

## **CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2014 – 6:00PM**

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

### Items for Discussion

#### 2015-2016 CIP

Mr. Huff went through the handout that was in the caucus packet for tonight's meeting. There were five definitions and factors that were listed and are proposed to be used in the 2015-2020 Financial Plan. Some of the items listed in the plan are vehicles for the police department, a small dump truck for the public works department and street improvements. Mr. Huff also stated that there were no grants projected into any of the Capital Improvements. The property tax increase was estimated at 2% and the expenses were estimated high and the income low. This will be on the agenda at the December 3, 2014 Council Meeting.

#### 2015 Street Program

Handout from CT Consultants, formerly CDS Associate Inc., listing the proposed streets to be done for the 2015 Street Program.

They are:

- 1.) Beaumont Court – Mount Vernon to Montpelier
- 2.) Wolfzorn Court – Mount Vernon to Cul-de-Sac
- 3.) Oak Hill Court – Mount Vernon to Cul-de-sac

It is anticipated that the project is to be bid in early spring 2015 with construction to occur between July and November of 2015.

#### Landscape and Tree Ordinance

It was noted that the City does not have an Ordinance that covers the removal of dead trees and trimming of trees in the residential areas. Mr. McMurtry provided us with the Ordinances pertaining to this issue from the Cities of Park Hills and Villa Hills. Mr. McMurtry stated that he thinks the wording of the Statute could work in an ordinance. It was decided that Mr. McMurtry would put together an ordinance and bring back for Council's review.

#### Families of the Fallen Sculpture

Mr. Wall reported that he had received an email and preliminary drawing from Mr. Greg Wyatt, Sculpture for the Fallen Soldier Statue. He is sending two of his workers to Fort Wright on Monday and

Tuesday to work on the concrete base for the sculpture to be erected on City property. He would like to have the hole dug and the concrete set for three months. Discussion followed. Everyone is looking forward to seeing the end product.

#### 911 Memorial Request

There was a letter received by the City from Steve Arlinghaus, County/Judge Executive, requesting that the City discuss contributing to the memorial at the corner of Buttermilk Pike and Collins Road. This memorial is partially completed and needs \$37,000.00 to finish the project. Mayor and Council discussed it and was not in favor at this time to contribute.

#### Trucks I-75

Mr. Wessels stated that there has been a problem with the trucks coming up the hill on I-75 going across all three lanes and slowing traffic. There will be more trucks using this roadway after a new project in Cincinnati is built and opened. Mr. Wessels suggested that Chief Kreinest spearhead with the State and surrounding cities to have a police presence on I-75 to keep trucks in the proper lanes. Sergeant Knight stated that the Kenton County Sheriff's Department or Kenton County Police should be patrolling the Interstate. Council would like the Police Department to seek input from other agencies and research grants for additional funding to put officers on the Interstate for enforcement.

#### Roadway Classification

Included in the packet was an email to Mr. Wessels and Mr. Huff from Daniel Menetrey with the Kentucky Department of Transportation regarding the guidelines for the Federal Highway Administration with definitions and characteristics. The email requested that we send any data to Mr. Menetrey for information on classification of roads that we would like information. There are programs available with matching funds, but we would need to re-classify some streets. Mr. Hatter suggested that we postpone this issue until next year as there are certain qualifications for this study.

The swearing in of the Mayor and Council for next year will be at the December 17, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Abeln left the meeting at 7:04PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk, Joyce Woods