

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Ms. Margie Witt and Mr. Scott Wall. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Ed Butler, Attorney Kyle Winslow, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Sergeant George Kreutzjans, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Wessels and Mr. Abeln were unavailable for this meeting.

Approval of Council Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 08/02/2017 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Hoerlein and Witt voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 08/16/2017 Caucus meeting. Ms. Witt would like to amend the minutes and specify real estate tax after the discussion of the percentage amount of these taxes.

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the amended minutes of the 08/16/2017 Caucus meeting with corrections. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Feinauer, Witt and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

New Business

Swearing in of Police Chief Marc Schworer

Mayor Hatter swore Marc into the position and congratulated him on this promotion.

Chief Schworer introduced his family and friends that were in attendance at the meeting. He thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to take over this position and is looking forward to a long career with Fort Wright. Chief Schworer left with his family and Sergeant Kreutzjans took over his seat for the meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding awarding the Sidewalk Inventory and Repair Project to Precision Concrete Cutting

In late July we advertised a bid for concrete repair and inventory, and received only one bid from Precision Concrete Cutting in the amount of \$10,264.65. This includes surveying all six zones for trip hazard identification as well as hazards not repairable through PCC methods. Mr. Butler proposed that

we accept that bid and begin contract negotiations with them for repairs as a result of that inventory. These repairs will take place over a six year period. This company has worked in other cities previously and has a good record for their work.

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Ms. Witt to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Witt, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 11-17 – establishment of Real and Personal Property tax rates for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 in the City of Fort Wright

Mr. Butler stated that the real estate tax rate is based on property valuations as received from the Kenton County Property Valuation office in August. A meeting of the Finance committee was held and discussion was that the consensus of the committee is to take the compensating rate of 0.273 this year. This will be a first reading of the Ordinance and the second reading will be on September 6th. Mr. Winslow read this Ordinance.

Mayor Hatter discussed the pension shortfall information that we have been receiving and there are some huge numbers looming in the future. More discussion will be forthcoming on this subject. Healthcare increases is also a concern in the next couple of months. We do not have quotes yet, so we have no idea what these increases may be.

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Feinauer, Wall and Witt voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading Ordinance 12-17 – establishment of the Waste Collection Fee for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 in the City of Fort Wright

This Ordinance will be tabled as there is a conflict on Council, and we will not have a quorum for a vote on this issue.

Resolution 14-17 – declaring various items within the City as surplus

Mr. Winslow read the Resolution. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Witt and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Most of these items are from the old phone system that was recently replaced and a 2011 Dodge Charger Sedan

Discussion regarding City beautification projects around interstate/exit ramps

The Community Improvement Committee met recently to discuss various items and one of them was to create around the interstate exit and entrance ramps a beautification plan through the planting of trees, flowers etc. This will be on Kyles Lane and KY 17 on the median which we now maintain. Ms. Witt stated

that we will try to place items in various spots around the City where they will grow and beautify these areas. Dead bushes and trees will be taken out and trimmed with labor and help from the Boy Scouts. We are looking at low maintenance plantings and mulch. Mr. Maloney will take this plan to the Kentucky Highway Department for approval with no problems created for the future. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Ms. Witt to approve the beautification plan in areas of the City. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Witt, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to amend agenda by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to move the Executive Session until the end of the agenda. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Witt and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Issue List Review

No discussion on this

Citizen Comments Received

Thank you notes for the Police Department, Jeff Hoppenjans and Danny Hampton and Chief Schworer.

Administrator Report

Mr. Butler reported that next week the city audit will start. New phone system installed and we are getting used to the new equipment. We will be able to accept credit and debit cards for this tax season and will make that announcement shortly. Another issue that we have had, received many calls and comments about the paving of Park Road. Hopefully we will have this sub-standard condition of the road resolved soon and for the better.

Department Reports

Attorney Kyle Winslow reported that he is working with Mr. Butler and Mr. Maloney on foreclosure property.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that 2017-2018 property tax bills will be out by the middle of October. The bills this year are on the new letterhead paper and will have the most recent logo on the paper and envelope.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported on a couple of project updates. The water main project has been completed on Lorup Avenue, and spot and sidewalk repairs will take place on Lorup, Mt. Vernon, Reeves Drive and Valley Plaza Parkway.

Handicap ramps and resurfacing taking place on Kyles Lane and Highland Avenue and ramps throughout the City where the roads are maintained by the Kentucky Highway Department.

Hope Box Derby taking place at Wright's Summit this weekend to benefit Healthpoint, racing starts at 11:00AM.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that he has ordered the new Fire Department pickup truck, and will be delivered in about ten weeks. The old truck was hit by a drunk driver and totaled.

Police Sergeant George Kreutzjans thanked Council for their support to the Police Department. On August 12th, Chief Schworer, Sergeant Colwell and Sergeant Kreutzjans participated in a pistol match, no trophies were brought back to the City.

There was a post meeting at the Von Lehman new office building on Dixie Highway, a tour was given of the building. The next post meeting will be held at the end of September at St. Agnes School, to make the newer officers familiar with the layout of the building.

The monthly report for the Police Department is now printed on both sides of the paper to cut down on the amount of paper used.

In the month of August, 510 business or vacation checks were conducted. Special area checks where speeding has been reported are being patrolled more often.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hoerlein to adjourn to Executive Session per KRS 61.810, paragraph (F). Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hoerlein, Wall and Witt voting in favor no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Ms. Witt to adjourn Executive Session and return to the regular meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk