



# City of Fort Wright

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## Fort Wright City Council Meeting Minutes

April 2 , 2025

6:00 p.m.

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Dave Hatter, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Kerrie Holland, City Clerk called the role.

Mr. Dave Abeln	Absent
Mr. Jason Collins	Present
Mr. Scott Wall	Present
Mr. Jay Weber	Present
Mr. Bernie Wessels	Present
M s. Margie Witt	Present

Also Present were CAO Jill Cain Bailey, City Attorney John S. Brooking, Chief of Police Jonathan Colwell, Fire Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Jeff Bethell, Finance Clerk Nyoka Johnson.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

### APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes from the March 5, 2025 Special City Council Meeting.

Mayor Hatter asked for any comments or questions regarding the minutes, with no further discussion, Councilman Collins made a motion to approve the minutes, and Councilman Wessels made the second. Ms. Holland called the role.

Mr. Dave Abeln	-----
Mr. Jason Collins	YES
Mr. Scott Wall	YES
Mr. Jay Weber	YES
Mr. Bernie Wessels	YES
Ms. Margie Witt	YES

**MOTION PASSES**

Minutes from the March 5, 2025 Special City Council Meeting.

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Mr. Dave Abeln	----
Mr. Jason Collins	YES
Mr. Scott Wall	YES
Mr. Jay Weber	YES
Mr. Bernie Wessels	YES
Ms. Margie Witt	YES

**MOTION PASSES**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SD1 Waste Water Tank Paint Color Selection**

There were sample color selections provided to the Council & Mayor in the meeting packet. CAO Bailey recommended the color Alpine, Councilman Weber states that the receptacle will be larger in size, so perhaps the Community Improvement Committee could do some murals on it? CAO Bailey stated that per SD1, there were no designs options given, only solid color choices. Councilwoman Witt brought up the concern that dirt will show and suggested the color options Navajo or Pearl. The Council agreed to choose the color option Navajo.

**Municipal Order 01-2025 regarding disposal of surplus property**

City Attorney Brook read the MO 01-2025 aloud, Council asked the question how the tasers listed on the MO would be sold and who they would be available to Chief Colwell stated that the items will be listed on GovDeals and available for Law Enforcement to purchase only. \*After the meeting, it was declared that the above referenced MO 01-2025 will be named MO 01-2025(A) going forward due to there already being a MO 01-2025 on record.

Councilwoman Witt made a motion to approve the MO 01-2025, Councilman Collins made a second. Ms. Holland called the role.

Dr. Dave Abeln	----
Mr. Jason Collins	YES
Mr. Scott Wall	YES
Mr. Jay Weber	YES
Mr. Bernie Wessels	YES
Ms. Margie Witt	YES

**MOTION PASSES**

**Interlocal Agreement w/ City of Kenton Vale for the provision of Fire/EMS Services**

Mayor Hatter explains the reasoning for the Interlocal Agreement. Councilman Weber suggests that it be approved.

Councilman Weber made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement w/City of Kenton Vale for the provision of Fire/EMS Services, Councilman Wessels made a second. Ms. Holland called the role.

Mr. Dave Abeln	----
Mr. Jason Collins	YES
Mr. Scott Wall	YES
Mr. Jay Weber	YES
Mr. Bernie Wessels	YES
Ms. Margie Witt	YES

**MOTION PASSES**

**Municipal Order 02-2025 regarding Fire/EMS Service Contract with Kenton Vale**

City Attorney Brooking reads MO 02-2025 and explains that the contract is good for 2 years.

Councilman Weber made a motion to approve the MO 02-2025 and Councilman Wessels made a second. Ms. Holland called the role.

Mr. Dave Abeln	----
Mr. Jason Collins	YES
Mr. Scott Wall	YES
Mr. Jay Weber	YES
Mr. Bernie Wessels	YES
Ms. Margie Witt	YES

**MOTION PASSES**

**Interlocal Agreement w/City of Park Hills for provision of EMS Services**

Councilman Weber stated that Park Hills Mayor Zembrodt suggested to review amount being paid. Councilman Weber stated that the parameters haven't changed, and costs are going up. Finance Committee recommended to keep amount where it currently is. City Atty Brooking reads the Interlocal Agreement aloud. Mayor Hatter restates that it is not economical to charge any less.

Councilman Weber made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement w/City of Park Hills for provision of EMS Service and Councilman Wessels made a second. Ms. Holland called the role.

Mr. Dave Abeln	----
Mr. Jason Collins	YES
Mr. Scott Wall	YES
Mr. Jay Weber	YES
Mr. Bernie Wessels	YES
Ms. Margie Witt	YES

**MOTION PASSES**

### **Municipal Order 03-2025 regarding EMS Service Contract with Park Hills**

City Attorney Brooking reads MO 03-2025 and explains that the contract is good for 2 years.

Councilman Weber made a motion to approve the MO 03-2025 and Councilman Wessels made a second. Ms. Holland called the role.

Mr. Dave Abeln	-----
Mr. Jason Collins	YES
Mr. Scott Wall	YES
Mr. Jay Weber	YES
Mr. Bernie Wessels	YES
Ms. Margie Witt	YES

**MOTION PASSES**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Community Improvement Committee:**

Nothing to report.

#### **Finance Committee:**

Reports that the Council computers are being updates/replaced.

### **CAO Report:**

CAO Bailey wanted to remind everyone that she is always open to adding any updates to the City Newsletter.

### **Administration:**

Sent out 45 delinquent property tax bills, down from 55 in February. 3 days FEMA/ICS training with Nyoka-We will complete the FEMA training in April.

### **Police Department:**

Chief Jonathan Colwell reports that calls increased by about 10% from February 2025 to March 2025. The department received new tasers-they are a significant upgrade from the old tasers. Locker room remodel is in process-should be complete in approximately 2 weeks. Speed trailer update-Kyles lane 14,000+/- . Moved to catch eastbound traffic. Sgt. VonHandorf is in training in Richmond for next three weeks. CAO Bailey would like to recognize Chief Colwell- A little girl's bike was stolen from her front yard and the grandpa came in to check to see if anyone had found one that matched the description. Chief Colwell stepped up and he worked with a non-profit today to get the little girl a replacement bike the same day.

**Finance:** Working on record retention, 3 days FEMA/ICS training with Kerrie, Excel training.

### **Public Works:**

Crack Sealing started back from last fall-Around April 14<sup>th</sup>. Preconstruction meeting with Water District. Storm drain replacement- bid to go out summer 2025. Marty & Jeff will be out to reevaluate 5-year street plan, Everything is cycled through every two years. The mayor explains how the 5-year street plan works-it removes the politics from the repairs. They go by the national standards and formulas to determine what and when it needs to be repaired. Security Cameras replacement resumes Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, to be wrapped up in about a week. Councilman Weber asked about the roof repair, Jeff Bethel stated that there needs to be a bid packet together. CAO Bailey mentioned that the waste bid will be going out first.

**Fire Department:**

Chief Schewe-Shout out to Regis Huth for taking on the fire dept bathroom remodel-it is complete. Welcome to Holly Bowman to the Fire Dept Staff-she started April 3, 2025.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Cao Bailey wanted to point out that the office is working on an Open Records Request that may put some other items behind a bit-be patient with the staff.

**Employee Recognitions/Thank you's:**

None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Thank you to the volunteers that helped on Clean-up Day, April 12<sup>th</sup>. We collected 49 bags of trash.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilman Wall made a second. Ms. Holland called the role.

Mr. Dave Abeln	-----
Mr. Jason Collins	YES
Mr. Scott Wall	YES
Mr. Jay Weber	YES
Mr. Bernie Wessels	YES
Ms. Margie Witt	YES

**MOTION PASSES**

**Meeting officially adjourned at 6:37p.m.**

**Next City Council Meeting is scheduled for May7, 2025 @ 6:00pm – City Admin Bldg.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kerrie A. Holland, City Clerk