

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2014 - -6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:03PM with the 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 present for the meeting 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.

Mayor Nienaber stated that it was a big night, as Council and Mayor would be sworn in and thanks to a couple of special people who have done good things for the City. Mayor Nienaber introduced Judge Ann Ruttle, who will swear in the Mayor and members of Council, including the newest member, Mike Hoerlein.

Judge Ruttle swore in Council and then new Mayor Dave Hatter. Thanks to Judge Ruttle and congratulations to all Council members. Mr. Hatter is the first Mayor from the Lookout Heights area.

Approval of Minutes

10/01/2014 –Council Meeting

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 10/01/14 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, Mr. Abeln abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

10/15/2014 – Caucus Meeting

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Hatter to approve the minutes of the 10/15/14 Caucus meeting. All members voting in favor, Mr. Abeln and Mr. Averdick abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

11/05/2014

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Abeln to approve the minutes of the 11/05/14 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, Mr. Wall and Mr. Averdick abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

11/19/2014

Motion by Mr. Averdick, second by Mr. Wessels to approve the minutes of the 11/19/14 Council meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Nienaber presented Fort Wright General Awards to three people who have made positive contributions to the City.

John Eberle who had been vocal and made a great effort to defeat the annexation of Lookout Heights to the City of Covington. Mr. Eberle now lives in Union, Kentucky but was a longtime resident of Fort Wright. Mayor Nienaber congratulated Mr. Eberle and presented the award and he will be recognized on the city sign in front of the building with a John Eberle Day in Fort Wright.

Mary Lee Scheper who is a member of the Garden Club and tirelessly works in the gardens around the City building and at the corner of Dixie Highway and Kyles Lane. She keeps the weeds out, watering and maintaining the flowers blooming and does anything that is asked of her. She is a true leader and a positive and uplifting resident of the City.

2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan

This plan has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and by Council. This is a guide for the next five years on how we will purchase capital items that cost over \$10,000.00. This was discussed at the last Caucus meeting and is subject to change if needed.

Motion by Hatter, second by Mr. Averdick to accept this as the official plan for capital items. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Averdick, Wessels, Wall, Abeln and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

2015 Street Improvement Program

Mr. Huff stated that in 2015 the proposed street for re-construction is Beaumont Court, from Mount Vernon to Montpelier. The cost estimate for this street is \$530,000.00, replacing sidewalks and approaches where needed.

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

First Reading Ordinance 15-14 – Amending 112.50 of the Code to Permit Alcohol Sales on Election Day

State law has changed recently to allow alcohol sales before 6PM on Election Day in Kentucky. We have been asked by establishments in the City to pass this Ordinance and comply with State Law. Mr. McMurtry read this Ordinance in summary. Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Abeln to approve. Roll call vote taken, Hatter, Abeln, Wall, Wessels, Averdick and Feinauer voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Appoint John G. Johanneman to the Board of directors, of the James A. Ramage Museum

Motion by Mr. Hatter, second by Mr. Feinauer to approve, all members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed. His term will start on January 1, 2015 and end on December 31, 2017.

Administrator's Report

The Highway Department has cleaned up the intersection of I-275 at Ky. 17, it has been graded and seeded.

The base for the Fallen Soldier Monument has been put in and hopefully the statue will be in by March, 2015. The money was donated by Mr. Lee's employer for this project and will list the names of soldiers that were killed in action. If anyone knows of anyone whose name should be listed, please contact the City office.

The last presentation of the Fort Wright General will be issued posthumously to Pierce (Pete) Nienaber. Mr. Nienaber was a founding member of the Fire Department and was Chief for 25 years. This award was presented to his son, Joe Nienaber.

Mayor Nienaber spoke about his time as a Councilman and then Mayor for the City. He thanked all of the employees and Council for all the help given to him over his years and will miss being part of the group.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, 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