



City of Fort Wright

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City of For Wright City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 3, 2025 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hatter called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. 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

Also present were CAO Jill Cain Bailey, City Attorney John S. Brooking, Police Chief Jonathan Colwell, Fire Chief Steve Schewe, City Clerk Kerrie Holland and Finance Clerk Nyoka Johnson.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/GUESTS

None

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes from August 6, 2025 City Council Meeting

Mayor Hatter asked for any comments or questions regarding the minutes, and with no further discussion, Councilman Weber made a motion to approve the minutes, and Councilman Collins made the second. Ms. Holland called the role.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes from August 20, 2025 Special City Council Meeting

Mayor Hatter asked for any comments or questions regarding the minutes, and with no further discussion, Councilwoman Witt made a motion to approve the minutes, and Councilman Wall 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

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes from August 20, 2025 City Caucus Meeting

Mayor Hatter asked for any comments or questions regarding the minutes, and with no further discussion, Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the minutes, 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

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 01-2025 re: Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

City Attorney Brooking reads the agreement aloud and a primary and secondary contacts needed to be assigned and added to the agreement. Mayor Hatter was listed as the primary contact and CAO Jill Cain Bailey was listed as the secondary contact. Mayor Hatter asked for any comments or questions regarding Resolution 01-2025, and with no further discussion, Councilman Weber made a motion to approve the resolution, and Councilman Wessels 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

MOTION CARRIED

2nd Reading of Ordinance 10-2025 re: Waste Collection Fees

Prior year contract expired 6/30/2025. Contracts are 2 years, 07/01/2025 through 6/30/2027. Waste fees will be \$276 per household per year to be billed yearly with tax bill. Mayor Hatter asked for any comments or questions regarding Ordinance 10-2025, and with

no further discussion, Councilman Collins made a motion to approve the resolution, and Councilman Wessels made the second. Ms. Holland called the role.

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Order 06-2025 re: Disposal of Surplus Property

- Stihl Weedeater FS90R - Purchased July 2006 (does not run)
- Stihl Weedeater FS100RX – Purchased <ay 2008 (The internal drive shaft is broken)
- Black recliner – located in Fire Dept. (Frame is broken)

Mayor Hatter asked for any comments or questions regarding Municipal Order 06-2025, and with no further discussion, Councilman Wall made a motion to approve the Municipal Order, and Councilwoman Witt 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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance-Property values have gone up, good income from investments, possibly slightly decrease property tax rate for next FY. Special meeting to be held next month before Council meeting to establish the 2025 tax rate.

CAO REPORT

No questions or comments

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration-Once 2nd reading for property taxes is complete, property tax bills will start to go out-1st week of November.

Police Dept.-Successful Cram-the-Cruiser w/school supplies, Recognized for FBI Lead-Up Trilogy Award(required 240 of addt'l training), active shooter training to be held at St. Agnes-officers are now issued keys and fobs to gain access to school in case of an emergency, CAO Bailey received resignation letter from Officer Keller, to be effective 9-16-25, will start search for new hire of officer to replace Keller. 34 attended internet fraud scam training -

possibly have another in November. Mayor reminded that biggest and most common complaint from residents is speeding and traffic issues. Radar trailers are used to monitor speed and amount of traffic in neighborhoods. Speed limit(unless posted)is 25.

Finance-Beginning to prep tax rolls and attended BOA Meeting in August.

Fire Dept.-Monitor defibs have been ordered, price package for ambulance has been submitted, blood drive Sept 5th from 2-4pm.

Public Works- Director Jeff Bethell not present

Legal Counsel-No Report

SPECIAL COMMENTS

Fire Dept sponsored Blood Drive to be held on September 5, 2025. Community-Wide yard sale to be held Friday, September 5th & Saturday, September 6th from 8am-2pm, free shred event to be held Saturday, September 20, 2025-Thank you to Rudler for sponsoring the event and putting it together.

Employee Recognitions/Thank you's

Mary Summers, Ohio resident-Thank you to residents. Her car overheated @ Kyles and Kennedy and 3 different people stopped to assist her.

Anna Rodriquez, Fort Wright resident-Thank you to Fire Dept-very courteous and wonderful to work with.

Trenkamps-Fort wright residents-Thank you to the Fire Dept with the assistance in the lightning strike injuries. Daughter wanted to express her Thank you.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Witt-Fall Cleanup to be held October 18th from 9am-noon at the City Building

Mr. Wessels-Chief Colwell collected over 40 signs that were illegally placed throughout the city.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Hatter asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Wessels made a motion, and Councilman Abeln made the second. Ms.

Holland called the role.

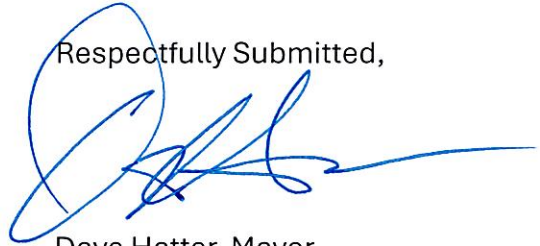
Mr. Dave Abeln	Yes
Mr. Jason Collins	Yes
Mr. Scott Wall	Yes
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Meeting Officially adjourned at 6:39p.m.

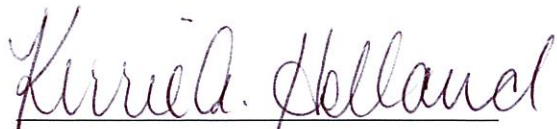
Next City Council Meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2025 @ 6:00p.m. – City Admin Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Dave Hatter, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kerrie A. Holland', written in a cursive style.

Kerrie A. Holland, City Clerk