

## CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

**AUGUST 20, 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. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Bernie Wessels and Mr. Dave Abeln. Also present were City Administrator Gary Huff, Attorney Kyle Winslow, 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.

### Deer in Fort Wright

There were residents from Reeves Drive present for the meeting in reference to the deer problem on Reeves Drive.

Those present at the meeting were:

1. Ann Flood 3515 Reeves Drive
2. Jeff Reed 3524 Reeves Drive
3. Lytle Thomas 3516 Reeves Drive
4. Jim Flood 3515 Reeves Drive
5. Bob Tewes 3523 Reeves Drive
6. Jim Robke 3491 Reeves Drive
7. Richard Dedden 3438 Reeves Drive
8. Mike Bramlage 3471 Reeves Drive
9. Mrs. Terese Middendorf & Granddaughter Grace 3503 Reeves Drive

Mr. Thomas spoke and advised Council that Reeves Drive has become a very adequate deer habitat. Mayor Nienaber explained that the City has an ordinance that prohibits anything that fires projectiles. He asked what the residents wanted as far as getting rid of the deer. If they wanted a certain time event or getting a license to shoot, either by gun or bow to thin the herd of deer. Mr. Thomas stated that he knows bow hunting would be safer, they are just looking for a way to control the deer in the neighborhood.

Mr. Bob Tewes spoke and stated that all of the expensive landscaping has been destroyed by the deer and that they will eat anything. Mr. Dedden who lives at 1714 Highland Place stated that it is not just a problem on Reeves Drive where his Father lives. He also has the same problems in his area.

Mayor Nienaber stated that he is very apprehensive about hunting in Fort Wright.

Ms. Terese Middendorf spoke in favor of the deer being in the neighborhood.

Mr. Wessels stated that Council talks about this every year, and even had representatives from Fort Thomas attend one of our meetings to talk about the process that they used. Mr. Wessels advised that in his opinion the Ordinance now in place does not apply to bow hunting. His choice would be to eliminate the Ordinance that we have and draft a new Ordinance with different language. Mr. Hatter suggested that we consider forming a committee with residents for input. Mr. Huff stated that he would

check with our City Attorney on legality of an Ordinance and have this for discussion on the 09-03-14 agenda.

Mayor Nienaber advised that we should get an opinion from the Attorney General's Office regarding the legality and the enforceability of our Ordinance. Council thanked the residents from Reeves Drive for their input.

Helen Ruth Dr.

Mr. Hatter knows the owner of Eason Horticultural Resources at 939 Helen Ruth Drive in Fort Wright. He had a complaint regarding the condition of the street and what can be done about it. There is heavy equipment damage and ice problems in the winter from water seepage. Mr. Maloney advised that he thinks we can patch, replace a few concrete panels and put down some asphalt to keep it drivable. There is no underdrain and the hillside is moving which is a problem.

Mr. Hatter left the meeting at 7:30PM.

Proposed Resolution – TBNK – Time Warner being sold to ComCast

Mr. Huff advised that there is a draft Resolution included in the packet for the approval of ComCast purchasing Time Warner Cable. The City needs to act on this and the Resolution will be on the 09/03/14 Council meeting for a vote. Mr. Litzler advised Mr. Huff that Northern Kentucky could be spun off to a different company.

Council to Do List

In the packet is a list of projects from a couple of years ago that we have been able to complete many of these items. We need to keep adding to the list as projects come up and work on the ones that have not been completed. Mr. Huff stated that before the end of the year, we should specify a Caucus meeting to work on this list to go forward or put a new list together.

Proposed Application for Permit to cut into Roadways

Mr. Maloney would like Council to review this application and make any suggestions or comments on it. This is part of the recently passed Ordinance that utility companies would have to acquire before they cut into any of our City Streets. When the application is finalized, Mr. Maloney will send this out to all utility companies to let them know this is now needed.

Mayor Nienaber commended Mr. Maloney on the progress and co-ordination of the Street Program on Basswood Circle, E. Crittenden Avenue and Cumberland Avenue. He has heard favorable comments and there has been very good co-operation from the residents and workers.

City Administrator Gary Huff reminded everyone that the Hope Box Derby is on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Wright's Summit.

Mr. Wall reported that Sculptor Greg Wyatt's team was in town to look at the site and take measurements for the Memorial that will be on City property. There are a few trees and plants that will have to be removed and plans are expected in the next week. The gentlemen that were here are very professional and eager to start on this project.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Feinauer 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