

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 7, 2015 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter opened the meeting 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 and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also in attendance 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. Mr. Dave Abeln was unavailable for this meeting.

Mayor Hatter introduced our newest Police Office Aaron Arnsperger and welcomed him to our City. He and his brother grew up in Fort Wright and he is very familiar with the City. He thanked everyone for welcoming him and hopes to spend many years with Fort Wright.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 09/02/15 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Wall, Hoerlein, Wessels, and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 09/16/15 Caucus Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Hoerlein, Wessels voting in favor, Averdick abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Proposed New Building at Wright Summit

Mr. Wessels stated that he would refrain from voting or participating on this issue. Mr. Rick Wessels was present for this meeting to answer questions on this issue. Mr. Huff explained that part of the development agreement when Wright's Summit was put together, one of the conditions was as the phases of the buildings were constructed the developer would come before Council to review the plan. This will be Phase III with two buildings to be constructed. Mr. Wessels showed slides of the buildings already there and the ones to be constructed. They are looking for approval for the new construction. All information is included in the council packet for tonight's meeting. This is all being reviewed by PDS as well. Construction should start in about a month with approval. This will be a great addition to the City.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the site and building elevation plan as presented to Council. Roll call vote taken, Averdick, Feinauer, Hoerlein and Wall voting in favor, Wessels abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Proclamations

Mayor Hatter stated that we have been very fortunate to have some of our corporate citizens donate money to add to city funds to outfit our police officers with body cameras. The City has issued Proclamations to the four businesses that have generously donated to this important part of their job. The donors are:

- a. D&J Automotive
- b. Middendorf Funeral Home
- c. Walt's Hitching Post
- d. Car-Parts.Com made a generous donation for the city picnic in September.

Proclamations were read and presentation was made to Donny Arnsperger, for Walt's Hitching Post who was present for his brother, Aaron's introduction as our newest police officer.

The rest of the Proclamations were read and will be mailed to the donors, and each will have a special day designated and noted on the outside message board.

Resolution 08-15 – Approving the Transfer of Control of Time Warner Cable, Inc. and Insight Kentucky Partners II, LP to Charter Communications

Mr. Tom Litzler was present at the meeting to answer any questions regarding the requested change of ownership. Whenever a cable company wants to sell to another cable company they have to request a change of ownership from local governments. Time Warner Cable wants to sell directly to Charter Communications and they will assume all responsibility that Time Warner has with the city. That is what the Resolution is saying and TBNK recommends that the cities approve this transfer.

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

Resolution 09-15 – Declaring Surplus

The surplus includes a washer/extractor and a 24 foot extension ladder from the Fire Department. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Hoerlein, Wessels and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 10-15 – Zoning Ordinance – Proposed Change

This will change the Zoning Ordinance to include definition of LED lighting. Mr. McMurtry read this Resolution. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick, Hoerlein, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 11-15 – Memorandum of Agreement for Development of Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan through FEMA

We have been asked to join this Plan and have two representatives, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe and Police Chief Dan Kreinest are the City's representatives with Public Works Director Tim Maloney being the backup member. By the City participating in the plan, residents that live in the flood plain would get a discount on flood insurance. Mr. Wall noted that he did not see a downside to not approving this plan. Discussion followed.

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

Kyles Lane Project Update

Mr. Maloney updated Council and stated that he has been in touch with Rob Hans from the Highway Department, they have added some sand and somewhat cleaned up the corner of Dixie Highway and Kyles Lane. Gas lines need to be relocated, water lines are okay. They don't have a contractor at this time, some issues are holding up that project, the right-of-way acquisition is in the court system. Construction will begin in the spring, if all legal issues are worked out.

Mayor Hatter advised that we have had a few email issues lately and he is concerned about moving information to different programs. The Mayor suggested that we inquire with The Department for Local Government for a recommendation as to what would work for the City. Think about what we could be done to improve and update the council chambers for better access to the residents and presenters.

Mayor Hatter asked if there has been comments, complaints etc. on the Hunting Ordinance that was passed by Council. No one has had anyone comment on this.

Mayor Hatter read the notes and emails from residents and others who have sent in their comments on staff.

Administrators Report

The City Picnic took place on 09-26-15 at Battery Hooper Park. Thanks to all who participated.

A list of dates will be emailed to Council with the upcoming meeting date's for 2016. Please look these over and advise if there is a conflict.

Department Reports

Police Chief Dan Kreinest stated that he wanted to give a Commendation to Nick Zumdict for his help in getting the roadway cleared from an accident that spilled diesel fuel across the interstate. Nick

responded to the scene with a dump truck with a spreader. The State loaded the truck with sand and Nick treated the roadway. He is commended for his quick response and willingness to help get the road open in rush hour traffic to prevent any more accidents.

Police Officer Brian Machal was awarded a plaque by Taylor Mill for a callout of the Sheriff's SWAT Team, which Officer Machal is a member.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reminded everyone if anyone finds a needle or syringes in a parking lot or found anywhere, please do not pick it up, but call the Fire Department to come and dispose of it properly.

There is a free household waste collection day on 10-17-15 at Florence Freedom parking lot. They will take anti-freeze, paint batteries, computers, propane cylinders etc.

Burning permits being requested to have open burning on resident's property in the City. Chief Schewe advised calling the Fire Department before you begin burning.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that Beaumont Court is finished except for some sidewalks and driveway aprons. This project should be complete by the end of October.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported taxes are coming in steady.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry reported on the residence at 444 Fort Henry and the report was issued and are in the process of getting it set for a sale. This should be set in the next 30 days.

No information on the lawsuit with Kentucky Retirement.

Mr. Feinauer updated with the Community Preservation Committee reference the Nuisance Ordinance. Trying to create something that would give Mr. Maloney more authority to get things done.

Election Day is 11-03-15.

Mr. Hoerlein reminded everyone about the Antique Appraisal at the Museum on October 11, 2015 from 2-5PM.

Mr. Wessels and the Mayor Hatter met with to talk about the possible Fort Wright entry sign coming into the City and are taking small steps researching this project.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Woods, City Clerk