



# City of Fort Wright

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## City of Fort Wright Council Meeting Wednesday, July 20, 2022 – 6:00 PM

### CALL TO ORDER

The Caucus Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Dave Hatter. Mayor Hatter led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Finance Clerk Kelly Perry called the roll.

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

Also present for the meeting were:

City Administrative Officer Jill Bailey  
City Attorney Tim Theissen  
Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe  
Police Chief Ed Butler  
Public Works Director Jeff Bethell  
Finance Clerk Kelly Perry  
City Engineer Martin Hellmann

### CITIZEN COMMENTS/GUESTS

There were no citizen comments or guests.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

**Battery Hooper Park Update (Mark Brueggemann, CT Consultants, unable to attend)** – Ms. Bailey presented the preliminary plans of four different concept plans. She said two concepts are based on an event center and two are based on passive park uses and project costs have not been estimated at this time. After discussion, Council decided to wait on deciding about Battery Hooper Park, with a possibility of using the space for nature trails.

**South Hills Civic Center Improvement Project Update (Martin Hellman, CT Consultants)** – Mr. Hellman presented a recommendation for the repair of the water drainage concerns at the South Hills Civic Club, addressing the concerns at the west and north sides of the building. An Opinion of Construction Cost was included with the recommendations, also noting that the costs could be decreased if City crews were to undertake the work.

Ms. Bailey presented the concept plan for additional improvements for South Hills Civic Club. Ms. Bailey said the plan includes a new metal roof on the existing building, large glass doors exiting to a new patio with a seat wall,

a new, larger parking lot with 34 spaces, and a sidewalk connecting to the swim club. After discussion, Council decided the preference was for necessary repairs or updates to the facility only, including the water drainage project, and asked Ms. Bailey to have the need for a new roof re-evaluated.

**Tot Lot Play Site** – Ms. Bailey said she is in the process of receiving proposals for some potential upgrades on this play area. After discussion, Council expressed concern about the cost of a new park and would like to ask citizens about their opinions concerning this park, including questions about park usage, ages of children who utilize the park, and user proximity to the park.

**Nature Center – Park Access** – Mr. Theissen discussed the need for a decision of renewal or termination of an agreement for an easement on Roger Schroder's property at 1867 Highland Pike. He said the easement has been used for access to the Fort Wright Nature Center for maintenance and emergency vehicles if needed. After discussion, Council agreed to have Mr. Schroder contacted, as well as Mr. James Berling, owner of 1864 Highland Pike, whose property is also used for access to the nature center.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

There were no Council Comments.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no need for an Executive Session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

Councilman Wall made a motion to adjourn the Caucus Meeting. Councilman Abeln made a second. All voting in favor.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dave Hatter, Mayor

Attest:



Maura Russell  
City Clerk