

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2014 – 6:00PM

Councilman Dave Hatter opened the meeting at 6:00PM in the absence of Mayor Nienaber, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Bernie Wessels and Mr. Scott Wall. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gary Huff, City Attorney Todd McMurtry, Police Chief Dan Kreinest, Public Works Director Tim Maloney and City Clerk Joyce Woods. Mr. Joe Averdick and Mr. Dave Abeln were unavailable for this meeting. Fire/EMS Chief Steve Schewe arrived at 7:15PM due to a call in the City.

Mr. Phillip Rolf, a resident at 1642 Elder Court addressed Council regarding a couple of items that he has concerns about.

Mr. Rolf stated that there are numerous cars from 1639/1641 Elder Court that are parked from the corner of Elder court and Redwood Drive. They are blocking his sidewalk and they cannot park in their garages, as they are used for other things. He did state that there was a truck on blocks in one of the driveways. Mr. Rolf is also worried about the winter with snow plowing being done, there will only be room to plow one side of the street. There is no sign stating "No Parking Here to Corner", only a yellow line.

Mr. Hatter stated that if there is a snow emergency called by the City, we will try to contact the owners of the vehicles to move them, then ticket and last resort to tow, so streets can be cleared. We will try to contact owners and renters of the property to see what can be done regarding the parking.

Also there is a problem with the neighbors at 319 Redwood Drive, Resing/Lyons Family, yelling and using profanity outside of the residence. Mr. Rolf asked if he should call 911 or a different number to report this activity. He was advised that he could call 911 or the Kenton County Dispatch number. He also stated there is an abandoned swimming pool in the backyard of the residence which he considers a safety hazard for the young children at this residence. This will be checked on by City personnel.

Update Council Goals

Mr. Wessels addressed Council regarding the list of goals and projects that the City discusses periodically. We will move items to the back of the list that have been completed or that we have decided are not feasible for the City to undertake. Council went through the list and decided which items were to be discussed and new items to add to the list. Mr. Huff suggested that we add items to the list that we would like to discuss in the next couple of years, and discuss an item at each future meeting if needed. We will update list and get comments and put on the agenda for next caucus meeting.

Health Insurance

Mr. Huff reported that we have received a favorable increase in our health insurance renewal from United Healthcare this year. We can keep the same plan as last year with only a 9.04% increase overall. The city will pick up 5% increase and employees will pay the balance. This will be on the agenda on the November 5th meeting for a vote.

Shrubs and Tree Standards

This item will be discussed when Mr. Averdick is present, as he asked for it to be on the agenda.

Capital Improvement

Mr. Huff read through the five items listed on the Assumptions/Definition/Notes Draft in the packet. Mr. Wessels has a problem with #1 on the list stating that all property taxes will be projected at an increase of 2% per year. He would like to have the wording changed. Mr. Hatter stated that we cannot predict what will happen between years 2015 - 2020. Staff will put together what is needed to provide the services that are needed to serve the residents and final changes will be made to the draft copy.

Communities of Distinction

Mr. Huff and Mayor Nienaber have been approached by Todd Sturiga, Associate Producer of a segment titled "Communities of Distinction", that would air on Discovery Channel Transponder. They were inquiring see if Fort Wright would be interested to run a segment on topics, trends and issues related to "Best Small Cities to Live, Work and Raise a Family" in their "Discover America" series. The scheduling fee cost of this would be \$19,800.00. No one was interested.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Feinauer to adjourn the meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilman Dave Hatter

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk