



City of Fort Wright

409 Kyles Lane * Fort Wright, KY 41011 * 859-331-1700

City of Fort Wright City Council Meeting Wednesday, October 2, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by CAO Jill Cain Bailey, in the absence of Mayor Hatter. CAO Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. City Clerk Kerrie Holland called the roll.

Councilman Abeln-Present; Councilman Collins-Present; Councilman Wall-Present;
Councilman Weber-Absent; Councilman Wessels-Present; Councilwoman Witt-Present

Also present for the meeting were:

City Administrator Jill Cain Bailey
Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe
Police Chief Jonathan Colwell
Public Works Director Jeff Bethell
City Clerk Kerrie Holland
Finance Clerk Nyoka Johnson

A motion was made by Councilman Abeln to have a member of Council sit in for Mayor Hatter in his absence. Councilman Weber made a 2nd. Ms. Holland called the roll.

Councilman Abeln-Yes; Councilman Collins-Yes; Councilman Wall-Yes; Councilman Weber-Absent;
Councilman Wessels-Yes; Councilwoman Witt- Yes

MOTION was CARRIED and Councilman Collins was nominated and accepted to sit in for Mayor Hatter.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/GUESTS

Originally called at 6:02pm – Lt. Hatter hadn't arrived at the meeting, so Councilman Collins opened up the Citizen Comments/Guests in attendance to speak; there were none. They recalled the presentation for Lt. Hatter's retirement at 6:04pm when he arrived. The City of Fort Wright held a retirement luncheon Friday, September 27, 2024, in honor of Lt. Hatter. He was given a fireman's trumpet and plaque and was also presented with a fireman's helmet and badge. Chief Schewe recounted the time Lt. Hatter spent at the COFW. CAO Bailey read and presented him with his Retirement Resolution from City Council and the Mayor. Councilman Wall made a motion to accept the resolution into record and Councilman Collins made a 2nd. Ms. Holland called the roll.

Councilman Abeln-Yes; Councilman Collins-Yes; Councilman Wall-Yes; Councilman Weber-Absent;
Councilman Wessels-Yes; Councilwoman Witt-Yes

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 4, 2024 – Public Tax Rate Hearing:

Councilman Wall made a motion to approve minutes as written, Councilwoman Witt made a second. Ms. Holland called the roll.

Councilman Abeln-Yes; Councilman Collins-Yes; Councilman Wall-Abstain; Councilman Weber-Absent;
Councilman Wessels-Yes; Councilwoman Witt-Yes

MOTION CARRIED

September 4, 2024 – City Council Meeting:

Councilman Wall made a motion to approve minutes as written, Councilman Abeln made a second. Ms. Holland called the roll.

Councilman Abeln-Yes; Councilman Collins-Yes; Councilman Wall-Abstain; Councilman Weber-Absent;
Councilman Wessels-Yes; Councilwoman Witt-Yes

MOTION CARRIED

September 18, 2024 – Caucus Meeting:

Councilwoman Witt made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected to the date of September 18, 2024. Councilman Weber made a second. Ms. Holland called the roll.

Councilman Abeln-Yes; Councilman Collins-Yes; Councilman Wall-Yes; Councilman Weber-Absent;
Councilman Wessels-Yes; Councilwoman Witt-Yes

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2ND reading of Ordinance 11-2024 – Adopting the FY 24/24 Tax Rates:

City Attorney Brooking reads the 2nd reading of Ordinance 11-2024. Council members discuss the need to be able to continue to provide great service to the members and businesses of Fort Wright. Councilman Wall made a motion to approve Ordinance 11-2024. Councilman Collins made a 2nd. Ms. Holland called the roll.

Councilman Abeln-Yes; Councilman Collins-Yes; Councilman Wall-Yes; Councilman Weber-Absent;
Councilman Wessels-Yes; Councilwoman Witt-Yes

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1ST Reading of Ord 12/2024 – Amending Stop Sign Locations of Traffic Code:

City Attorney Brooking read the 1st reading of Ord 12-2024 and CAO Bailey explained what changes were to be made. Councilman Abeln made a motion to accept the 1st reading. Councilman Wall made a second. Ms. Holland called the roll.

Councilman Abeln-Yes; Councilman Collins-Yes; Councilman Wall-Yes; Councilman Weber-Absent;
Councilman Wessels-Yes; Councilwoman Witt-Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Camera/Video System Upgrades to Police Department:

CAO Bailey explains the need for a new upgraded Video/Camera system in the PD interview room. The City is asking for \$11,000 for a new system. The City has already received a couple bids for the project. CAO is asking for approval for up to \$11,000 out of the ARPA Fund for the new system, she is not asking to approve a specific bid yet. That will come at a later date when those come in. Councilman Abeln made a motion to approve the funds. Councilwoman Witt made a 2nd. Ms. Holland called the roll.

Councilman Abeln-Yes; Councilman Collins-Yes; Councilman Wall-Yes; Councilman Weber-Absent;
Councilman Wessels-Yes; Councilwoman Witt-Yes

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Improvement Committee:

- Will meet again on Wednesday, October 16, 2024
- Doing annual review of the nuisance code and will be meeting with PDS to discuss procedural foreclosure processes.

CAO REPORT

Report was provided and will take any questions. The City of Fort Wright is working with the North Carolina and Tennessee City/County Management Association to start a Hurricane Helene flood relief donation drive for non-perishable items to be collected in the Fire Dept bay until October 10th @ 5:00pm. Will be driven down by staff members (Jeff-PW, Chief Schewe so far) on October 11th. Chief Schewe has organized the rental of a 32' enclosed truck.

Administration:

Ms. Holland reported that all of her required training courses have been completed. Next step will be to complete her in-person FEMA/ICS trainings in March and to start on her Clerk's Certification process that will begin next summer. Passport processing numbers are up as well.

Finance:

All trainings that are required are up to date, as well. Training is ongoing for accounts receivable, payable and payroll. Renewed her Passport certification. She has been busy getting property taxes uploaded and ready to roll out in the next few weeks.

Fire/EMS:

Retirement of Jeff Hatter-we had a nice luncheon, Thank you to Nyoka, Kerrie & Public Works crew for setting up and planning the luncheon. We had our inspection today, no deficiencies on report. Next week we will be taking the front-line ambulance out service to Horton to take care of some warranty issues. We will use the back up ambulance. With Lt. Hatter leaving, we will be moving Jeremiah Johnson to the somewhat position of EMS director, and we will work with him to get him up to par for next year. We will move Ray Embry up to Lt. which will give us an opening.

Police Department:

Shred Day went well. It had a great turnout and the process went smooth. Traffic came in spurts and Thankful for all of the volunteers that were here.

Octoberfest-it went the best it could considering the weather we had. The traffic pattern was changed to disperse traffic onto Kyles lane out of Wright's Summit. It has lessened the flow of traffic on Dixie. NKY Health Dept handed out puncture resistant gloves. St. Anthony incident-suspect was arrested yesterday, and the case is ongoing.

Public Works:

Ft, Henry-one section left to tear out and reconstruct; weather has stopped them from doing so. Hoping next week dries out and they are able to get Ft. Henry completed. CAO noted that PW does a great job decorating for the fall. Jeff-Public Works currently has a crack/joint seal bid open and hopeful to award the bid at the next meeting. Hopeful for crack sealing will be finished by June 15th of 2025.

Legal:

No report

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veteran's Day Observance-Highlands Cemetery November 10th @ 2:00pm with guest speaker Amy McGrath

Special Thank you/Recognitions-

Tom Litzler-Shred Event; Donna Bloemer-Thank you to officers that responded to her house; Anonymous thank you to responding officers that arrived at his dad's house-they were very caring and professional; Thank you to Officer Getz for helping out of town family find Wright's Point Apartments; Thank you to Rudler, PSC for co-sponsoring the Shred event.

Events: Infiniti of NKY-Farmin' and Fiddlin' Fall event on Sunday, October 13th from 11-4.

Fall Cleanup event-Saturday, October 12th from 9-noon-meet at COFW admin bldg.

Councilman Collins made a special Thank you for the Police Dept and Public Works for their help with the Octoberfest new traffic pattern. It seemed to work very well. It also gave the PD opportunity to walk around the event more. Thank you to public for dropping off the barrels and cones and for picking up the hay bales.

Councilwoman Witt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Abeln made a second. Ms. Holland called the roll.

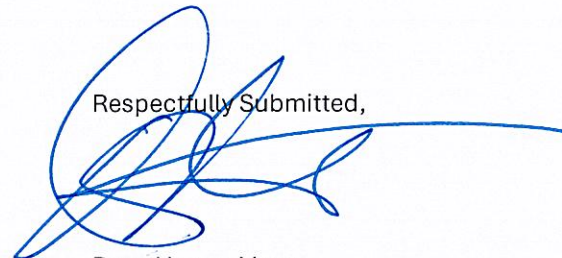
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Councilman Wessels-Yes; Councilwoman Witt-Yes

MOTION CARRIED

The council meeting adjourned at 6:54pm

Next scheduled City Council Meeting will be Wednesday, November 6, 2024 @ 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:



Kerrie Holland, City Clerk