

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 05, 2014 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the meeting at 6:10PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Dave Hatter, Mr. Bernie Wessels, 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. Scott Wall and Mr. Joe Averdick were unavailable for this meeting.

Mayor Nienaber congratulated everyone on the election results and introduced Councilman-elect Mike Hoerlein. He is well deserving of the position and will fit in with the group well. Congratulations to Dave Hatter, who will be the City's new Mayor.

Mike Hoerlein thanked everyone and stated that he is looking forward to joining the team.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the 10/01/14 and 10/15/14 meeting were tabled due to not enough members present to approve. We will have them on the agenda for the 12/03/14 meeting.

Resolution 11-14 - A Resolution opposing the Recommendation of the Kentucky State Auditor that would severely alter the Governance of the Kenton County Airport Board

The Mayor's Group was addressed by Judge/Executive Arlinghaus was asked to take Resolution 11-14 back to the cities. Auditor Adam Edelen suggested some changes to the structure of the airport. Kenton County does not like these changes, because the thought is that Kenton County owns the airport and these changes would be giving away ownership to surrounding Counties and Hamilton County in Ohio. Mr. Wessels stated there have been a lot of Kenton County dollars put into the airport. If other counties get involved there should be some kind of compensation from them. Only Kenton County residents should be a voting member of the Airport Board. Discussion followed.

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

Renewal of the Health Insurance for 2015

Mr. Huff addressed Council and noted that Mike Williams, the City's Insurance Broker, of Sherrill Morgan Agency, was present at the meeting to answer any questions Council may have. We are proposing to renew our Health Insurance with United Healthcare at an increase of 9.04%. This would be the same policy and coverage as last year with the City picking up a 5% increase and the employees a 4.04% increase. This increase is substantially less than other bids that were received.

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

Red Bees wax model of the "Angel and Dying Unknown"

This discussion will be moved to the Caucus meeting when Mr. Wall and all members are present.

An Easement for a Guide Wire for Duke Energy

Duke Energy approached Mr. Huff and Mr. Maloney regarding relocating some poles and getting rid of guide wires along Kyles Lane and updating poles down along Highland Avenue. There is an easement needed for two guide wires. Ash trees and others have been cut down, which saves the City money, and the line of sight has greatly improved.

Motion by Mr. Feinauer, second by Mr. Abeln to allow the Mayor to grant an easement to Duke Energy for the guide wires needed. Roll call vote take, Feinauer, Abeln and Wessels voting in favor, Mr. Hatter abstained, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Report

Mr. Huff reminded Council of the Senior Luncheon that will be held on Thursday, November 13th at noon at the South Hills Civic Club. This is a very nice event.

The City Building will be closed on November 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving Holiday.

Mayor Nienaber wanted to offer condolences to City Administrator Gary Huff on the passing of his Mother. Please keep the Huff Family in your prayers.

Police Chief Dan Kreinest reminded everyone to keep your garage doors closed when possible. We have had a burglary in the area and watch that your valuables are out of sight if placed in your vehicles.

Mr. Wessels wanted to thank Officer Holstein for giving out candy on Halloween to the kids and was a great interview with the news media. This was very good publicity for the City.

Mr. McMurtry advised that Day's Inn has paid the previous delinquent taxes on their property and only owes the current year.

Public Works Director Tim Maloney reported that all concrete should be in by next week on the current streets that are being redone. Seeding and straw will be done now and the contractor will be back in the spring to finish up.

City Clerk Joyce Woods reported that the auditor will be in next week to work on last fiscal year's audit.

Mr. Feinauer reminded everyone of the Veterans Day event at Highlands Cemetery on Sunday, November 9th, at 2:00PM. This is a great event put together by The Cities of Fort Wright, Fort Mitchell, James A. Ramage Civil War Museum and Highland Cemetery.

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln 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