19/15 Special/Caucus Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Wall, Hoerlein, Wessels, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading – Ordinance 12-15 – An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016 Upon Real Estate, Personal and Mixed Property.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Mayor Hatter explained how the rates are computed and how we arrived at the rates presented. The City budget is taken into consideration in deciding the amount of money that needs to be collected to run the City. We feel that our taxes are very competitive with surrounding cities, for the services that we provide.

Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Averdick, Wessels, Wall, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading - Ordinance 13-15 – An Ordinance Establishing An Assessment For The Collection of Waste Materials and Recyclable Materials for the Year Beginning July 1, 2015, and Ending June 30, 2016.

This assessment for the fiscal year is \$149.54 per unit. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance. This cost is only a pass-thru amount to Rumpke.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hoerlein, Abeln, Wessels and Averdick voting in favor, Wall abstained. Motion passed.

## **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Huff reminded everyone that the HopeBox Derby takes place on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 11AM-5PM, at Wright's Summit Parkway.

The Citywide Picnic is on September 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-6PM at Battery Hooper Park.

## **Department Reports**

Chief Kreinest reported that we had four fatalities on Highland Pike on Tuesday, and wanted to thank everyone in the City for their co-operation, and also surrounding agencies for their help.

Police Memorial Golf Outing on 09/18/15.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe echoed his thanks for all the help received at the accident site on Highland Pike.

The Fifth Third Bank building on Dixie Highway will be a family dental center.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney updated Council on the Beaumont Street Program. The contractor is not in the City this week, but this project will be completed soon.

State Highway Department has partially cleaned up the corner of Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported they are working on the tax program and hope to have the bills sent out by October 1, 2015.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry stated that they have filed their action to foreclose on the liens on 444 Fort Henry Drive. They are following the procedure and will report back with any action taken.


Property of the Minogue property on Marcella Drive was successfully foreclosed on and the lien was paid off by the previous owner, allowing her to retain the property.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk