

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

MAY 15, 2013 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:03PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Adam Feinauer and Mr. Joe Averdick. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Sergeant Michael Knight, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Dave Hatter arrived at 7:03PM, Mr. Dave Abeln and Police Chief Dan Kreinest were unavailable for the meeting.

Mayor Nienaber addressed Council and advised them that a gentleman resident from Villa Hills approached him and commented on how nice the Council meetings in Fort Wright were. He wanted to let Council know that they are doing a good job.

Mayor Nienaber apologized for losing his cool at the last caucus meeting, because of frustration with so many petty situations that have arose in Fort Wright. He stated that we have a lot of more important issues to deal with.

Dixie Highway TIF – Jim Parsons

Mr. Jim Parsons, an Attorney, who is very knowledgeable and works a lot with Tax Increment Financing Districting, was present at the meeting to discuss and answer questions regarding establishing a TIF District on Dixie Highway in Fort Wright. We already have a TIF District on Madison Pike. Mr. Parson went through a power point presentation with explanations and examples of TIF projects located elsewhere. He stated that big and small projects can be done in a TIF District. Discussion followed. Mr. Parsons stated that once we have decided on what we wanted a TIF District on Dixie Highway to consist of, we would have to create an Ordinance and an agreement.

Mayor Nienaber stated that we will continue to discuss this and bring it before the Economic Development Committee for discussion and thanked Mr. Parsons for attending our meeting.

Goals & Objectives – Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Wessels advised there is a Public Hearing on June 6, 2013. He had a draft of the Goals and Objectives that were currently distributed. This draft was agreeable with Council and will notify Sharmili. It was stated that the guiding principles will have to take precedent over everything else. Once it is presented in the final stage it will come back to the City for a vote.

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Council decided it would wait with Resolution - 13, regarding rate increases until after the Sanitation District Board meeting on May 21, 2013.

Pay Adjustment

Mr. Huff stated that there was a 2% increase in the 2013-2014 Budget for employees, which would take effect on July 1, 2013. This item is for discussion to bring to Council at the June 5, 2013 meeting for approval.

Mr. Wall advised he had complaints regarding the disrepair of the road on Eaton Drive. Mr. Maloney stated that he would contact Eaton Asphalt regarding repair of the road because of their heavy equipment.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised Council of fines levied against property owners that have not complied with letters sent regarding disrepair and high grass and weeds on their property. Some owe thousands of dollars in fines and will continue to go up.

Mayor Nienaber spoke with the owner of the properties on Dixie Highway that have been the subject of much discussion regarding signage and parking issues. He will be back in town on May 16th and will set up a meeting with the Mayor to discuss future plans for his buildings and zoning issues.

Sergeant Michael Knight advised Council that new Police Officer Jonathan Colwell is out on the street on his own, after his training with another officer. We do have one officer, Scott Brown still in training and are up to full strength in the Police Department.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer 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