

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 05, 2014 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:04PM with a pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also in attendance were City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, and City Clerk Joyce Woods. City Administrator Gary Huff and Public Works Director Tim Maloney were unavailable for this meeting.

In attendance for tonight's meeting were seven freshman students from Dixie Heights High School who was observing as part of their final exam to be involved in local politics. Mayor Nienaber welcomed them and advised them to ask questions if they needed to. The Mayor explained the agenda to the students to let them know what would be going on at this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 01/08/14 Council Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve the minutes of the 01/15/14 Special/Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Nienaber commented on the snow removal taking place in the City recently. This has been a very difficult winter and when the Public Works Department plows the street, it does have to go somewhere and usually ends up in driveways. There is no solution to this problem when snow is being plowed on the streets. Snow emergencies have been called recently and we are trying not to have to ticket cars for being left on the streets. Please, when a snow emergency is called, have your vehicles removed from the streets for the safety of your vehicle and the plow drivers. Please comply with this Ordinance, there are plenty of ways for residents to get this information, newspaper, news channels, website etc.

Old Business

Second Reading of Ordinance 01-14 – Amendment to the 2013-2014 Annual Budget

The approval of this amended Ordinance will allow for the re-construction of Monticello and Normandy Court. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wall, Averdick, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

New Business

First Reading Ordinance 02-14 – An Ordinance Establishing Job Development Incentives in the City of Fort Wright, KY

The City is trying to promote businesses to locate in our City through incentives that would encourage them to bring jobs to this area and new revenue to the City of Fort Wright. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Wall, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

First Reading Ordinance 03-14 – An Ordinance Amending the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance

Legislature made amendments to their regulations and changed wording, so we then changed ours. In the Ordinance the changes have been lined out and new wording inserted. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wessels to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Wall, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Proclamation: Brain Injury Awareness

Mayor Nienaber read the Proclamation to recognize March 14, 2014, as Brain Injury Awareness Day in the City of Fort Wright to support this effort. We will have this on the sign in front of the city building and send this Proclamation to Bob Stark, who has requested that we recognize this day.

Discussion on State Legislative Action

Mr. Hatter has asked that he would like to submit a series of Resolutions to gain city support for House and Senate Bills that are now before the Kentucky Legislature.

Resolution 03-14 In Support of House Bill 5 - Breach of Sensitive Information

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 04-14 In Support of Senate Bill 101 – Government Agencies Posting Required Advertisements on other means of Advertisements besides the Newspaper

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 05-14 In Support of House Bill 48 – Who is Benefiting from Public Pensions?

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 06-14 Opposing House Bill 153 – Providing Workers Compensation Eligibility for Firefighters based on a Certain Exposure of Defined Carcinogens

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wall. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 02-14 – Declaring Surplus Property

This includes:

2002 Chevrolet Blazer

2010 Dodge Charger (Totaled in accident)

Dell Dimension400/9150 Computer

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that the order has been placed for the SCBA (thermal imaging camera equipment.) The Fire Department has received a Grant for this purchase.

Chief Kreinest reported that activity has been down, probably due to the bad weather. Monthly report distributed to all.

Mr. Feinauer congratulated Amy Scalf, our Kenton County Reporter, for the award she was given from Frankfort for general news reporting. This was the second year in a row she received an award.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Abeln 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