

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2014 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber called the meeting to order at 6:00PM with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also in attendance 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. Scott Wall was unavailable for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

12/04/13 – Council Meeting

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve, Mr. Averdick abstained. All other members voting in favor. Motion passed.

12/18/13 – Special/Caucus Meeting

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

Citizen Comments

None

James Sparrow, Rankin & Rankin – City Audit 2012/2013

Mr. Sparrow addressed Council regarding the City Audit that was done in November. Mr. Sparrow had met previously with the Finance Committee and discussed the audit report in detail and also controls that are in place to protect the city assets. The city has made progress in that area in the last few years. We also discussed the 2013 Insurance Premium Tax that had decreased from the previous year and what may have caused that decrease. Mr. Sparrow went through the audit and discussed points of interest with Council. There were a question and answer period.

Thanks to Mr. Sparrow for his report.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to accept the 2012/2013 Audit as presented. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Second Reading Ordinance 17-13 – Establishing a Development Area for Economic Development Purposes – Dixie Highway – Kyles Lane Development Area

Mr. Winslow read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. Roll call vote taken, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, Wessels abstained, as he has property in this area, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Huff advised that City Engineer Mark Brueggemann met with the Finance Committee last week regarding two items. The first was the 2014 Professional Service Fees with CDS Associates, Inc. CDS supplied the City with what the proposed fees for 2014 would be. There was comparison paperwork for fees included in the packet between 2013 and 2014. There was a small increase for 2014, but nothing out of the ordinary. The history that CDS has with the City of Fort Wright saves the City a lot of money because of previous years of service.

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

The second item discussed was the 2014 Street Program. The streets that were discussed under consideration for construction are, East Crittenden Ave., Cumberland Ave., Basswood Circle and Beaumont Court. The first three streets are scheduled for this year for reconstruction at a cost of \$1,100,000.00, Beaumont Court is scheduled for next year at a cost of \$516,000.00 and an additional cost of \$116,000.00 for sidewalks. Staff has asked CDS to look into both projects to see if we can afford them both this year. After the Finance Committee meeting it was decided that taking on a project of \$1,100,000.00 would be enough for this year and Beaumont Court would be done next year. Goal would be to put this project out for bid in April and to have the construction season to complete it.

Mayor Nienaber stated that we need to discuss in the near future what we will do with the sidewalks in the City that need attention and make a decision on repair or replacing them. Maintenance of the streets is as important as reconstructing the streets and we might want to look at increasing the crack sealing and other maintenance fixes to keep the streets in good condition.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to authorize the Mayor to move forward on this project. Roll call vote taken, Abeln, Wessels and Averdick voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

New Business

Award JPS Construction the Normandy and Monticello Street Reconstruction at the low bid of \$184,080.50

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

Executive Orders:

- A) 1-14 - Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission Representative Adam Feinauer, with Joe Nienaber Jr., as Alternate.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Abeln to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

- B) 2-14 – OKI Representative Bernie Wessels, with Dave Abeln as Alternate

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

- C) 3-14 – Appoint Tom Litzler to Board of Adjustments

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

- D) 4-14 – Appoint Harry Geimeier to Board of Adjustments
Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.
- E) 5/15 – Appointments to the Museum Board
- 1) Kathleen Romero
 - 2) Arden Steffen
 - 3) Linda Hornsby
 - 4) Larry Schell
 - 5) Richard McCormick
 - 6) Jeannine Kreinbrink
- Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Abeln to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.
- F) 6-14 - Appoint Tom Litzler to Telecommunication Board
Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.
- G) 7-14 – Appoint Donald Russell to Board of Ethics Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.
- H) 8/14 – Appoint Barb Hellmann and Jessica Nienaber to Park and Recreation Board
Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Hatter to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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

This amendment allows for the reconstruction of Monticello and Normandy Ct. Mr. Winslow read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve. Roll call vote taken, Wessels, Averdick and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 1-14 – Retirement of Daniel Martin

Danny Martin retired on 1-01-14 and was very well liked throughout the City. He was a very good Police Officer who had worked for us for many years and the citizens and fellow employees will miss him very much. Mayor Nienaber read the Resolution and wished Danny and his family well.

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

Administrators Report

Mr. Huff thanked staff for help with the audit. We have had a lot of activity with the preparation for the Street Program.

Department Reports

Fire/EMS Chief Schewe reported that there has been a lot of water damage from the weather conditions with many call for pipes bursting.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reported that the December month end packet was distributed.

Legal

Mr. Winslow reported that Mr. McMurtry was in Villa Hills for a meeting, since we had changed dates of the meeting, there was a conflict.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney stated that the Street Program does make a huge difference in the City. We have used about 170 tons of salt as of this date, and the equipment is in good shape.

City Clerk Joyce Woods advised we are collecting a few delinquent tax bills.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, 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