

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2013 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:02PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Joe Averdick and Mr. Dave Abeln. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Dave Hatter was not available for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 12/05/12 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 12/19/12 Caucus Meeting with amendment. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Award Ashlawn Place Roadway Reconstruction

JPS Construction was the lowest bidder for the Ashlawn Place roadway construction. The bids were opened on 12/01/12 with six bids received. The base bid price was \$171,356.00 for road and sidewalk reconstruction, and with the storm sewer replacement it was a total of \$194,256.00. Mr. Huff stated the Sanitation District would pay 50% of the storm sewer work.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Averdick to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with JPS Construction for \$194,256.00 for this project. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 1-13 – Five (5) Year Street Improvement Plan

This is a Resolution adopting the 5- Year Street Improvement Plan that was discussed at the December 19, 2012 caucus meeting. City Engineer Mark Brueggemann, Mr. Huff and Mr. Maloney have reevaluated the streets in the City. The new plan would show the order of the streets to be done through 2017.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve Resolution 1-13. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 1-13 – Representative to NKAPC (Council) – Councilman Feinauer, Alternate Mayor Nienaber

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Feinauer and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Executive Order 2-13 – Representative to OKI Board – Councilman Bernie Wessels, Alternate Mayor Nienaber

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Wessels and Abeln voting in favor.

Mayor Nienaber stated that he is looking forward to the Ashlawn Place Reconstruction Project and 5 year Street Program. It is hard to ask residents, friends and neighbors for more tax money, but the outcome of safe streets and progress in the City will be a step in the right direction.

Mr. Wessels and Mr. Abeln will be scheduling a Comprehensive Plan meeting soon.

Administrators Report

Mr. Huff stated that for the first time we will be selling our surplus vehicles on govdeals.com on the internet. They are on the auction block now and we will see if we get better prices through this website. This is a nationwide bid and goes out to a larger audience and the bidding ends on 1/16/13 for these vehicles.

Duke will be taking an inventory of all streetlights in the City within the next two week, checking to see if they are all working. The Police Officers will let Mr. Maloney know when a light is out or not working properly, and Duke will be advised. They will then advise us when the repair has been made. Mr. Wessels suggested that we consider having lights placed on streets where there are no lights. We will discuss this further at the caucus meeting.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that the department had a good year and residents have been taking the advice to lock their vehicles and keep valuables out of sight.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry reported that we are going to work on delinquent taxes and are compliant on any open record request that we receive.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney advised on the street light reports from 2012, there were 41 and in 2011 there were 34. There was a citywide email sent out that if residents notice a light out to report it to us. Email went to Duke and we had a response from them with a contact person for follow up and reporting. Busy with snow removal recently, have plenty of salt left.

City Clerk Joyce Woods thanked Rob Black, of State Farm Insurance for supplying the calendars for the Council Chambers for 2013. He is always very generous.

2012 property taxes went very well and we were very busy the last few days of the year. Thanks again to Mr. Hatter for setting up the tax program. Thanks to Mr. Schewe for taking the minutes at the caucus meeting in December in my absence.

Mr. Averdick thanked Mr. Huff, Chief Kreinest and Mr. Maloney for the streetlight program; he reported some of the lights that were out in the main areas and making it very dark.

Mr. Feinauer reported that the Community Preservation Committee has two items that they are discussing, the Henry Clay Committee, and the discussion on outside storage will be brought back to caucus meeting to be discussed with the rest of Council.

Mr. Abeln reported that they received an updated version of goals and objectives from Direction 2030. Committee will be looking at the changes included. Mr. Abeln and Mr. Wessels have met and discussed incentive programs and different ideas regarding economic development.

Mayor Nienaber stated that he is proud to serve with the people that are on Council and move forward with the committees and ideas that have come from everyone involved. The staff should be very proud of all the hard work that has been done. Thanks to all.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Averdick 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