

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

12-06-17 – 6:00PM

Mayor Hatter opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Dave Abeln, Ms. Margie Witt, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Scott Wall. Also present were City Administrator Ed Butler, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Marc Schworer and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Bernie Wessels was unavailable for this meeting.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Don Herold, a resident of 1385 Vidot Court addressed Council regarding the crosswalk on Sleepy Hollow Road. He stated that there is lots of speeding and no police observation. Going south on Sleepy Hollow Road, toward Dixie Highway, no school zone signs can be seen because the positioning is bad. Mayor Hatter advised that Dixie Highway and Sleepy Hollow Roads are both State roads and we have very limited control. Mayor Hatter suggested that maybe a police car be parked in that area for residents to observe to slow them down.

Mr. Herold thanked Council for listening to his complaint.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 11-01-17 Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Hoerlein, Witt and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Ms. Witt, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 11-15-17 Special Council Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Witt, Feinauer, Wall, Hoerlein and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 11-15-17 Caucus Meeting. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Witt, Abeln voting in favor, Hoerlein abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

New Business

Executive Order 11-17 appointing Jeff Bethell as the Public Works Director for the City of Fort Wright

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

Mayor Hatter explained the procedure that is conducted by the City and stated that Jeff was the best candidate that applied. He has been with the City for twelve years.

Jeff spoke and thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as Public Works Director.

Executive Order 12-17 appointing Councilman Bernie Wessels to the OKI Board for a term beginning January 1, 2018

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

Executive Order 13-17 appointing Patricia Wilsey as the part-time Assistant City Clerk for the City of Fort Wright

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Hoerlein, Witt, Abeln and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. Patty introduced herself to Council and thanked them for the opportunity.

Discussion and possible action regarding award of the Digital Sign Bid to Wilson Signs

Mayor Hatter advised that we have talked about a digital sign for a long time. Over the past year we have decided to look at this purchase again. This will allow the City to get more messages advertised and rotate them more often. Mr. Butler sent out an RFP and received bids from seven different companies. Wilson Signs from Dayton, Ohio was the lowest bidder for all requirements, and he is asking Council to approve this bid in the amount of \$29,800.00.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wall to approve the purchase with Wilson Sign Company and not to exceed the amount of \$29,800.00. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Wall, Feinauer, Witt and Hoerlein voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Discussion and possible action regarding 2018 Employee Health Insurance Coverage

Mayor Hatter explained the options available to us for this year. Mr. Butler has come up with a solution that is a win for everyone and is within the budget. This plan will be a Health Savings Account and the City will contribute to the startup of the plan. A higher rate will be offered for the waiver plan to the employees who take their spouses plan. Discussion followed.

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

Issues List Review

Updated Council on the Issue List, Digital Sign and Fort Wright Gear.

Administrator Report

None

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe welcomed Jeff Bethell as Public Works Director. Advised of the good turnout at the parole hearing of Carlos Faulkner to keep him in prison forever.

Police Chief Marc Schworer advised that the new police cruisers are on the way.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that taxes are due on 12-31-17 and we will be closed as that is a Sunday and office are closed. As long as we receive your tax bill either in the slot in the front door or postmarked by 12-31-17 they will be accepted, If they are received after 12-31-17 either in person or postmarked on 1-1-18 or beyond, penalty and interest will be added to the bill.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry reported that more cities are joining the lawsuit against Kentucky Retirement Systems.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk

Susan Elms for Joyce Woods