CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY CAUCUS MEETING

APRIL 16, 2014 – 6:00PM

Mayor Nienaber opened the caucus meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The following members answered roll call, Mr. Bernie Wessels, Mr. Scott Wall, Mr. Adam Feinauer, Mr. Dave Abeln and Mr. Joe Averdick. Also in attendance 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. Dave Hatter was unavailable for this meeting.

Shimmers Building

Mr. Joe Lowery was present at the meeting to speak regarding the possibility of purchasing the Shimmers Building to open a fitness equipment business. This building would not be zoned for this type of business and would have to be rezoned by the owner. Parking requirements would also have to be worked out, as there would not be enough parking spaces for this type of business. If this would be rezoned for retail a text amendment would be needed from Council. Mayor Nienaber advised when there is a specific floor plan in place for this building, we would address the parking situation.

Code Enforcement Board

The City has made changes to amend the Code of Ordinances to provide Code Enforcement and nuisance enforcement. By passing the new Ordinance and Resolution there would be a mechanism in place to go after collection of fines more aggressively. Discussion followed.

It was decided to have the Ordinance on the agenda for first reading at the May Council meeting.

Chronic Nuisance Ordinance

Some examples we have of chronic nuisances in the City, according to calls recorded are, Day's Inn calls for graffiti on closed building, juveniles or homeless people breaking into closed rooms. Wal-Mart shoplifting and other problems at this location and apartment rental calls for domestics, drug use and other fighting. We need to step up and research ways to enforce this Ordinance.

3L Storage Building

Owner Ross Kreutzjans approached the City regarding making changes to the Industrial Zone to allow E-Cigarette sales in the 3L Storage Building. Mayor Nienaber stated that we would discuss this later on.

Motion by Mr. Wall, second by Mr. Abeln to adjourn to Executive Session per KRS 61.810, paragraphs (b), (c), (g), and (i) – to discuss a potential lawsuit and potential Economic Development activity.

All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Abeln, second by Mr. Wall to adjourn Executive Session. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed unanimously. There was no action at this session

Motion by Mr. Wessels, second by Mr. Abeln to adjourn the Caucus Meeting. All members voting in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Nienaber Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Woods, City Clerk