

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

May 7, 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. Scott Wall, Mr. Joe Averdick, Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Adam Feinauer. Also present were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Bernie Wessels was unavailable for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall to approve the minutes of the 04-16-14 Caucus Meeting minutes. All members voting in favor, Mr. Hatter abstained. Motion passed.

Minutes from the 04-02-14 Council Meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

Legislative Update

Senator Chris McDaniel was present at the meeting to give an update on the 2014 Legislative Session. He stated that the biggest disappointment was the defeat of the proposed Heroin Bill. Senator McDaniel stated that there was no solid reason that it did not pass. A special session was asked for, but the Bill sits on the Governor's desk for him to approve a special session.

There will be a sign on Highland Pike dedicating the road as the Daniel Tyler Lee Memorial Parkway.

The Senator went through the bills and explained what happened to each one. Mayor Nienaber thanked him for speaking at the meeting and keeping us informed.

Attorney Tim Thiessen representing Joe Lawrie and Bob Albers were present at the meeting to speak on behalf of Mr. Lawrie's wholesale business, 123 Fitness Equipment. Mr. Lawrie is interested in purchasing the Shimmer's building on Dixie Highway and would need approval to change the current zone from LHS to be able to have his business in that building. They would like to ask the City to make application to the Kenton County Planning Commission, to add his use to the LHS Zone to be able to operate out of that building. They would do a significant beautification of the building and to extend the architectural look of The Christ Hospital offices next door. If the City is willing to apply for a text amendment for this change they would be willing to have a development agreement on the property. Parking is not a problem, as there is enough spots for the business they are proposing. The timing is critical as the property is under contract to buy and the expiration date is looming. There would be a warehouse showroom, training room and offices. They would like to get on the July agenda and move forward as soon as possible. Discussion followed. We will bring this to the 5-21-14 caucus meeting with more information.

Second Reading – Ordinance 04-14 – Appropriations Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Wright Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

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

Second Reading – Ordinance 05-14 – An Appropriations Ordinance Adopting the City of Fort Wright’s Annual Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. An error was discovered on the Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to table Ordinance 05-14 until the 06-04-14 meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution 08-14 – Declaring Surplus Property

These were the original computers when the City was with Kenton County Dispatch the first time. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Abeln to approve. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mr. Hatter stated that we have received a letter from Gabrielle Summe stating that the vehicle tax that was put into effect on January 1, 2013 and collected at the time of vehicle renewal, would not be able to be collected by Kenton County after June 30, 2014. The Department of Transportation has decided they will be eliminating the County’s ability to collect any miscellaneous fees that are not directly related to the registration and titling of a vehicle. Since we will have off setting revenues when the property owned by the City will be paid off, we will be able to eliminate this tax to our residents. We will discuss this further and bring back to a future meeting.

First Reading – Ordinance 06-14 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 07-11, to express that Ordinance can be enforced as a Civil Offense.

Mr. McMurtry advised Council that while he was working on a chronic nuisance Ordinance for another City it came to his attention that we needed to include in ours that a violation of the Ordinance was a civil offense. We did need to add this to our Ordinance to make it compliant to the statute. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Wall. Roll call vote taken, Feinauer, Wall, Hatter, Averdick and Abeln voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff reported that the Memorial Service at the City Building will take place on Monday, May 26th at 10AM. Taco Bell is under construction on Madison Pike. Sergeant Michael Knight has graduated from Leadership Northern Kentucky and thanks Council for sponsoring him.

Department Reports

Public Works Director Tim Maloney updated Council on the Normandy and Marcella Drive street program, and are more than halfway complete. Highland Pike water main project will be completed in the next two weeks. Bid results for Cumberland, Basswood and E. Crittenden Avenues, will be ready at the June meeting.

Mayor Nienaber asked Mr. Maloney if the closure on Highland Avenue for the water main

project caused any increased traffic on East Henry Clay. Tim advised that he had heard from some residents that that there was more traffic. Chief Kreinest stated that there was more traffic in the area and more police patrols.

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Abeln to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810, paragraph (c). All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to adjourn Executive Session, and go back to the Legislative meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Abeln to adjourn the Legislative meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk