



City of Fort Wright

409 Kyles Lane * Fort Wright, KY 41011 * 859-331-1700

MINUTES

City of Fort Wright City Council Meeting Wednesday, November 6, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Hatter and led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. City Clerk Kerrie Holland called the roll.

Councilman Abeln-Present; Councilman Collins-Present; Councilman Wall-Present;
Councilman Weber-Present; Councilman Wessels-Present; Councilwoman Witt-Present

Also present for the meeting were:

City Attorney-John Brooking
Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe
Police Chief Jonathan Colwell
Public Works Director Jeff Bethell
City Clerk Kerrie Holland
Finance Clerk Nyoka Johnson

CITIZEN COMMENTS/GUESTS

No Citizen Comment or guests to address the Council.

Lt. Ray Embry Promotion Ceremony-

Mayor Hatter gave the Oath of Office to Ray Embry for promotion to Fire/EMS Lieutenant. Ray introduced his family in attendance and his wife placed the Lieutenant's pin on him. Chief Schewe recalls Ray's time with the city and commends him for doing a great job.

Hurricane Helene Relief Drive-Staff Recognition-

Mayor Hatter presented the 5 employees (Jeff Bethell, Rob Griffin, Ben Wiesner, LaMarr Burton & Steve Schewe) with a recognition plaque for driving the truck loads of donations we received from the collection drive to Old Fort North Carolina.

- Mayor Hatter made an announcement about the importance of getting out to vote and he thanked the volunteers who worked the election polls, with a special mention of City of Fort Employee, Mike Hoerlein.
- Mayor Hatter gave his condolences to Chief Schewe on the loss of his Brother.

Minutes from the October 2, 2024 City Council Meeting

Mr. Wall made a motion to approve, Mr. Collins made a second. Ms. Holland took the roll.
Mr. Wall-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Weber-Yes, Mr. Wessels-Yes, Ms. Witt-Yes, Mr. Abeln-Yes

MOTION IS CARRIED

Minutes from the October 16, 2024 Special Meeting

Mr. Abeln made a motion to approve, Mr. Wall made a second. Ms. Holland took the roll.
Mr. Abeln-Yes, Mr. Wall-Yes, Mr. Weber-Yes, Mr. Wessels-Yes, Ms. Witt-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes

MOTION IS CARRIED

Minutes from the October 16, 2024 City Caucus Meeting

Mr. Abeln made a motion to approve, Mr. Weber made a second. Ms. Holland took the roll.
Mr. Abeln-Yes, Mr. Weber-Yes, Mr. Wessels-Yes, Ms. Witt-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Wall-Yes

MOTION IS CARRIED

NKADD Executive Director-Tara Johnson-Noem-

Ms. Johnson-Noem presented information about the NKADD (Northern Kentucky Area Development District), She provided everyone with handouts and documents in relation to what services the NKADD provide. Ms. Johnson-Noem opened up the presentation for Q & A.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2nd Reading of Ord 12-2024-Amending stop sign locations of Traffic Code.

City Attorney Brooking presents the 2nd reading of Ord 12-2024, and Mayor Hatter explains the importance of having these types of ordinances. Mr. Wessels makes a motion to approve Ord 12-2024, Ms. Witt made a 2nd. Ms. Holland calls the roll.

Mr. Wessels-Yes, Ms. Witt-Yes, Mr. Abeln-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Wall-Yes, Mr. Weber-Yes.

MOTION IS CARRIED.

Telecommunications Services Franchise Bid Results-Review & Award

Resolutions passed at the October 16, 2024, the request for bids was published with a deadline of November 4, 2024 @ 11:00. We received one bid from Level 3 Telecom of Ky, LLC. The bid was accepted.

1st Reading of Ordinance 13-2024, Franchise Agreement with Level 3 Telecom-

City Attorney reads the 1st reading of Ord 13-2024 and Mayor Hatter explains the importance of having these types of ordinances. Mr. Abeln made a motion to accept the 1st reading of ORD 13-2024 and Mr. Collins made a second. Ms. Holland called the roll.

Mr. Abeln- Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Wall-Yes, Mr. Weber-Yes, Ms. Witt-Yes.

MOTION IS CARRIED.

COFW Website Re-Design Project-

The COFW has had the same website for approximately 10 years. The current website no longer meets our needs and is difficult to navigate. It has been discussed for a couple of years to have the website improved and updated. Systems Insight would be in charge of the re-design project. Costs would be as follows: one time set up \$26,000, \$600/year for hosting, \$960/year for annual updates and maintenance fees. Questions were opened. Mr. Abeln made a motion to approve, Mr. Wall made a second. Ms. Holland called the roll.

Mr. Abeln- Yes, Mr. Wall-Yes, Mr. Weber-Yes, Mr. Wessels-Yes, Ms. Witt-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes.

MOTION IS CARRIED.

Municipal Order 07-2024- Disposal of Surplus Property-

City Attorney John Brooking reads Municipal Order 07-2024
-1990(?) 2200X Generator-does not run
-Pressure Washer S/N 12213023941-Engine shot. Seal leaked allowing water into
-2006 International 7300 Dump Truck-VIN: 1HTZZAALX6J316894
-Swenson Tailgate Salt Spreader with spinner-S/N: 0705-1047
-10' Western Snowplow

Ms. Witt made a motion to approve, Mr. Weber made a second. Ms. Holland called the roll.
Ms. Witt-Yes, Mr. Weber-Yes, Mr. Wessels-Yes, Mr. Abeln-Yes, Mr.-Collins-Yes, Mr. Wall-Yes.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Improvement: Ms. Witt-Started to review code violations, will have report by Caucus date.

Finance Committee: No meeting this month

Department Reports-

Administration-

Reports that property tax bills will be mailed out on November 5, 2024. Mayor Hatter stresses the importance of paying your bill on time.

Finance-

Every resident will receive a copy of the property tax bill in addition to your escrow company (if applicable) Completed several training courses.

Fire/EMS-

Congratulates reelected Council. Have an ad running for full time fire/paramedic position.

Police-

St. Agnes school- conducted active threat/active shooter drills. Officer participated in trunk or treat at Ft wright elementary, over 600+ kids and had extra officers out in the community for Halloween

Public Works-

Over the next few weeks, Riegler will be out in the city for Crack Sealing, hoping to be completed by the end of November. Ft. Henry-wrapped up have some crack sealing to finish up, but basically completed. Pleased with the outcome of the project. Mayor Hatter commends the contractor on accommodating the residents.

Legal Counsel-

Nothing to report

Special Announcements-

Received a letter of Thank you, Judge Executive Knochelman-Thank you for donation of the 2024 Sr. Citizen Fall Harvest Festival.

Officer Emily Horseman-Rescued the dog, Ripley and going above and beyond to help the dog. She is currently fostering the dog. Chief Colwell speaks on the topic and explains what happened. Chief Colwell states they have located the owners and have an active warrant.

Council Comments-

Ms. Witt-Thank you for 15 volunteers for fall cleanup, collected 15 bags of trash. 11th cleanup since 2015. 2nd fall cleanup.

Mr. Collins-Thank you to extra police and fire out on Halloween and Thank you to Jeff and PW dept for Fall decorations throughout the city and at the highway exits.

Mr. Weber-November/December-Police purchases Christmas items partnered with Ft. Wright Elemen. No date set yet. Officers will be at Walmart.

Mr. Wessels-Thank you to the residents of Fort Wright for reelecting the City Council.

Mayor Hatter-Thank you to the residents, happy to have the 6 members of Council back for another two years. Thank you for the work the City Council does.

Ms. Witt made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Wessel made a second. Ms. Holland called the roll.

Ms. Witt-Yes, Mr. Wessels-Yes, Mr. Abeln-Yes, Mr. Collins-Yes, Mr. Wall- Yes, Mr-Weber-Yes

MOTION IS CARRIED.

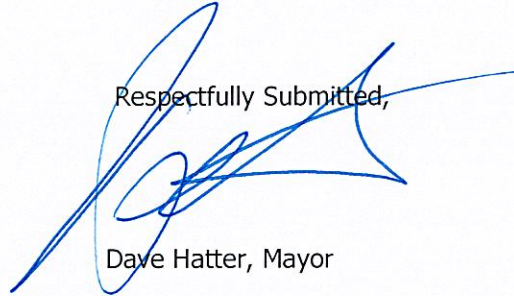
Meeting officially adjourned at 7:15p.m.

Attest:



Kerrie Holland, City Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,



Dave Hatter, Mayor