

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 – 6:00PM

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

Proposed Ordinances 14-14 A and 14-14 B

There were two Ordinances presented for discussion. Ordinance 14-14A was to amend municipal code concerning projectile shooting instruments, to authorize deer hunting by bow or crossbow within City limits. Ordinance 14-14B was to amend municipal code to authorize projectile shooting instruments for deer hunting within the City limits. We have had many complaints regarding deer eating plants and gardens in Fort Wright. Mr. Hatter was unable to attend tonight's meeting but sent an email with his thoughts on this matter. He stated that he would like to see the projectile Ordinance repealed, unless it was rewritten to state that you cannot discharge a firearm in the city limits unless you are using it for self-defense or the Ordinance for hunting with guns is passed. He prefers the bow hunting Ordinance as it meets the needs of the city and is less controversial. Discussion followed by Mayor and Council and Mayor Nienaber stated that we need to have something in place and his choice would be bow hunting. There were many options discussed that Mr. McMurtry will create an Ordinance that mentions minimum acreage to hunt on and strike entirely Section (F) of the Ordinance that states all laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, its rules and regulations governing hunting, shall apply. This Ordinance will be on the agenda for the October 1, 2014 Council meeting.

Sewer Right-of-way – Trenkamp Property

The owners of this property which the City has an easement on, would like to have the City release it back to them. The City does not need this property and there is landlocked property on the other side of the easement Mr. McMurtry stated that the City can file a Quit-Claim deed for this easement.

Additional Procedure for Approving Zoning Map Amendments

The additional procedure for approving zoning map amendments set forth in KRS 100.211, KRS 100.2111 provides an alternative method. Under the latter statute, a planning commission's recommendation becomes automatically effective, unless within twenty one days after the final action by the planning commission: a) any aggrieved person files a written request with the planning commission that the final decision shall be made by the legislative body; or b) the legislative body files a notice with the planning commission that the legislative body shall decide the map amendment. If Fort Wright wants to pursue

the alternative method found in KRS 100.2111, the city needs to pass an ordinance adopting the procedure. Mr. McMurtry suggested that the city amend the current zoning ordinance.

Tri-Ed Business Retention & Expansion Program

Tri-Ed is introducing a new program called NKY Boost, which is a business retention and expansion program that they would like the City of Fort Wright to participate in. Tri-Ed would visit businesses and collect data to see if there is anything that could make their businesses better by expansion and retention. The cost to the City would be \$1500.00 a year for this program, and there would be access to all data collected.

Mayor Nienaber stated that he has been approached a few times for the City to sign an Interlocal Agreement to participate in maintaining part of the Fidelity hill, which is located in Covington. We get zero tax dollars from this business and have zero interest in participating.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, 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