

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 3, 2013 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall 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 arrived at 6:32PM.

Mayor Nienaber welcomed everyone and introduced Senator Chris McDaniel, who gave the highlights of the legislation passed and also the bills that did not pass in the recent session. Senator McDaniel answered questions from Council. Mayor and Council thanked him for coming to the meeting and keeping us updated regarding things happening in Frankfort.

Tonya McEwen, a resident of 53 Rivard Drive addressed Council for her second appearance regarding the residents parking across from her driveway making it difficult for her to pull in and out of the driveway. Ms. McEwen was not happy with the yellow line drawn to eliminate the parking on Rivard Drive. She stated it did not extend far enough to solve her problem. She also stated that her meeting with Mr. Maloney did not go well and said that the problem was not the condition of the driveway, but the cars parked in that area.

Mayor Nienaber and Mr. Maloney responded that everyone had driven by the site and observed the problem as far as safety is concerned. After much discussion, Mayor Nienaber advised Ms. McEwen that we will contact the landlord of the property and discuss this issue with her and take it under consideration, and discuss this with the Community Preservation Committee for their input. Council appreciates your time and patience on this issue.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 03/06/13 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 03/20/13 Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Lori Clements and Kathleen Romero: 5K Run

Lori Clements, widow of Bob Clements addressed Council regarding a 5K Run, in memory of Bob, to be held in Fort Wright to help fund college scholarships for history majors and teachers specializing in teaching history. This run will coincide with Battery Hooper Days at the James A. Ramage Museum on Sunday morning, August 18th, 2013 at 8AM, and will be advertised as a “Run for History”. Mr. Steve Prescott, who is coordinating the event, was present with Ms. Clements and stated that he has been involved in many of these runs. A preliminary route for the run was passed out to Council, but this will have to be worked out with Police and Fire

personnel. Orange cones, signage and two cyclists with safety vest will be provided for the event. Council agreed that it will be a good event in Bob's memory. More information will be provided as it is all worked out. Also it will be listed in the summer issue of the Top of The Hill News.

Kathleen Romero reminded Council of the Museum's Annual Blue and Grey Dinner at the Gardens of Park Hills on April 24, 2013 at 6:00PM. The cost is \$45.00 per person or \$80.00 a couple and all are invited.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2-13 – Amending Ordinance 12-12, Non-Payment of Property Taxes

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

Second Reading – Ordinance 3-13 – Amending Ordinance 13-12, Non-Payment of Waste Fees

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

Executive Order 4-13 – Appointing a Police Officer for the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky

Our newest Police Officer, Scott Brown, is currently from Indianapolis, Indiana and would like to get back to this area. He and his wife have relatives in North Bend, Ohio. He is a very experienced Officer who has worked in Indianapolis for the last three years and will be a welcome addition to the department. Mayor Nienaber read the Executive Order in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading – Ordinance 4-13 – Deleting Old Floodplain Regulations and Adopting New Floodplain Regulations for the City Of Fort Wright

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

First Reading - Ordinance 5-13 – Amending the 2012/2013 Appropriations Ordinance for the City of Fort Wright

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. This Ordinance re-states the City budget after the audit. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick, Hatter and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading – Ordinance 6-13 – Adopting the Annual Budget of 2013/2014 for the City of Fort Wright

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Mr. Hatter commends the Department Heads to keep the budget under control. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln, Wall and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrators Report

Mr. Huff reported that there was an article in the Kentucky Enquirer this morning on a grant that Kenton County received to purchase homes in areas of Banklick Creek that includes residences in Fort Wright. This specifies houses along Old Ky 17 that have flooded in the past, and will give the owners a chance to sell this property if they chose to. The Federal Government will buy their home and then be torn down and no other homes will be permitted to be built on that property. This will give the owners a chance to sell and locate elsewhere.

Groundbreaking for Izzy's Restaurant was on Tuesday, and will be a nice addition to the City. They hope to be open by the end of June.

Walt's Hitching Post is scheduled for a soft opening in a few weeks.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe reported the monies received for the Grant for the SCBA equipment was for \$108,000.00 with a 5% match. We receive \$8250.00 annually from the State for homeowner premiums and this will be used for the match.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported the reconstruction of Ashlawn will be started on Monday, April 8th, weather permitting. There will be some detours on the surrounding streets and will be signage and a list the changes on the website.

Bids will be out on Morris Place and Glazier Road shortly.

The City saved money on salt this year and have a stockpile for next year.

Mr. Wessels and Mr. Huff attended the recent Dixie Fix meeting and advised that TANK will be deleting some bus stops and relocating others.

Mayor Nienaber stated that there was a meeting with the landlord and tenant of Sub-Station and he is working on a parking plan. We will discuss the Sign Ordinance at the next caucus meeting.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter 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