

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

MARCH 19, 2014 – 6:00PM

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

Mr. Huff stated that there was a copy of Draft 3 of the budget in tonight's packet of information for review. He went through the budget, starting with the General Fund and to have Council ask questions if there was an issue or comment they were concerned about or if more information was needed. Mr. Huff stated that there were some businesses located in Fort Wright that were not reporting enough payroll taxes. There is really no enforcement through Kenton County and maybe there should be an audit of the businesses.

Tuition re-imburement was discussed and Mr. Wessels would like to have a detailed expense printout of this line item. Overtime for the Fire Department paramedics was also discussed and a suggestion was that maybe we should consider hiring another full-time paramedic.

Mr. Maloney was asked about street sweeping and amount of salt on hand.

Capital Improvement pending purchases were reviewed.

Mayor Nienaber stated that he would like to fund events at Lookout Heights and Fort Wright Civic Club when possible.

Everyone seemed to agree with the numbers in the budget and if more discussion is needed before the final vote to approve, we will discuss it further.

An offer was made to Ken Holstein for a full-time police officer position to replace Danny Martin on the roster. He is a very qualified officer who retired from Covington Police Department, and also worked at Taylor Mill Police Department and for Campbell County Sheriff. Background checks and psychological exam will be done prior to this position being finalized.

Q Laboratories, a company that does testing on food products, has inquired about the vacant Robke Chevrolet building off of KY 17. This property has room for growth, to build out if it is needed. There are 100 employees total, 50 part-time, and 50 full-time. If this would work for them they would like the City to consider landscaping the entrance and bridge. Mr. Huff stated that the floodplain maps will have to be straightened out before anything is done with property, as it shows this property in the floodplain.

Some of the issues discussed were the TANK bus shelters. The litter and mess that these shelters cause can get out of control. Mr. Wessels suggested that we take them down due to the unsightly conditions.

Mr. Huff also advised Council that there will be a truck hub in the Queensgate area, right over the bridge, and this will probably cause more traffic on the bridges.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

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Joyce Woods, City clerk