

## CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

11/17/2010 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:14PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members were present for the meeting, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Bernie Wessels. Mr. Scott Wall arrived at 6:30PM and Mr. Todd McMurtry arrived at 6:37PM. Joe Averdick was unavailable for this meeting. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Pete Summe, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Sergeant Marc Schworer, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods.

### Sanitary Transfer Agreement

Mr. Summe advised that he had sent the final amendment to the agreement to Mr. Dusing, their attorney, and had not had a reply from him. After some discussion it was suggested that we might want to add a small paragraph at the end of the amendment in plain language that we are only assuming responsibility for what we now take care of. Mr. Summe advised he would look into doing that.

### Police Reports

This item will be tabled so that Mr. Averdick can be present at the meeting to discuss it.

### Police Specialist

Sergeant Marc Schworer advised Council on this item. He noted that Officer George Kreutzjans has met all criteria to be eligible to become a Specialist. He also noted that Officer Tim Pangallo was due an increase in wages due to the lower rate he was given when he started with Fort Wright. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

### Surplus Fire Hose

Chief Schewe explained that some of the hose declared as surplus was being used at the training field and the rest will be disposed of or given to smaller departments that might be able to use it. This hose is 20 years old and the new hose was purchased with a Federal Grant. This will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

### Proposed New Water Rates

Water rates are proposed to increase 25% in the future but PUCO has not made a ruling as of this date. Mr. Huff suggested that we invite a representative to attend a Council meeting to explain and answer questions regarding the proposed increase. We could have a Resolution opposing this increase by the City.

## MOA Banklick Creek

Mr. Huff stated that there would be no liability or cost to the City for the restoration of Banklick Creek. Cost estimates are included in the packet.

## Street Tax

Mr. Nienaber stated that the street tax question on the November ballot was an overwhelming no. As a City, this is still our responsibility and we have to decide what course we want to take. We could either abandon the program and replace no new streets or patch the streets as we are now doing. Council stated that we should not let the reserve balance of our budget drop below a certain line. Mr. Hatter suggested that we have the Finance Committee look at the situation and cut all nonessential items. There will be a committee meeting scheduled for next week.

## Nixle Usage

This will be discussed further when Chief Kreinest is present to answer more questions.

## Metro Council passes Non-binding Resolution

This Resolution concerns tolls on bridges and was noted that there is no support for tolls in Northern Kentucky.

## Health Insurance

Mr. Huff advised that we will have an 11% increase in our health insurance for 2011. We will offer the traditional and HSA plans again this year with contribution from the employees on the traditional plan. We will have to decide on this at the December meeting, as it takes effect January 1, 2011.

## Smoking Ban

Mr. Hatter advised that we should come out hard against it as a City.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. McMurtry to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed, Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk