

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2013 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:00PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer 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. Scott Wall arrived at 6:15PM.

A representative from Best Way Disposals addressed Council regarding their company and stated that since the contract with our current contractor, Rumpke was due for renewal this year, she would like to just observe the meeting. We do have a few extensions with Rumpke that we will probably take. She stated that Crestview Hills signed with their company and they did save them some money and they would like to move into our area with more clients.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 01-02-13 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed, Mr. Hatter abstained. Motion passed.

1st Reading of Ordinance 1-13 – Liquor License

This Ordinance has to do with the supplementary bar license that a few businesses are required to have for the operation of a second bar in their establishment. We have been approached by one of the new owners of Walt's Hitching Post to see if Council would consider amending the previous Ordinances waiving the fee for the supplementary bar license. Council decided for the first year the license required for Classes B, E and F, the fee will be waived. After that the license fee for each additional stationary bar and/or for each bar for which a license is required the fee will be half of the original cost for the first bar. The change in the previous Ordinances will only be in section seven. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary.

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

Sanitation District No. 1 – Agreement – Ashlawn Drive Storm Sewer

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Sanitation District No. 1 to pay for 50% of the cost for storm sewer replacement when the street is re-constructed. The cost will not exceed \$16,650.00. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln and Wall voting in favor, Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Wessels stated that he objects to the City paying any amount for storm sewer replacement that should be the Sanitation District responsibility.

With Mr. Wall in attendance we will take a vote on the Minutes of the 01-16-13 Caucus Meeting. Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels and Wall voting in favor, Averdick and Hatter abstained. Motion passed.

Brent Spence Bridge

There have been many articles and meeting regarding the construction of a new Brent Spence Bridge. The group Build Our Bridge Now is comprised of Duke Energy, Cincinnati businesses, Chamber of Commerce and more involved and trying to set up public/private partnership. The State of Kentucky does not allow per KRS. these partnerships to be formed. They are trying to get this passed through the Kentucky Legislature that these partnerships can be formed. There are many cities around us that are passing Resolutions against tolls. Five years ago this date we passed a Resolution 6-08 which specifically voiced our opposition to tolls. We are re-adopting Resolution 6-08 and changing the current number to 3-13 and updating officials and surrounding cities and sending this to them. Mr. McMurtry read this Resolution. Discussion followed. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hatter to reaffirm Resolution 6-08 and update all previous officials and approve Resolution 3-13. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 2-13 – Supporting Pension System Reform

Senator Chris McDaniel is a proponent of the reform of the current Kentucky pension system. We have been encouraged to support this reform by passing Resolution 2-13. Mayor Nienaber read a portion of the Resolution in summary. It was suggested to invite Senator McDaniel to attend a Council meeting and speak to everyone and answer questions regarding this reform. Mr. Huff will send him an email and invite him to a future meeting. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Wessels stated that he and Mr. Huff met with staff at NKAPC and voiced concerns over the Comprehensive Plan Update, Goals and Objectives and have them get back to us with their ideas. Mayor Nienaber stated that Sharmili, who we are working with on this project, is a very professional and hard working person. She listens to our ideas and works with us on them.

Mr. Wessels advised that there was a Dixie Fix Committee Meeting that he and Mr. Huff missed. There was a mix up with emails and no one from the City was in attendance. Mr. Wessels stated that he does have a copy of the minutes from the meeting and will forward them to Council.

Mr. Huff advised that they attended a meeting with KDOT at their offices and they are taking our comments into consideration and have been very accommodating.

2011/2012 Audit

Jim Sparrow of Rankin, Rankin & Company addressed Council regarding the annual audit that was done in November. Mr. Sparrow went through the audit and stated that the City is in good financial shape for the year ending June 30, 2012, and everything is going well. There were no recommendations on items that need to improve in internal control. Mayor Nienaber stated that we will research a TIF Fund for Dixie Highway, and talk to people who have experience with these funds. Thanks to all involved in getting the audit completed.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Sparrow for coming to the meeting and giving a report on the audit.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff reported that the sign is up for the construction of an Izzy's Restaurant on Highland Avenue, which will have indoor and outdoor dining and a drive-thru. This will be a good addition for the City and expected opening will be summer 2013. Thanks to all the businesses locating in our City.

Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe thanked Chief Kreinest and Sergeant Schworer for getting our surplus vehicles sold. A Jeep, pickup truck and a Crown Victoria Police Car was auctioned and a total of about \$9000.00 was received.

Chief Kreinest thanked Mr. Maloney and the Public Works Department for their help in the snow. There was quite a mess on Kyles Lane and they kept the traffic problems to a minimum. Also thanks for the help in the Police Department, in the garage and other areas.

Attorney Todd McMurtry stated they we are working on getting delinquent tax payments that are more than one year due.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that the snow has been frequent recently and all the City Department working together keeps traffic flowing and resident's safe.

The street light reporting to Duke Energy has been successful so far, with many of the outages fixed.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported on the delinquent tax bills from 2012. Twenty three delinquent bills were paid in January, two additional paid that owed penalty and interest only and four from previous years paid. We have a total of thirty eight bills due from 2012, and hope to get those cleared up in the coming months. Working with Mr. McMurtry on the bills due from two to three years ago should help a lot.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk