

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 04, 2013 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the Council Meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Adam Feinauer. 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. Joe Averdick was unavailable for this meeting.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Bob Winter, a resident of Edgewood, who is a candidate for Circuit Judge asked to address Council regarding the election to replace Judge Sheehan, who will be retiring. He stated that he is very qualified and experienced to be elected to this position. He has been an attorney for 29 years and worked for small and large law firms and companies. He previously was the City Attorney for the City of Park Hills. He stated that he will be fair and impartial if elected. The primary election is on May 20, 2014 and asked to be considered for voters support for this election.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 11/06/13 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 11/20/13 Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading Ordinance 16-13 – Proposed Stage I Development Plan on 0.909 Acres at 3396 Madison Pike (Bob Ratermann Property)

This property will be developed by Taco Bell, providing everything is approved. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading Ordinance 17-13 – Establishing a Development Area for Economic Development purposes – Dixie Highway – Kyles Lane Development Area.

The City is backing an Ordinance to create a district on Dixie Highway and Kyles Lane which would be a TIF District. This is an Economic Development tool that benchmarks income from property within this development area at today's revenue. Any increases in revenue in this zone above the benchmark will be pro-rated to 80% and will go into the TIF Fund and the remaining 20% would go back into the General Fund. These monies designated for this fund will be to encourage Economic Development in these areas. Mr. Hatter started that we can reach out to other taxing districts to pledge funds to the City for Development. Mr. Wessels thanked Mayor Nienaber for moving forward with this plan.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Mr. Jim Parsons, Attorney has been hired to help us with this Ordinance and to develop a plan since he works with this type of legal information.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Abeln and Wall voting in favor, Mr. Wessels abstained, as he owns property in this area, no one opposed. Motion passed

First Reading Ordinance 18-13 – Authorizing the Mayor to establish Articles of Incorporation to Establish a Non-Profit Corporation pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 58 and KRS Chapter 273.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Mr. Jim Parsons explained that this corporation will be a direct agency of the City and only act and controlled by the Cities direction. If other agencies contribute to the TIF District they will have a person on the Board to participate and have input in the expenditures of funds. The final decision will be by the City Council.

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

Administrators Report

Mr. Huff reported that he and City Department Heads attended the Senior Luncheon at South Hills Civic Club, with about 80 residents attending. It was very enjoyable and hopefully all had a good time.

On Sunday, December 8th, from Noon -5PM, a Civil War Christmas will be held at the James A. Ramage Museum.

City offices will be closed December 24 & 25th for the Christmas Holidays and also on January 1st.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reminded everyone of the Grant received for the SCBA's in the amount of \$121,000.00 and only received one bid at \$116,000.00. We were informed that the equipment was not standard. We are in contact with the grant administrator's office to see if we can get that adjusted, or possibly have to rebid at the correct standards.

The Fire Department will be having their annual Christmas party at the South Hills Civic Club on Tuesday, December 17th at 7PM. All are invited.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest advised people that this is the Christmas season and thieves are out in the area. There was an armed robbery at Speedway and a burglary on General Drive recently. Please keep all valuables in your vehicles out of sight and also be aware of people in the vicinity.

Legal

Mr. McMurtry advised that things are pleasantly quiet.

Public Works

The crew has already been out putting down salt and trucks are ready to go.

City Clerk Joyce Woods thanked the Garden Club for decorating our planters in the front of the building with evergreens and red ribbons.

Tax payments have picked up since Thanksgiving with a steady stream of payments daily.

Mr. Feinauer wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. All of Council and the Mayor did the same.

Mayor Nienaber asked for co-operation in moving cars from the streets during snow storms. It is much easier for the streets to be cleared if there is a clear path.

Thanks to Staff and Council for another good year, with much work getting done with all the committee meetings to solve problems and give input to make Fort Wright a better City.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, 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