



**City of Fort Wright Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 5, 2018 6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hatter opened the council meeting at 6:03 PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

The following members answered roll call: Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Bernie Wessels, and Ms. Margie Witt.

Also present for the meeting were: City Administrative Officer Jill Bailey, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Police Chief Marc Schworer, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Jeff Bethell, and City Clerk Susan Ellis.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/GUESTS

Officer Taylor Bellau (DOCJT Graduate). Mayor Hatter and Chief Schworer introduced Officer Bellau, recognized her for her recent graduation from DOCIT and welcomed her to the City.

Specialist Jeff Hoppenjans (Governor's Occupant Protection Award). Mayor Hatter and Chief Schworer recognized Specialist Hoppenjans for his achievement.

MINUTES

The approval of the minutes of the July 18, 2018 Municipal Road Aid Hearing and approval of the minutes of the July 18, 2018 Caucus Meeting were postponed until the next Council Meeting on October 3, 2018.

Motion by Ms. Witt, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2018 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Abeln, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 10-18 Sign Regulations

Ms. Bailey reviewed that this was an issue that had been sent to committee and now is ready to move forward. Mr. McMurtry recommended adoption to make sure the Fort Wright ordinances are up to constitutional compliance. Mr. Feinauer commented that there were only minor changes. Mr. Andy Videkovich from PDS also provided comments regarding the updates. Ms. Bailey asked that any questions be directed toward her.

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

Resolutions 9-18 & 10-18 Public Properties Corp & Articles of Dissolution

Ms. Bailey provided an update and reminded everyone of the history of the corporation. Cincinnati Bell has a 30-year lease on the Public Works building which is in effect until 2023. There were concerns about the impact the dissolution might have on the lease agreement. The city attorneys are reviewing this. Ms. Bailey recommended that the vote on the resolution be postponed until the lease is reviewed. Mayor Hatter concurred. No vote taken.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 11-18 Thompson Dentist Office (Stage 1 Development Plan).

Ms. Bailey introduced the project. Mr. Andy Videkovich of PDS, and Mr. Dave Froelicher, the project engineer, were present to answer questions. Mr. Videkovich informed the council that there has been no opposition to the project. Ms. Bailey commented this project fell under the old zoning regulations but that they did not want to delay this project, so the ordinance was being presented at this meeting. Mayor Hatter expressed his support of the project.

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

Mayor Hatter stated that a special meeting will be scheduled for the second reading.

Amend Agenda

Motion by Ms. Witt, second by Mr. Wall to amend the agenda to allow the reading and vote on Municipal Order 2-18. Roll call vote taken, Mr. Abeln, Mr. Feinauer, Mr. Hoerlein, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wessels, and Ms. Witt voting in favor; no one opposed. Motion passed.

Municipal Order 2-18 Surplus Property

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

CAO REPORT

Ms. Bailey referred to her report in the council meeting packet. She reminded council that it was time to establish tax rates. A public hearing will be scheduled before the next caucus meeting. She is waiting to receive the calculations from the ADD district. Information will be forthcoming. Ms. Bailey also announced that the annual audit is scheduled to start the week of September 10, 2018.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration/Finance

City Clerk Susan Ellis reported that the Administration/Finance department has been very busy and that it will soon get busier with tax season. Due to staffing issues, the suspension of passport acceptance services has been extended to October 15, 2018. Related to the issue of the open Assistant City Clerk position, Mr. Wessels asked for a copy of the VonLehman report.

Building & Zoning – no report

Fire/EMS Department

Chief Steve Schewe thanked the Fort Mitchell and Park Hills Fire Departments for their assistance with the recent fire in the city. He expressed his condolences to family of Bill Janzen who passed away this past weekend. The final inspection on the Infinity dealership took place last Thursday. Planning a soft opening any day now. This business will be another great asset to the city. Heliport regulations are preventing use of the heliport currently. Ms. Bailey commented that a more official grand opening is planned for later.

Police Department

Chief Marc Schworer announced that Officer Andy Vonderhaar retired. Active shooter presentations are starting up again. An active shooter drill will be held at St. Agnes school on September 26, 2018. The speed box is out and in use. There have been some issues with low speeds, but the box will be replaced. The Hopebox Derby is this coming Saturday. Oktoberfest will be at the end of the month. The Police Department will be aiding with traffic and crowd control. The RFP for the new cruisers has been extended. The photographer will be here on September 12, 2018 at 10 AM. Council members were encouraged to update their photos.

Mayor Hatter added additional comments about the Hopebox Derby recommending this as a family event. The Derby is in its 11th year and has generated over \$500,000 over the years to help people who cannot afford healthcare.

Public Works/Engineering

Public Works Director Jeff Bethell reported that the department was very involved with the Museum's Battery Hooper Days performing maintenance and support at the park and tree removal. Tree removal was also performed at the South Hills Civic Club. Street repair has been taking place on Ft. Henry General Drives. Precision Concrete has completed the sidewalk zone they had been working on. The Amsterdam project gas main is in but they have been experiencing difficulty getting 3 homes scheduled for tie in so that phase can be completed. Utility poles are to be installed. The street project on Edna is moving along but has been delayed due to weather issues. Stony Point and High Point are planned to be scheduled in a few weeks. Again, weather has been an issue. Mr. Bethell has implemented an email list to keep the residents informed.

Mayor Hatter commented that City has changed to Constant Contact email service. As addressed could not be imported from the old system, he reminded residents to re-subscribe. The link can be found on the City's website.

Legal Counsel – no report

Mr. Walls asked for report on the August 14, 2018 Board of Adjustments meeting. Mr. McMurtry responded that the appeal passed 4 to 1. Under the Religious Land Use Act there was no basis to reject that appeal. He recommended looking at zoning classifications to reduce number of zones. Mr. Wessels commented that PDS Z21 is working on standardizing zones. Ms. Bailey commented that PDS is planning to provide a more centralized list of available zones. They will provide recommendations but decision by each city will be a la cart and totally within each city's control.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following recognitions and thank yous were received this month:

A letter of appreciation and goodies to all City Employees from the Henn family.

A letter to the Police Department from Lois McClure thanking them for the vacation watch. In response, Mayor Hatter reminded residents of this free service.

A letter to the Police Department from the Ludlow Police department thanking Officers Colwell & Wiesner for their services.

A letter regarding fund raisers for the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission. Mayor Hatter reminded residents that the Senior Center in Ludlow offers a number of services and programs that are available Fort Wright residents.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Margie Witt – Ms. Witt thanked the City Attorneys for all work done for City.

Mr. Adam Feinauer – no report

Mr. Dave Abeln – Mr. Abeln expressed his condolences at the passing of Bill Janzen who was a former Fire Captain at Fort Wright.

Mr. Mike Hoerlein – no report

Mr. Scott Wall – Mr. Wall reported that the pit bull ban died in committee at the recent Community Improvement Committee Meeting.

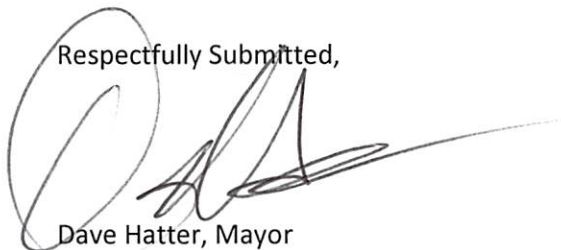
Mr. Bernie Wessels – Thanked everyone for the texts, calls, cards, and treats he received during his recent hospitalization.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Abeln to adjourn the council meeting. Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Bernie Wessels, and Ms. Margie Witt voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

The council meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

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

Susan Ellis, City Clerk