



City of Fort Wright

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City of Fort Wright Special Council Meeting Wednesday, December 21, 2022 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Council Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Mayor Dave Hatter. Mayor Hatter led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. City Clerk Maura Russell called the roll.

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

Also present for the meeting were:

City Administrative Officer Jill Bailey
City Attorney Tim Theissen
Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe
Police Sergeant Jason Millay
Public Works Director Jeff Bethell
City Clerk Maura Russell

CITIZEN COMMENTS/GUESTS

There were no citizen comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance 12-2022 related to Motor Vehicle License fees – Mr. Theissen completed a summary second reading of Ordinance 12-2022, an Ordinance of the City of Fort Wright, in Kenton County, Kentucky, repealing Ordinance 11-2022 to maintain the motor vehicle tax at previously established rates until January 1, 2024, and at that time reducing the rate to \$0.02/\$100; and amending section 37.02 of Title III, Chapter 37 of the City of Fort Wright Code of Ordinances relating to taxation, implementing the amended tax on motor vehicles.

A motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 12-2022 was made by Councilman Wessels. Councilman Weber made a second. Ms. Russell called the roll.

Councilman Abeln	Yes
Councilman Feinauer	Yes
Councilman Wall	Yes
Councilman Weber	Yes

Councilman Wessels Yes
Councilwoman Witt Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Hatter confirmed the motor vehicle tax that is directed back to the City of Fort Wright will change as of January 1, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Order 02-2022 – TikTok Ban on All FW Gov Computers/Devices – Mayor Hatter said the FBI and NSA have both warned of the implications that could come from having TikTok installed on devices and several states have already banned the application and other related software made in China. He confirmed that the site will also be blacklisted for the City’s wireless network.

Mr. Theissen read Executive Order 02-2022, an Executive Order of the Mayor of the City of Fort Wright in Kenton County, Kentucky, immediately and indefinitely prohibiting the use of TikTok on any City-owned device.

Councilman Feinauer made a motion to approve the Mayor’s Executive Order 02-2022. Councilman Wall made a second. Ms. Russell called the roll.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Swearing-in Ceremony for all Newly Elected Fort Wright City Officials – State Representative-elect Stephanie Dietz performed the oath of office ceremony for the recently elected officials, including Mayor Dave Hatter and Councilmembers Dave Abeln, Jason Collins, Scott Wall, Jay Weber, Bernie Wessels, and Margie Witt.

Newly elected Councilmember Jason Collins introduced his family who were present for the ceremony.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Improvement Committee – Chair Councilman Feinauer – No report.

Finance Committee – Chair Councilman Wessels – No report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire/ALS Department – Chief Schewe had no report.

Police Department – Sgt. Jason Millay had no report.

Public Works Department – Mr. Bethell said his team is getting ready for the winter weather.

Administration/Finance – Ms. Russell said tax payment receipt is going well.

Legal Counsel – Mr. Theissen had no report.

CAO REPORT

Ms. Bailey said they are monitoring the weather closely and will post updates regarding any snow emergencies to the City's social media pages and website. Mayor Hatter added that he does not like to declare snow emergencies but understands that the safety of Public Works personnel as they clear the streets is important and encouraged residents to move their vehicles off the street if possible.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Employee Recognitions/Special Thank You's – Mayor Hatter thanked Councilman Feinauer for his service to the City for 22 years.

Councilman Feinauer addressed Council, thanking them for their hard work and for pushing through adversity to get the City into the position it currently holds.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmembers wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Councilwoman Witt made a motion to adjourn the Special Council Meeting. Councilman Feinauer made a second. Ms. Russell called the roll.

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Special Council Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:



Maura Russell
City Clerk