

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 – 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. Scott Wall, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Ms. Margie Witt, Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Mike Hoerlein. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Ed Butler, Attorney Kyle Winslow, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Marc Schworer, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Adam Feinauer was unavailable for this meeting.

Motion to amend the agenda to move # 7 Tax Rate discussion up on the agenda to #1, in order for all members of Council to be present. Mr. Abeln has to leave early and should be included in this discussion.

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

Mayor Hatter stated that the Finance Committee met this morning and without sugar coating anything, there are a few uncertainties that are before us. The pension crisis and healthcare rates are two of the biggest uncertainties that are pending. We have no idea what will happen in the next couple of months and we want to be as prepared as possible to deal with this expense. Discussion followed. The first reading of the proposed Ordinance to take the compensating rate on September 6th was discussed and consensus of Council was that we need to propose compensating rate plus 4% increase to meet with future expenses.

Mr. Butler stated that we would have a Public Hearing before the Council meeting on October 4th and discuss this further at that meeting.

Discussion regarding Park Road

The Kentucky Transportation Department attended a recent meeting and an email was received by Mr. Butler regarding the status of Park Road. The application applied to Park Road was the scrub seal which was not done properly by the contractor. An application called the fog seal can be done on the exposed gravel. If the city would like to pay \$12,500.00 a thin lay could be applied and it would look and feel like Turkeyfoot Road. Discussion followed.

It was decided that the city would pay the \$12,500.00 for the improved look and feel and not take over the responsibility of maintenance and further repair of Park Road at this time.

Mr. Butler will advise KYTC of this decision.

Discussion regarding Don Martin Drive

A representative of the HOA for this property brought in drawings for Council review and made some repair suggestions on this property. Discussion followed. There were no decisions on this item and the City is waiting on more information on this project.

CERS Lawsuit Update

Mr. Winslow reported that this lawsuit is in motion stages and no decision has been made. Mayor Hatter stated that other cities are joining in this lawsuit.

Discussion regarding Planet Fitness Proposal

An offer was extended to the City to join in the Corporate Wellness Program at the new Planet Fitness when it opens in October. The maximum cost to the City would be \$4140 annually. Discussion followed and there was not a lot of interest in the program by Council. With all the uncertainties that are pending, it would not be a good time to offer this program to employees.

Discussion regarding Stage II plans, Temporary Signage, and other development issues related to businesses located in Fort Wright

Mr. Butler updated Council on a few minor changes on businesses located in the City. Crossfit, Frisch's and the new Infiniti Dealership.

Discussion regarding potential appointment to the Museum Board.

This appointment for Ed Faulkner will be on the agenda for Council approval at a future meeting. Council suggested that background checks be done on future appointees.

Discussion regarding Speed/Radar Display signs.

Police Chief Marc Schworer researched pricing on the speed display at around \$3000.00. these are 12 inch, plus software attached to the telephone pole. Discussion followed.

Mayor Hatter doesn't think this is the right time to make this purchase with unforeseen expenses. We will put this on hold for now.

Internet Safety

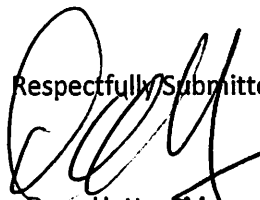
Mayor Hatter stated that he would like to have a program to check on the security of information and emails on the computer. Employees would get emails that are not real to determine how they would handle these emails. This program is \$1900.00 yearly and videos are included. No action will be decided at tonight's meeting.

Longtime Public Works Director Tim Maloney has advised Mayor and Council of his pending retirement on September 30, 2017. Because of the uncertainty of the pension situation, he wanted to make sure he could retire before anything is changed. Tim will be missed not only as an employee but also as a friend.

He will be attending the October 4th Council meeting to wish him a proper farewell.

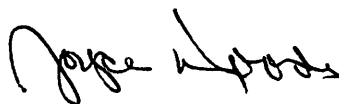
Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Wessels to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Wessels, Witt and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dave Hatter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joyce Woods, City Clerk