



City of Fort Wright
409 Kyles Lane
Fort Wright, KY 41011

Caucus Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2019
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by Mayor Hatter following the conclusion of the Special Council Meeting.

The following Council Members were present for the meeting:

Councilman Abeln
Councilman Feinauer
Councilman Wall
Councilman Weber
Councilman Wessels
Councilwoman Witt

Also present for the meeting were:

City Administrative Officer Jill Bailey
City Attorney Todd McMurtry
Interim Police Chief Jonathan Colwell
Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe
Public Works Director Jeff Bethell
Treasurer/Senior Deputy Clerk Susan Ellis

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no Citizen Comments.

AMEND AGENDA

Councilman Wessels made a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion of the PDS Reorganization and the Hilltoppers. Councilman Wall made a second. Treasurer/Senior Deputy Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2020 Street Paving Project

Ms. Bailey reported that she would be meeting with CT Consultants on Friday to review the street projects so that the bid can go out. Ms. Bailey and Mr. Bethell discussed reevaluation during this year regarding order and materials. Councilman Weber asked about the order of the street repair saying he had received concern from citizens during this year's project and asked for a mailing to be sent out. Mr. Bethell and Ms. Bailey responded that letters were sent out this year. The plan is to follow the engineer's recommendations. The project is under budget for this upcoming year. Councilman Wessels recommended doing reconstruction and repaving each year to maintain use of the concrete contractors. Ms. Bailey said that she will meet the engineers, come back with recommendations, and get the bid out. Mr. Bethell reminded that the water and sanitation districts would need to be notified. The budget is approximately \$575,000-\$600,000. The City should be receiving municipal road aid of approximately \$130,000 but that amount does vary. Councilwoman Witt asked if since the project is under budget if any of the inexpensive projects could be moved to this year. Mr. Bethell responded that he will discuss that with Marty Hellman on Friday. Mayor Hatter commented that the list is put together by the engineers and public works so that it is not politically motivated. They use an empirical process with experts evaluating each road based upon documented criteria.

PDS Governance and Reorganization

Ms. Bailey reported that she attended the meeting. She discussed that there would no longer be a PDS Management Board and that there would be a PDS Council Committee. They are looking at how to get those on council more engaged. The individuals appointed need to understand the operations. They will be requiring everyone to be more engaged. There will be a minimum of six meetings. If someone is voted on the Management Committee there will be an additional meeting each month. This falls under Statute 147.640. They are proposing

changes to the bylaws. Ms. Bailey discussed the potential models being considered. She stated it was very important to make the appointment by January. In February they will need to dissolve the board and all members will vacate their seats. Councilman Feinauer agreed to serve but not on the Management Committee. Mayor Hatter agreed to serve as the alternate. This will be on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

Hilltoppers

Ms. Bailey reported that she met with Maureen Storer of the Fort Wright Civic Club. The Hilltopper Senior Luncheon was today. The City provided lunch but due to being understaffed, Ms. Bailey did not have all the department heads attend. Ms. Storer reported that the Hilltoppers were upset that no one from the City was there. Fire Chief Schewe attended to represent the City. Ms. Bailey said that when she attended last year, the Hilltoppers were not interested in a presentation and that it seemed that only a few people actually lived in Fort Wright. She asked if they were a City organization because if so, things would need to handle differently. Ms. Storer also presented a rental contract for use of their facilities by the Hilltoppers. Previously the City had been paying rental fees, but the billing was inconsistent from year to year. These fees are not in the current budget. Mayor Hatter asked Council if anyone remember having a conversation about the Fort Wright Civic Club. No one did. Mayor Hatter asked for a membership list stating that the City needs to find out where all the members live. Discussion continued regarding whether or not any rental fees should be paid for this year, and ceasing the use of the Fort Wright Civic Club for City events since the City has a facility of its own (South Hills Civic Club). Mayor Hatter commented that the City would no longer consider funding or supporting the Hilltopper events unless someone comes to a meeting to explain who they are and what they do.

Ongoing 'Project & Issues' List Review.

Ms. Bailey asked for any questions related to the items on the list.

Mayor Hatter referred to the hiring of another Police Sergeant. Interim Chief Colwell stated that he and Sergeant Kreutzjans are spread pretty thin. The Sergeant position needs to be filled as quickly as possible. There is no supervision on weekends. Ms. Bailey commented that Officers Hampton and Hoppenjans have signed up for testing which will be conducted by a professional testing company who is developing the testing specific to Fort Wright.

Mayor Hatter announced that the ad is out for Police Chief.

Mayor Hatter reported that the City Clerk candidates have been narrowed down to two. Meetings with the two candidates are scheduled for tomorrow night. He invited the council members to sit in.

Mayor Hatter reported that Chief Schewe hired Regis Huth who has already started on the 24-shift. He has fit right in and was signed off on all equipment on Monday. He will be at the January Council Meeting. The firetruck is done.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE CAUCUS MEETING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Witt made a motion to adjourn the Caucus Meeting to Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 Paragraph (c), discussions of proposed or pending litigation. Councilman Abeln made a second. Treasurer/Senior Deputy Clerk Susan Ellis called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes
Councilman Wessels	Yes
Councilwoman Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

The Caucus Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:03 PM.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at approximately 7:06 PM.

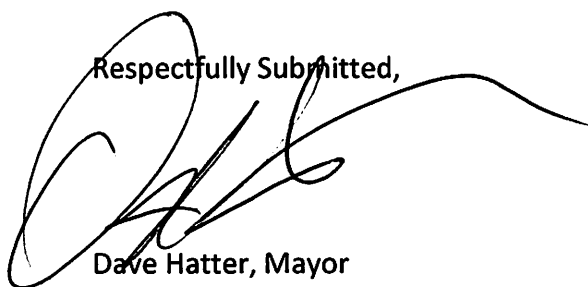
ADJOURNMENT OF THE CAUCUS MEETING

Councilman Wessels made a motion to adjourn the caucus meeting. Councilman Feinauer made a second. All Council members present were in favor.

MOTION CARRIED

The Caucus Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Dave Hatter, Mayor.

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Susan Ellis, Treasurer/Senior Deputy Clerk.

Susan Ellis, CMC, KCMC
Treasurer/Senior Deputy Clerk