

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

JUNE 18, 2014 - 6:08 PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:08 PM. The following members were in attendance: Mr. Dave Abeln, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Bernie Wessels. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and Assistant City Clerk Jennifer Lipson. Mr. Scott Wall was unavailable for this meeting.

There were no residents present for the meeting.

Grass Cutting

Issues discussed included weeds growing along the interstate ramps, cigarette butts and other trash being dumped by cars at or near the end of the ramps, grass cutting needs to occur more frequently and possibly further than 20 feet back, graffiti on lamp posts in the area. Suggestions were to get pricing for weed control, litter clean up, and possibility of hiring someone part-time or temporary to mow the sensitive areas, clean up litter and perform weed control spraying. Gary and Tim will get price quotes to spray the interstate areas, and also for current lawn service to cut the areas of concern more frequently. The areas of concern include interstate ramps and the grass area at Dixie and Kyles.

Todd McMurtry is also contacting Mark Guilfoyle, from Deters, Benzinger and Lavelle about possibility of hiring him to help get things done. Mr. Guilfoyle can get things to the Governor to get them done. These items include curbs along KY 17, the parking lot on Highland Pike, and cleaning up "staging area" under I-275.

Yearly Salary Adjustment

Mr. Huff presented a Consumer Price Index Summary showing a 2% increase for CPI in the past year. The calculations for employee wages show an increase for all salaries will be \$31,682 annually. (Administration \$3,402, Police \$13,980, Fire \$10,740 and Public Works \$3,560). All members present spoke in favor of increasing the pay scale by 2%. This will be voted on at July Council Meeting.

Sewer Rates

Proposed 5.1% rate increase did not pass. Proposed 4.9% rate increase did pass, therefore it will not need to go before Fiscal Court. There was discussion from council regarding the increases.

Mayor's Group

A Governor's Committee has been formed to study the Governor's book, Mayor Nienaber was just advising Council of this information.

Insurance

Mr. Huff met with Insurance agent for liability insurance. There will be an increase of \$151. Several newer vehicles added.

Public Works

Tim Maloney advised that Paul Wigger was hired today as a temporary employee, while Nick Zumtick is recovering from surgery.

Fire/EMS

Steve Schewe advised that they are in the process of evicting three people who had become permanent residents at the Rodeway Inn.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Abeln to adjourn, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nienaber, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Lipson, Assistant City Clerk