

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS/SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 15, 2014 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Mayor Nienaber requested that we keep in our thoughts Dave Hatter's niece who was killed recently and also residents of Fort Wright, the Lee Family who lost their son in Afghanistan.

The following members answered roll call, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Joe Averdick and Public Works Director Tim Maloney were unavailable for this meeting.

Limited Highway Service (LHS) Zone on Dixie Highway

Included in this zone are the hotels, gas stations and restaurants along Dixie Highway. Mr. Greg Schrand may be interested in the property next to the Marathon Station, which he owns, for redevelopment purposes. Mr. Huff suggested that the City consider changing this zone after the hotels are gone because it is so limited as to the uses that would be available for redevelopment. Mr. Huff suggested the Community Commercial (CC) Zone, to replace it, which has many uses for that zone. Mr. Huff advised Mr. Schrand that he would start conversations with Council regarding this idea of a zoning change. This would open up more opportunities for development in this area.

Tax Incentives

Mr. McMurtry has been researching this idea for proposed job development incentives in the City. He looked over Ordinances from other cities and drafted an Ordinance that would be used for the City, which would allow incentive payments to be put into the Dixie Highway T.I.F. Fund. The Mayor has the authority and any decision would be at his discretion.

Mr. Huff stated that there has been some interest in a property in the City that would be used for a Laboratory facility and bring with it 75 jobs. At this time it does not meet the use and zoning would have to be changed. The property is between two Commercial Zones.

Net Promoter

This item will be tabled until Mr. Hatter is available.

Legislation in Frankfort

Mr. Hatter had sent in a list of bills/issues that is going on at the Legislative Session in Frankfort.

The Mayor went through this list to get Council's ideas on ones that we may want to respond to.

Mayor Nienaber advised that he would be attending the Mayor's Group meeting on Saturday.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, 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