

**CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 07, 2016 – 6:00PM**

Mayor Hatter called the meeting to order with the Pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Mike Hoerlein, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Scott Wall. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Ed Butler, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Joe Averdick was unavailable for the meeting.

**Citizen Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 11/02/16 Council meeting. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Feinauer, Hoerlein and Wall voting in favor, Abeln abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

The meeting minutes for the 11/16/16 Caucus meeting were tabled; as not enough members present to approve them.

**Swearing in Ceremony**

Mayor Hatter stated that he is glad all six members of the current Council are back for two more years. He has enjoyed working with everyone.

Senator Chris McDaniel was present for this meeting to swear in Council for their next term. Mayor Hatter thanked Senator McDaniel for taking the time to come and do this for us. Mr. Averdick will be sworn in before the next meeting in 2017.

**Old Business**

Second Reading of Ordinance 10-16 authorizing a rezoning of 105 acres on the east side of Madison Pike located between Highland Pike and Lakeview Drive from IP (Industrial Park) to CC (Community Commercial)

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Mr. McMurtry advised that a motion to amend Ordinance 10-16 to incorporate into it the requirements that applied to the AutoZone amendment, whereby that any repairs done to vehicles on the parking lot has to done to the rear of the building, away from the public streets. Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Hoerlein to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Hoerlein, Abeln, Wessels and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln to approve existing Ordinance 10-16 as amended. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln, Wall, Hoerlein and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 11-16 amending the Alcohol Licensing Ordinance of the city to comply with Senate Bill 11

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary and pointed out the changes that are taking place at the State level and to keep Fort Wright on the same schedule. Motion by Mr. Hoerlein, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hoerlein, Wall, Wessels, and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 12-16 amending the Code Enforcement Ordinance of the City to comply with House Bill 422

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. This Ordinance is to comply with the State on changes made at the State level regarding the Code Enforcement Board. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels, to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wessels, Hoerlein, Wall and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 13-16 amending the Nuisance Ordinance of the City to comply with House Bill 422

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. This Ordinance is to comply with the State on changes made at the State level regarding the City's Nuisance Code.

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

**New Business**

Executive order 15-16 reappointing Tom Litzler to the TBNK Board for the term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2018

Mr. Litzler is very knowledgeable on this board and is an asset to the City.

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

Mr. Litzler thanked Mayor and Council for voting to continue his representation on the Telecommunications Board. He appreciated the opportunity to serve.

First Reading of Ordinance 14-16 amending sections 10.16 through 10.29 of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow for LED Accent Lighting on non-residential buildings in various zones

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wessels, to approve. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wessels, Hoerlein, Wall and Abeln.

Executive Order 16-16 appointing Bernie Wessels to the OKI Board for the term beginning January 1, 2017

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

Discussion regarding the RFQ for the Amsterdam Road Project

A copy of the RFQ is included in tonight's packet and Mr. Butler explained the timeline for the project. Mr. McMurtry stated that there is a statute that none of the elected officials should have contact with any of the bidders to answer any questions that they might have. Any and all questions should be addressed to City Administrator Ed Butler.

Discussion regarding request to amend Stage II Development Plan at the Chick-Fil-A site located at 3436 Madison Pike to allow for a larger pole sign

Mr. Butler stated that in the packet is all information regarding the submitted application for the amendment request from Chick-Fil-A to obtain a larger pole sign. PDS has reviewed this request and gave an unfavorable recommendation on the amended Stage II Development Plan. Recommendation is to stay as is. The final decision is with the City. Discussion followed. Mr. Maloney stated that the older establishments in this area with bigger signs, are non-conforming, because that have been there for a long time.

Mayor Hatter stated that if we are going to review this we should be consistent with all businesses. His answer is currently no and we will revisit the Sign Ordinance to determine if changes need to be made.

There were no comments from citizens for Police, Fire and Public Works.

## **Administrator Report**

Mr. Butler attended the ribbon cutting at the new Gateway facility at the old Robke building on Dudley Road. Nice facility for the students.

The Von Lehman grand opening is scheduled for January 12, 2017. Planet Fitness development is moving along and the City is attracting new businesses.

## **Department Reports**

Chief Kreinest encouraged everyone to be safe during the holidays, keep homes well-lit and packages out of sight in your vehicle and locked. The Cops and Kids program will be taking place soon and any donations should be made at U.S. Bank or at the City Office.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe wanted to congratulate Jeffrey Hatter Jr. who recently made it through the firefighter recruit class and graduated last week.

St. Vincent De Paul coat drive barrel is located in the lobby of the City Building for coats to give to the less fortunate.

Mayor Hatter reminded everyone of the vacation check done by the Police Department while residents are away. Just download or pick up a form at the City office and the Police will watch your home while you are away.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that they are prepared for the inclement weather and reminded residents to remove cars from streets during snow emergencies.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported tax bills are getting busier and lots of residents are coming into the City Building to make their payments.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry stated that not much going on and he is putting in motion the collection of a couple of delinquent tax bills.

We will cancel the December 21, 2016 Caucus Meeting and the next regularly scheduled meeting will be on January 4, 2017.


Happy Holidays from Council and looking forward to the next two years.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest;

  
Joyce Woods, City Clerk