

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 2, 2013 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:00PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Bernie Wessels, 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 Sergeant Michael Knight, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Dave Hatter arrived at 6:25PM and Chief Dan Kreinest was unavailable for this meeting.

Mayor Nienaber welcomed everyone in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 09/04/13 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, Averdick abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Abeln to approve the minutes of the 09/18/13 Caucus/Special Meeting. All member voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Tom Litzler – Kenton County Government Study Group

Mr. Litzler is out of town and unavailable for this meeting. We will table this item until he is available.

Mr. Chris Knochelman addressed Council and advised he is always available for any questions or problems that might arise in the City and also he is running for the Office of Kenton County Judge Executive next year. Mr. Knochelman stated that he would like to be able to work with Fort Wright Mayor and Council in the future and always appreciate opinions and feedback from everyone in Kenton County. Mayor Nienaber wished him good luck in the future election.

Old Business

Second Reading Ordinance 11-13 – Statement of Goals and Objectives for a New Kenton County Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. These goals and objectives will be used as a guideline for the Comprehensive Plan.

Second Reading Ordinance 12-13 – Interlocal Agreement for Code Enforcement in Kenton County, Kentucky.

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

Second Reading Ordinance 13-13 – Restrict All Parking on Rivard Drive from Kennedy Road to Highview Drive.

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

Second Reading Ordinance 14-13 – Restrict All Parking on East Henry Clay Avenue from Kyles Lane to Basswood Avenue and to allow Parking on the South Side of Bluegrass Avenue.

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

New Business

First Reading Ordinance 15-13 – Amendment to the Fort Wright Zoning Ordinance to add to the IP (Industrial Park) Zone – Barber and Beauty Shop as a Conditional Use.

KCPC recommended approval of the proposed text amendment to the Fort Wright Zoning Ordinance adding barber and beauty shops, with conditions, as a conditional use within the IP Zone.

Hamilton's on KY 17 requested this change to add these uses to this zone. His daughter would like to add a shop on his property in the rear. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary.

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

Adoption of Rules and Guidelines for the Front Message Board and South Hills Civic Center

This item was discussed at the last caucus meeting. There were few changes to the message board and South Hills Civic Club rules and regulations. Mayor Nienaber stated that the city would like to address everyone's good deeds and events for the residents of Fort Wright, but that would be impossible to do. Mayor Nienaber stated that he would like to add something to the website to recognize resident's accomplishments.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer for approval to these rules and regulations as written. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Hatter, Averdick and Wall voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff reported that the Hope Box Derby was held at Wright's Summit on September 14, 2013 and \$56,000.00 was collected for the one day event. To date \$250,000.00 has been collected for this worthy event. The City's car came in 7th out of 27 cars, thanks to the sponsorship of businesses for the car's entry fee.

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reminded everyone that October is Fire Prevention Month, please check your smoke detectors and practice an escape plan for your family. Anyone needing help with replacing batteries in their smoke detectors, please contact the Fire Department and we will be happy to help.

All the vehicles that we were having problems with have been repaired and are back on track and available.

We will be gathering bids for the SCBA equipment that we received a grant to purchase. Day's Inn has closed and is being boarded up and fence put up around the building.

Sergeant Michael Knight reported that Chief Kreinest is in training for the week. Rodeway rentals have increased since Day's Inn has closed and police will continue to check the register daily.

Detective Kreutzjans is in training in a five week training at the Criminalistics Academy, and will graduate next Friday.

Pamphlets handed out regarding Casey's Law regarding the heroin epidemic in our area with needed information for anyone dealing with this issue.

Mayor Nienaber reported that Sergeant Knight has been accepted into the 2014 Leadership Northern Kentucky Class and will be outstanding asset representing Fort Wright.

City Attorney Todd McMurtry reported that he attended the KLC Continuing Education Program Symposium which was dealing with Open Record Request. We have had an increase in these requests and Mr. McMurtry wants to stay updated on the latest information. Mayor Nienaber reported that Mr. McMurtry is running for President of the Kentucky Bar Association and a very worthy candidate.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that there is a blueprint on the desk giving information on installation of new equipment at Redwood and Amsterdam Roads. There are a couple of vent pipes at the southwest corner that Duke is replacing. Mr. Maloney is trying to get the new equipment as close to the existing equipment as possible. Street program is almost done but there were a few problems with the contractor for the water district. They did not lay the mains deep enough and will have to take out part of the street to replace them. Mr. Maloney working with the water district to work out this delay regarding their contractor.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that most of the tax bills have been sent out, but have had a slight delay with the fire that occurred at the courthouse, to be able to check on some of the bills on their website. Thanks to Mr. Hatter for the ease of the program he has set up for us.

Halloween in Fort Wright will be 6-8PM and hot dogs and soft drinks at the Fire Department 7-9PM.

Mr. Abeln attended a forum at Notre Dame Academy on the bridge construction and charging tolls. Mr. Abeln encourage all residents and citizens to stay in touch on this issue.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wall 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