



City of Fort Wright

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City of Fort Wright Special Council Meeting October 15, 2025 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hatter called the Special Council Meeting to order at 6:00p.m., followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence. City Clerk, Kerrie Holland called the role.

Mr. Jason Collins	Present
Mr. Scott Wall	Not Present
Mr. Jay Weber	Present
Mr. Bernie Wessels	Present
Ms. Margie Witt	Present

Also present were Mayor Hatter, CAO Jill Bailey(Via Zoom), City Attorney John Brooking, Police Chief Colwell, Fire Chief Schewe, Public Works Director Jeff Bethell, City Clerk Kerrie Holland, and Circuit Court Judge Patricia M. Summe.

The purpose of the Special Council Meeting is to have a second reading and potentially take action on Ordinance 11-2025 adopting real and tangible property tax rates for FY 25-26; and to appoint Ms. Donna Ross to serve on City Council to fill the unexpired term of Former Council Member Dave Abeln who recently resigned on September 17, 2025. meet with individuals who have submitted letters of interest to serve on City Council to fill the vacant unexpired term of Former Council Member Dave Abeln.

Mayor Hatter asked for a motion to amend the Agenda to conduct the swearing in of Ms. Donna Ross before the second reading of Ordinance 11-2025. Councilman Wessels made a motion, Councilwoman Witt made a second. Ms. Holland called the role.

Mr. Jason Collins	Yes
Mr. Scott Wall	Not Present
Mr. Jay Weber	Yes
Mr. Bernie Wessels	Yes
Ms. Margie Witt	Yes

MOTION CARRIES

Introductions of Ms. Donna Ross and Circuit Court Judge Patricia Summe were made. Judge Summe proceeds to give Ms. Donna Ross the Oath of Office for Ms. Ross' new appointment to The City of Fort Wright's City Council position. Photos were taken and congratulations were given to Ms. Ross. Judge Summe exits the meeting.

City Attorney Brooking reads Municipal Order 07-2025 appointing Donna Ross as a City Council Member aloud. Mayor Hatter asks for a motion to approve Municipal Order 07-2025. Councilman Weber made a motion. Councilman Collins made a second. Ms. Holland called the role.

Mr. Jason Collins	Yes
Mr. Scott Wall	Not Present
Mr. Jay Weber	Yes

Mr. Bernie Wessels Yes
Ms. Margie Witt Yes

MOTION CARRIES

Newly appointed Councilwoman Ross takes her seat in City Council Chambers at 6:04p.m.

Mayor Hatter introduces Ordinance 11-2025 and explains the process of approving the Property Tax rate and why the City Council has decided to lower the rate from .215(2024) to the new rate of .199(2025). Mayor Hatter mentioned the Tangible Tax Rate of .385 will remain the same for 2025 as it was in 2024.

City Attorney Brooking read Ordinance 11-2025 aloud. Mayor Hatter asked if there were any comments or discussions. With no further discussion, Mayor Hatter asked for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 11-2025. Councilman Weber made a motion. Councilman Wessels made a second. Ms. Holland called the role.

Mr. Jason Collins Yes
Ms. Donna Ross Yes
Mr. Scott Wall Not Present
Mr. Jay Weber Yes
Mr. Bernie Wessels Yes
Ms. Margie Witt Yes

MOTION CARRIES

With no further business to discuss during this Special City Council Meeting, Mayor Hatter asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Collins made a motion. Councilwoman Witt made a second. Ms. Holland called the role.

Mr. Jason Collins Yes
Ms. Donna Ross Yes
Mr. Scott Wall Not Present
Mr. Jay Weber Yes
Mr. Bernie Wessels Yes
Ms. Margie Witt Yes

MOTION CARRIES

The Special City Meeting officially adjourned at 6:09p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dave Hatter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kerrie A. Holland, City Clerk